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Shayna and her two best friends have the abilities to manipulate and control the four elements, earth, air, water and fire. While learning to hone their growing powers, they discover a new and malicious presence in their sleepy beach town. Someone is performing blood magic and threatens to expose their small magical community. So far only small animals have been slaughtered, but then the nightmares start.

Shayna suffers nightmares of being chased and sacrificed only to wake up bloodied and bruised. She thinks her magical blood is the ultimate target for the final blood rite. When an innocent girl, Tracy, is kidnapped Shayna knows it's only a ploy to draw her out; she can't let someone die because of her.

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Stacy says

I received this book for free from the author in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own. Let me start by saying I loved this book -- this was another one of those books that I had a hard time putting down! I ignored laundry, a dirty kitchen, a whiny toddler and put off dinner, just so I could read one more chapter...ok, just ONE more chapter.... The main character Shayna is well defined, likable, and feisty. She is an 'Earth Elemental', meaning she has the ability to control and feel the power of the earth. (think dirt, trees, all that jazz) Shayna has 2 best friends who share similar abilities: Jodi is an 'Air Elemental', and Steven is a 'Fire Elemental'. In addition to being elementals, they are also witches. Not the broomstick-riding kind, but the kind who seek to restore balance and promote good karma. The trio goes through high school and they worry about the same old mundane things, until alarming news reports of satanic worship sites in their small town start to occur. Shayna is plagued with horrifying nightmares where she is being chased by some sort of devil dog, and upon waking, finds that her wounds are real and bleeding. A gorgeous new student (Jensen) starts at her high school, and she is alarmed at the depth of her attraction for him....is he bad news? I like that the Shayna-Jensen match wasn't a 'done-deal' throughout the book --it didn't seem forced, and it seemed more realistic. BUT!! I sure would like to see some more of Jensen, and I can only hope that he rears his beautiful head in the other 2 books in the series! Good job, Shauna Granger, and thank you for the opportunity to review your book!

Celise Winters says

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I'm so sorry everyone about my extremely long leave of absence. But, it is summer now, and I'm back, hopefully for the long run this time. As is to be expected, I have not been reading in quite a while. But the first book that I picked up is Earth. I definitely do not regret it!

I've always been a fan of mostly any book having to do with the dealing of elements. There are many people that say that it is overused. But, I keep reading these types of books, to find the diamonds among rocks. And Earth is a diamond.

Earth follows the story of Shayna, or Tess (her element name), Steven (Drake), and Jodi (Fae). I loved all of these characters, especially Steven. He reminds me of one of my friends. He's quirky, funny, and fun, and was probably my favorite character in the book.

On the other hand, Shayna, the main character, I had a few problems with. She was a bit too bossy, although considering she is the strongest out of all three of them, it's reasonable, she could treat Steven and Jodi more equally. Hopefully, as the series progresses, she won't let her powers go to her head.

You're probably what their powers are. Well, as I stated before, their powers have to do with the elements. Steven is fire, Jodi air, and as you can probably guess from the title of the book, Shayna is earth. But, there is something more to Shayna, so just your eyes on her while reading. In a way, they are witches, except for Steven, who I guess you could call a warlock, but he pretty much counts as a girl. ;)

I think I have said enough about Earth. I just think you guys should go read it. It's definitely a memorable book, and I can guarantee you will enjoy it.

Michelle novelsontherun says

RATING: 4 JENSEN STARS!

Shayna aka Shay, Jodi and Steven are Elemental's. They have nicknames for each other. Terra = Shay as she is an Earth Mother. Fae = Jodi as she is an Air Elemental. Drake = Steven, who is Fire. There is a water Elemental, but we don't meet this character.

Steven is fun, witty and oh so snappy with the makeup touch up, when a girl needs a little touch up in her day. Jodi isn't as fun as Steven and Shayna appears to be like their leader. They can speak to each other in their heads. Love a bit of Jedi mojo.

The story has this group of three wanting to cast a spell, call forward a Guardian Angel to find the one guy that will treat their friend Tracy right. Tracy is in an abusive relationship with Nick, who is more than a jerk. He leaves bruises and hurts Tracy, but she is too weak to give this fool the flick. I know what I would be doing. He would firstly get a 'stinky dead fish slap' from me then.....

The story detours a bit from their plan as a set of twins arrive at their school, Ian and Jensen. Ian lays Nick out on the pavement, giving him a taste of his medicine back. We all know medicine doesn't taste nice.

