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Selsor's only dream growing up was to be a mage, to bond with a warrior and drive back the monsters in the Territories, live the life his parents had so loved. His dreams falter, however, when he displays no magic despite possessing the ability to use it. His dreams are lost when, during an attack by bullies, he lashes out with uncontrolled magic and accidentally kills an innocent bystander. His jewels blackened, banning him forever from using magic, Selsor is thrown out to survive on the streets as best he is able...

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Arthur says

We were introduced to Selsor and Jehonn in An Admirer. In that book, they were, respectively, already 'head' of the magi and soldier departments in the university. Here, technically the prequel, we learn about how they met first time. Selsor is considered a 'bad' magi student, while Johnann is in soldier school. (Some part of the story have been hinted in the Admirer's tidbits.)

I really enjoyed reading this book. Just love the world, the characters, and Ms. Derr's style of writing. Oh, there's no sex scene. The most they do is kissing.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Selsor was kicked out of school for almost killing a fellow student, and has his stones blackend, so he cannot practice magic of any kind.

It doesn't matter that he was bullied and that it as an accident.

Now 3 years later he is suffering and unhappy scrubbing floors at an Inn.

When soldiers come in and one of them offers him a chance of a lifetime, not only will he earn enough money to leave the country but bonds with him and gives him his magic back. But it's not as simple as it seems, and the twist wasn't totally surprising but a very enjoyable story, and who doesn't love a stubborn grumpy Mage and a really nice and equally stubborn soldier.

Deeze says

Despite having read the short version in Magic and Mischief this still had me interested and I enjoyed the more detailed version.

Loved the interaction between Selsor and Jenohn.

Again not enough payback for me.

L-D says

This is book two in the Jewel Bonds series, but it actually comes chronologically before book #1, An Admirer. I Loved An Admirer when I read it and wanted to buy this one right away but hesitated due to the fact that it was \$3.99 for a novella length story. But I'm very happy to have read it now. This was my favorite short story in the series - I liked it even better than An Admirer.

Selsor is a mage with "blackened" jewels, which means he is banned from using his magic. After his magic

subconsciously lashes out in his defense when he is being bullied at school, Selsor falls an innocent bystander and is expelled from the school with his blackened jewels a stigma for all to see. For 3 years he ekes out a meager existence.

Three years later there is a strange weather pattern in his town that is threatening the houses and the people with flooding. The local mages are doing what they can to hold the waters at bay, but when that isn't enough, 6 soldiers are sent from the palace to help out.

I thought this was a fabulous story even though it was very short. I loved the characters and the story was rich and full and the plot was well-developed. Even though I am usually disappointed in shorts, I find that Miss Derr has more success than most authors with the ability to fully develop her short stories. This one exceeded my expectations. I really enjoyed it.

Usagi Tsukino says

There's just one word to describe this book: A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!!

I really, really **loved** this book! Too bad it's too short but, it really is worth reading it and like Jenohn would say "I'm always right". XD

Oh my... I **have** to read it again soon! Jenohn x Selsor =

Lady*M says

Sweet, but sooooo short. Prequel to *An Admirer*. I liked both Selsor, stubborn and strong in spite of all the bad things that happened to him, and Jehonn, arrogant and persistent, but very good to and for Selsor. They were very cute together. Too bad the book wasn't longer, because I also wanted to know more about magic in this world (that was lacking in the previous book too). Good, but Derr can do better.

DaisyGirl says

4.0 Stars

So, at the outset, I was slightly disappointed this story didn't continue where *An Admirer* left off, with Kaeck and Bellamy. It is the second book in the series but it actually precedes the events in *An Admirer* and involves another couple. That said, I enjoyed Selsor and Lord Jenohn. Yum. Selsor's story was heart-wrenching but Jenohn's love more than makes up for it.

Bottom line: Another winner by Megan Derr.

Vivian ?(????)? says

Oops. . . Never realised I didn't rate this on goodreads yet!

Anyway, short book so short review.

Better than the first (which I found adorable, but hilariously silly). There was more action and it was just more interesting in general. I really love series that have books that are interconnected yet not focused on the same characters! It just makes me go "Awww!! I saw you before! Omg how exciting!" or something equally stupid like that.

Anyway, this series is a pretty cute short read, but if you're expecting to suddenly learn some sort of life lesson through an epiphany which you had while reading this then you're in the wrong place. A good in-between-angsty-books book :)

Bookbee says

4.5 Stars

This, the second book in the "Jewel Bond" series, was even better than the first. More of a prequel, this book focuses on Selsor and Jenohn, 'deans', if you will, of their respective Mage & Soldier departments in An Admirer, and begins many years earlier when they were both still students at the school themselves.