Meanwhile, Shay is having nightmares and waking up injured from them. She is seeing Jensen in her dreams. Animals are being sacrificed in the woods, which is looking like the wrong kind of magic, by the wrong kind of person, so a little mystery takes off in that direction.

We begin to wonder if Ian and Jensen are involved. Is the gorgeous Jensen a baddie? I picked up they weren't identical twins? Maybe I got that bit upside down. Shay always seemed to be able to tell them apart easily enough.

Jensen and Ian are a bit mysterious and we see Jensen popping up where Shay is and letting her know he knows what she is. Poor Mike didn't stand a chance. Awww, Mike was sweet.

The plot thickens and gets a bit darker with what the bad guy or guys are up to.

Shay takes it into her own hands to pull a Nancy Drew and get more information, she gets a bit too close to the source.

We have guardian angels, mystery, a Grimoire (sounds like a creature but it is a Book of Shadows), witches, hooded robed man, runes, some action scenes, dreams, sacrifices, light on the romance, and a cousin named..... and..... who knew Steven could look so smexy in his

I enjoyed this first instalment in the Elemental series and look forward to reading Air and reading more about Team Jensen. But, is he a good boy or a bad boy?

Linda says

This review was originally posted on Big Al's Books and Pals review blog on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Shayna is the earth elemental, with empathic abilities, so naturally this book mainly focuses on her. Since it is her blood the caster wants she carries the story and is more fully developed than Jodi or Steven. I assume they will be more fully fleshed out in their own stories and I look forward to that. Shayna's magic speaks to the dirt, plants, and animals, although she can tap into the three other elements. She also seems to be more familiar with her skills than her friends, although her powers are growing fast. Jodi is the air elemental and is taking advanced classes at their high school. I found Steven, who is the fire elemental, to be the most interesting. Not only is he a confident and secure gay teen, he is a practicing Catholic. Because of this, the three of them incorporate religious beliefs and icons into their magic.

I liked the relationship and dialogue between these three friends and the way they dealt with their other classmates; with as much power as Shayna has she could have been an insufferable teenager. The author did an excellent job laying out the details of the magic and research of the occult the teens had to do to find a way to stop the caster and set things right. One thing I thought the author did an excellent job with was the descriptions of the way the magic felt and even tasted while being cast or practiced. It really put me in the moment along with the characters. I thought the plot had a good flow while the teens had to also deal with the mundane of going to school and preparations for parties that had to be attended. Teenagers are very busy people. :)

These characters are not your typical witches and I found the story unique in that respect. I also found the potential friendship and possible romantic interest at the end of the book intriguing. I think this could be a very entertaining series to follow.

FYI:

There is some strong teenage language; a few F-bombs are dropped. This may not be suitable for younger teens.

Format/Typo Issues:

A small number of editing errors.

****Originally written for "Books and Pals" book blog. May have received a free review copy. ****

Mandy says

Review

I received this book as part of the book tour. Shayna is an empath and also has the ability to control the four elements earth, air, water and fire. Her two best friends Steven and Jodi all inherited their magic from their families. Thanks to Shayna's affiliation to all the elements she's been able to help train Steven with fire, and

Jodi with Air. Since they all share nature magic they are closely bonded so they can hear each other's thoughts, as well as feel what the other is feeling. Together they use nature magic to cast spells, while they attend high school as they learn to grow as witches. They each have their own elemental names, Shayna is Terra Steven is Pyro but he's called Drake and then Jodi is Fae so when they talk to each other they use their elemental names.

The trio uses their powers for good and in the start they are working on a spell to help a friend Tracy whose boyfriend Nick is abusive to her but she's one of those girls who can't seem to leave him. The trio sets out to create a spell that will help move past him as well as find a better guy for her. Before the trio can cast the spell Shayna finds Nick beating on Tracy and her earth power causes an earthquake where Nick ends up hurt and in the hospital. Before they can cast their spell new students twin boys show up. Shayna is attracted instantly to one but sense something about them but isn't sure what.

When police find in the forest blood ritual magic the trio worries that someone might be trying to bring something dark into their world. They set out to find out who is threatening to expose them, if the twins really are who they seem and stop the darkness that is looming. They find a girl who they save from being sacrificed, who they happen to go to school with, but they don't know who they are looking for because he runs off. Then their friend Tracy is missing and the trio knows they are running out of time.

I really enjoyed reading Earth it reminds me in a good way like charmed but I prefer the best friends aspect over the sisters. I like that the magic that the trio has is also nature magic I found it unique compared to all the death magic in other books. The story has good amount of back story to it since it is the first I found it helpful in getting to know the trio better and those around them. I started Earth this morning and didn't stop till I was at the last page, because I couldn't put it down. The story flows smoothly and I had no issues following along, the characters are written so that I felt I was there with them maybe looming over their shoulders. This is great because I love a book that will draw me in holding my attention till the end. Earth is filled with adventure, friendships, emotions romance and everything I needed for a great book. Overall it's a great first in the series, and I'm looking forward to starting Air the next book in the series.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

The Elemental Series by Shauna Granger is one of THE BEST series I have read this year. I have read a lot of series and this one blew me away. It took me by surprise and when I heard there was going to be a tour I jumped on board. I have to say that this is one of those series that stays with you long after you finish reading. A Huge Thank you to AToMR Tours for allowing me to be a part of this tour.

In Earth we meet Shayna, Steven, and Jodi. They can manipulate and control the four elements earth, air, water, and fire. They are learning how to harness their gifts when things start to get a little weird in their sleepy town. Shayna is having nightmares and when she wakes she feels tired and bruised like she was actually there in the dream fighting for her life and fighting to save her town from the evil that is lurking.

Then to make matters worse for Shayna a new boy Jensen comes to town and he is showing interest in her. She likes him but keeps him at bay because she is really not ready for a relationship. The feelings she feels towards him are new to her and she is worried because she really doesn't know a thing about him. She will have to put her guards down in order to find out who he is and what he is about.

Thank God she has Jodi who is the bossy one of the three and Steven who is the nurturer of the three. They have a friendship that will stand the test of time and tribulation. So when Shayna finally tells them about the dreams and all the weird things that have been happening in town start to add up to someone using Blood Magic the gang get together to find out who it is and why they are doing it. When they find out who it is it is a shock for them because they would have never suspected this person of such evil.

Jenn says

I would first like to thank Shauna Granger for allowing me to review her book as part of the tour. I really enjoyed reading *Earth* and plan to read the next two books in the series very soon.

The first thing I loved about *Earth*, is that it's not your typical young adult paranormal. It has been overdone and isn't full of clichés. I really liked that the book is about elementals. Another thing that makes *Earth* unique is that the three main characters Shay, Jodi, and Steven already know that they are elementals – so we don't have to go through the standard “woe is me, I have suddenly developed all these crazy powers and I don't know how to use them – and they're messing up my life, etc.” The trio of besties already works well together with powers they've been developing since childhood.

I also think that the characters are well developed and believable. Shay is a normal teenage girl, with the exception of her magic, which makes her easy to relate to and likable. Jodie and Shay are best friends – but have the usual teenage disagreements and insecurities over who is prettier. Steven is the perfect balance to the two girls and attempts to keep peace. He also adds a lot of humor to the story. In the end, despite disagreements, they are all there for each other when they need each other.

Another thing that I liked about this book is the lack of a love triangle. I am so sick of love triangles. They are so overdone lately. Anyway, there is no love triangle – and the love interest for Shay is Jensen. Shay struggles with whether or not she can trust him – he being a mysterious newcomer and all. The relationship isn't all googly-eyes and sappineness either. Shay doesn't let the relationship distract her from the situation at hand.

I also like that these teens are conscientious, mature, don't wine – and the biggest of all – they ask for help when they need it, don't know something or in over their heads. There are so many YA books out now where I'm wanting to smack the characters for not asking an adult for help when they are obviously in way over their head.

This book addressed two big ticket issues for me, that I thought was great. Domestic violence doesn't just happen to married people – or people living in the same household. Dating violence is a big problem that many teens aren't informed about or prepared to deal with. These types of situations, set the stage for the relationships a teen will seek out in adult life – if not dealt with. I want to give props to Shauna Granger for writing about a topic most people don't feel comfortable discussing. The other issue which wasn't as major was the compassion these teens showed to one of the homeless in their community bringing him food and blankets.

Overall, this was a great read and I can't wait to start book 2. I hope that we get to know Jensen a little better.

Ahrcadia the Duck Tamer says

Lately, when you think of self-published authors, you think of scandals over responses to bad reviews or unedited 100 page books filled with typos and formatting errors, but authors like Shauna Granger are slowly helping to counteract those undoubtedly realistic images. I don't know why it always shocks me so much when I read a really awesome self-published book, especially after reading books by Amanda Hocking and a

few others lately, but it still amazed me when I realized how great *Earth* was. It ranks as one of my top reads of the year so far, up there with *Abandon* by Meg Cabot and *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* by Michelle Hodkin.