My only complaint is that I so thoroughly enjoy the stories, I wish they were much, much longer!

Ami says

Although listed as #2, Kiss The Rain is actually sort-of a sequel to An Admirer -- in that story, we were 'introduced' with names of Lord Jenohn, as head of the Combat, and his bond-mage, Master Selsor head of the Magic, at Royal University of Magic and Combat.

This story is taken place roughly almost 40 years before, when Jenohn and Selsor first met and how they ends up being bonded warrior-mage. The story itself is slightly darker, opened with a heartbreakening scene of Selsor being bullied and then, after a horrific accident, banished from the magic school.

I love Megan Derr's grumpy characters -- and Selsor has a reason for being one. People look down on him, see him only as a banished mage with blackened jewel. He is poor and he struggles survive without being able to use his magic.

So of course I'm in love with Jenohn, for being stubborn enough to dismiss Selsor's grumpy mood. He just marches in his own beat of drum, sort of dragging Selsor along to find the mystery behind the bad weather, bonding with Selsor so Selsor can use his magic again. Of course, the twist ((view spoiler)) is kind of sweet.

So yes, other reviewers might complain for it being short. I don't mind. I love short stories ... especially when it's well written. Plus we all know that Selsor gets his HEA, for he is still bonded with Jenohn 40 years later *smile*

Sala Bim says

I enjoyed this story. I found it to be sweet and satisfying. The writing wasn't amazing or intricate, but the story was nice and solid with sweet characters and a little bit of that stubbornness in a main character (which I quite liked)...I will agree that I wish it were longer and a bit more fleshed out, but I guess that is the talent of the writer, leaving me wanting more....It made me smile. Oh and I also enjoyed that it gave us the backstory for Selsor and Jehnnonn.

Milica says

3.5 stars...

If An Admirer was endearing, then Kiss the Rain was **entertaining**...you have one **mage, sharp-tongued and fierce** despite the hardships he went through in his life, one **smart and cocky soldier** and a mystery that needs to be solved. Not much in the way of romance, but if you read An Admirer you know how these two end up...Recommend it, though I didn't quite like it as the first one in the series.

Vivian says

This was a nice adventuring short. Has an underdog and a true believer, evil power-hungry villain, and a happy ending--what more could you want. It would have been fun to have a longer story, greedy, I know.

LWM says

Too short.

Selsor and Jenohn are too cute, and they get better with age, which we got a glimpse of in Secret Admirer. Ms. Derr likes to write epilogue-like stories where she gives us characters set in other protagonists' lives, then explains how they got together in either a second or third book in the series. The first time she pulled this on me, I thought I had read them out of order; however, I've found this is a habit of hers.

Jenohn mysteriously and emphatically stands up for Selsor, who has been living in obscurity and near-impoverished circumstances in a small village that's been placed under a sinister storm curse. Jenohn is one of Prince Alanci's royal guard, and hires Selsor to help investigate, claiming he needs Selsor's assistance because no one else will do. Jenohn also awakens Selsor's blackened jewels, which were taken from him when he had been accused of killing an innocent with lightning back when Selsor was a student. Selsor's jewels turned into the exact shade of blue as Jenohn's eyes; they trace, discover, and destroy every magical storm drain in the village; and most importantly, Selsor and Jenohn retrieve every bit of Selsor's magic that had been stolen, and was continuing to be drained from Selsor by a power-hungry witch who has been misrepresenting himself in the village. Selsor as a student was a formidable witch of untried power over storm elements. HIS power has been so strong and unusual no one at their school could identify or understand its magnitude or range when Selsor was a trainee/student, so, in fear, they cast him out when he ended up lashing out at bullies who attacked him. They claimed he had tried to cast lightning, and something

that was "like lightning" had hit Jenohn (yes! Turns out he was that kid who got struck by Selsor's "accident"). Neither had been allowed to see the other - Selsor had gone to live as a shamed outcast thinking he had killed that other boy, while Jenohn had lived, and gotten strong and healthy again, growing to become a Royal Guard. They come full circle, and Selsor learns to "Kiss the Rain" with his glorious, astounding control and power over the rain, thunder, lightning, and storms.

I really enjoyed this one, and, Ms. Deer got me to like it without any crazy, rampaging sex or near sex, only hints at something "more" between our protagonists! This was simply an interestingly whimsical tale of magic, gentlemanly soldiers much like knights of old, and a feisty, downtrodden but beautiful young man whose true love (Jenohn) never gave up on him. Five solid stars!

Mandapanda says

A bit short for the price I paid.