The main character, Shayna, was very realistic and easy to relate to. She read like a normal teenager from SoCal (yay, me too!) except with magic powers. I loved that she started out the book already knowing what she was and what she could do, but not in an annoying I-know-everything kind of way. The whole magic system and Shay's beliefs were explained really well--subtly enough that it didn't feel like an info dump, but also thoroughly enough that I was never confused about what was going on when I wasn't supposed to be. I had a great time trying to figure things (read: mystery and Jensen) out with her!

Her two best friends, Steven and Jodi, were also really awesome! Steven was hilarious and fun and crazy, but it was Jodi who really stood out to me. She was a very well-developed character, not just the loyal best friend that you see in a lot of books. She had her problems and flaws, and she wasn't the best of friends at times, but she came through when she was needed, and she is definitely someone who I would love to get to know in real life.

Shayna's love interest Jensen wasn't in the story all the much, and when he was, sexy time was usually far from his mind (as far as we know), but he still managed to be majorly swoony. I love love loved him! Throughout the book, Shay went back and forth over whether or not she trusted him, and whether she even liked him or not, but that couldn't hold back his sexiness one little bit. I hope to see much more of Jensen in the next book, because I just finished the first a few hours ago and I miss him already! (BTW, Jensen is the most awesome name ever. Reminds me of Jensen Ackles.)

The mystery wasn't all that hard for me to figure out, but it was also definitely believable that Shayna and her friends didn't get it right off the bat. Even though I was pretty certain of what was what for most of the book (and I was right), it was still really fun to watch Shay and the gang figure it all out.

My only problem with *Earth* was that, unless I missed something, we're never actually given a real description of Shayna or Jodi. We get lots and lots about Jensen's blue eyes and chestnut hair (no complaints here!) and Steven's Hispanic heritage, but the only thing we know about Jodi's physical appearance is that she has her hair bobbed, and we don't even know that much about Shayna. Besides that and the occasional typos/grammatical errors that come along with any self-published book, I didn't see anything wrong with *Earth*.

If you're looking to read some self-published books, *Earth* is definitely my first recommendation, and, at only \$0.99 on Amazon, it's also easy on your wallet, which can be a huge help if you read as much as I do. What are you waiting for? Go pick up a copy now!

Davor says

The concept off the story was good. I like it. But everything else was just bad. The three main characters constantly got mad at each other, at other people, at everybody. And it was so frustrating that I almost couldn't finish it, but I forced myself cause I thought it will get better. It didn't.

Allot of stuff were obvious. But some stuff just didn't make sense. How did Shay know all this stuff about magic, from who did she learn, and she acted like and old lady all the time, nobody would think she was 16/17. What about their parents? At some point it looked like their parents knew everything, at other like

they knew nothing. I was confused through out the whole book. I don't think I'll continue with this series.

Ivana says

I have very mixed feelings about this book. While there were some things that I thoroughly enjoyed, there were other things that put me off and eventually led to a lower rating. I've read a few books on witchcraft recently. I wanted to read more about Elementals and when this one popped up on Amazon I all but screamed with delight. I wasn't disappointed, I liked the book in general, but there were those few thingies that bothered me.

The final impression of this book was that Shauna spent a great deal of time researching. The rituals and the entire aspect of magic was really detailed and well-described. I loved that. The author payed much attention to how the magic works, what it feels (and tastes) like for Shayna and her friends. That was one of the main reasons why I decided to read it, so a big thank you to Shauna for making the magic come to life.

Another great thing is that the author didn't use cliches that we see too often in YA. No star-crossed lovers, no love triangles. Shauna is doing quite the opposite of what is done in many YA novels-she doesn't force the romance. The resolution of the "romance" between Jensen and Shayna was surprisingly mature and sensible.

My major complaints are directed toward the characters. I have a feeling that the author didn't succeed in capturing the voice of teenagers. They appear too paper-cut-out, too clean and un-spontaneous. (On a related note-I just saw that one reader said there was too much unnecessary cussing-really? I only found it in spot, but I'd like to see anyone not dropping the f-bomb if they were chased by a hell hound). Some of the dialogues sounded artificial and wooden and to be honest, they bored me. Shayna comes across as too bossy, and her patronizing tone was really out of place.

Much as I loved the long descriptions of rituals, they slow down the pacing tremendously and stretch out the story for far too long, so if you're looking for a fast-paced, adventure packed read, I'm not sure you'll find your thrill here.

And last-the word "dude" was definitely abused here.

Vannessa says

I generally try to avoid YA books as they're not as action packed and gory as I like to read in an adult UF book, but for a freebie on the Kindle I thought I would give this one a shot and I'm glad I did! It was really good and had lots of action - maybe not the same kind as I normally read, but at least this wasn't your usual girl falls in love with boy at first sight kind of YA book that I've read before.

I liked the fact that our 3 main characters, Shayna, Jodi and Steven already had their elemental powers and were using them - none of this "Ooh I've just discovered I'm a witch" kind of thing going on. They were their own little coven, using their powers for little things, such as helping a friend out of a bad situation and being able to speak telepathically when touching each other.

A ritual is found one morning, covered with dead goats, obviously interrupted from casting whatever spell it was and Shayna knows she has to find out what's going on. Things get worse and another site is found - this time the ritual looks like it was almost completed. And to make matters worse the weather is taking a turn and brings floods galore.

At the same time as all this is going on, a pair of twins arrive in the village and go to the same school. Shayna is attracted to one of them, Jensen, but is not completely sure if he's the one doing the rituals or not. He works out she has powers, but doesn't realise the extent of them, nor does he know about her friends.

Shayna is also plagued with very vicious nightmares in which she is being chased by an unseen beast who actually causes her physical harm in the real world as well. I did think it odd that she didn't go to the local witch shop and ask for help with these nightmares, as it was obvious she couldn't fight this beast in her dreams by herself.

When one of their school friends Tracy disappears, the trio realise that a human sacrifice is to be made and they go all out to stop them, but it is not quite who they expect. They draw on their powers and Shayna uses her Earth power to finally beat the demon-possessed witch/warlock.

I really enjoyed this book and would definitely recommend it! And it's free on the Kindle (atm) so even better! The writing was well written, the characters developed well, although Shayna did get on my nerves a bit at times, but she's just the bossy leader of the group and the others, although they follow her lead, so question her and don't just follow her blindly.

Trisha Wolfe says

This was not a good for a self pubbed book... This was a great book period. Right from the first page I lost myself in the story, and more than that, the characters. I cannot stress enough, even the writers I beta for, how important it is to write your teen characters' dialogue authentically. I spend my days listening to my son and his friends talk, and this story was like being in the same room as real life teens. The writing was clean and clear, and flowed perfectly. I didn't pause once and think a sentence could have been written better. And that's a difficult thing for me not to do lol.

I loved Shayna. She was just a straight up awesome girl. I liked that she and her friends came into the story knowing of their abilities and powers. It gave the story a deeper plot as they had to figure other things out, just not about themselves. I enjoyed the youthful voice of the novel. I laughed out loud so many times as the characters bantered. It was refreshing.

My only issue was there wasn't enough of Jensen, the lead guy. He was a cool, amazing character, and I just simply wanted him to have more 'screen' time. Although, scenes like the one of him and Shayna in the restaurant added so much depth to their relationship. The time they did spend together I felt was enhanced by him not being in every scene. And I loved the way they talked to each other. Although Shayna was very attracted to Jensen, she didn't let that rule her actions. She thought for herself and questions things about him. I liked this very much.

Overall, this was a well-crafted YA with a fresh, unique voice and wonderful characters. I could have used a smidge more romance, but the tension and the implied 'this isn't over' there at the end, is enough to make me want to suck down the next book in hopes that I get a little steamy ;) The plot was strong, and it was a great mystery. I recommend this to anyone who likes Wiccan, witchcraft, or Paranormal novels, and is looking for something with great voice and refreshingly authentic characters in YA. Awesome read!

L_manning says

Shayna and her two close friends have a very special bond. They can work with the elements to do amazing things. Shayna's particular element is earth. While they are learning to master these forces though, someone rocks their town with dark magic and sacrifices. Shayna and her friends know they have to do something about it. As they learn more information, they realize they may be more closely tied to these events than they thought. On top of that, Shayna keeps having dreams where something is after her. They are so real that she wakes up injured. Someone is trying to tell her something, and Shayna knows she's going to have to take a risk to help other people.

This was a great book! I feel like it was a more "realistic" paranormal fiction than many. The magic was very earthy and natural. Shayna and her two friends were an awesome trio, and they were very smart. This wasn't like a horror movie where the characters are in danger because they are doing things that make no sense. Their actions and reactions were normal. That's almost a breath of fresh air. Another breath of fresh air was getting a little bit of diversity in this book. Having one of Shayna's partners in crime be a secure and confident gay teen was awesome to see. There was a fairly interesting mystery and a tiny hint of romance.

The ending was a tiny bit of a let-down for me as I wanted a little bit more closure. However, I can see why it was done this way. There is clearly room being left for the sequel, and I can't wait to read it. This book is fun, smart, and full of action. This book will appeal to people who like paranormal books and even some who don't normally like them. The more realistic nature of the plot makes everything very believable. I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend it.

Book provided for review.

Gaele says

Let me start by saying that if you are a fan of the television show Charmed (the early years - not near the end) you will enjoy this book. While not at all derivative, it does have a similar "feel" to the characters, and the fact that we start with a trio doesn't hurt that feeling at all.

So - premise wise, the story was interesting: three magical friends with the power to manipulate the elements. While I would have liked to have seen more use and manipulation of those elements, the magic that was practiced did have some new twists, and the addition of old magic into the mix helped to increase the potential danger factor: especially after the bad guy(s) came to town. That mystery element was fairly easy to unravel, but the ride to the end was particularly satisfying and enjoyable, and didn't feel like a major spoiler.

I like that the characters have friends that are non-magical, in fact they are fairly ordinary teens with fairly common concerns and problems, with the addition of the few twists from their magic. It gave the characters more depth, and added to the sense that you could know them: were you in the book.

Grainger has managed to set up the story and the elementals in such a way that you want to continue on with the story: and since there are 5 planned books in the series and 4 are released at present: this is a great weekend read. It was a fun read, easy and not too challenging, perfect for poolside or the beach - or for curling up on a rainy summer day. There are some moments of strong language (the f-bomb is dropped) and some minor editing glitches, but nothing dramatically distracting from the overall enjoyment of the story.

I purchased a copy with intention to feature at Children Read week at I am Indeed. I was not compensated

for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Shirley says

I have to admit, I was pleasantly surprised by how much I loved this book; I never thought I would like it so much given how I felt nothing happened in the beginning. After 50 pages, all I remembered reading about was a typical school day for Shauna and her best friends, Steven and Jodi. I was thinking 'where's the plot', and 'am I going to have to read about her everyday life for another 200 pages?' But then, sometime after that, I was completely absorbed in the book; the mystery and suspense was gradually building up and I couldn't wait to reach the end. While I'll admit some parts were very predictable, and I was hoping for a twist, but the constant action, and secrets waiting to be unravelled diverted my attention away from the expected parts, instead, causing me to focus on exactly what was happening in the present. The writing was just that addictive!

Shayna was a brilliant protagonist! I totally loved her selfless personality, her loyalty to her friends, even ones who she doesn't know well, and of course, her bravery. What more can you expect? I guess the only issue I had with her was her initial attitude towards Jensen. I mean, how could you verbally attack and then ignore such a hot guy? (haha) Then again, I loved the banter between Shay and Jensen; it was so cute and hilarious, and the unmistakable chemistry between the two had me almost screaming for something to happen between them already! Unfortunately there were only a couple of scenes dedicated to our heroine and her love interest (*sigh*), but I've no doubt the relationship between these two will develop in the next book!

The dialogue between all the characters felt remarkably real. I only just finished reading a book where the dialogue was so poorly written that I felt it was an adult trying desperately to sound like a child. I guess I have an aversion to books with poorly written and unnatural dialogue, so in every book, I pay special attention to the dialogue. I was pleasantly surprised (yet again) about how natural the dialogue sounded. It truly felt like these teens were having a real conversation. There were no unnecessary lines, and the sentences flowed perfectly!

I was especially intrigued by the use of magic in this book. Shayna, Steven and Jodi all have the ability to control and use the elements Earth, Fire and Air respectively, (and water, although I don't think the character whose element is water has been introduced yet.) The descriptions of Shayna using her magic were so vivid that it captured my entire attention.

Overall, this was an absolutely amazing debut, filled with constant action, relatable characters and a flawless writing style! You will find yourself in another world, experiencing all the adventure with the characters, rather than sitting on the sidelines and reading it word for word. My advice? Enter the giveaway below, cross your fingers and hope you will win an ebook copy of this because really, you won't be disappointed!
