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Being called creepy can be hard on your self-esteem--even for an attractive, independent woman like Raine Tallentyre. That's what happened when she made the mistake of revealing her paranormal abilities, bringing her most recent romantic relationship to a hasty end. Her Aunt Vella, a gifted but troubled soul, had told her years ago to keep her talents a secret. And now that poor Aunt Vella—her last blood relative—has died, Raine has resigned herself to a lonely life.

But when she journeys to Shelbyville, Washington, to clear out her aunt's house--trying to ignore the locals' comments about the "witch" and the "crazy lady"-- Raine's highly developed sensitivity leads her to a horrifying discovery: a young woman, bound and terrified, in a basement storage locker. The victim has survived, and the culprit is on the loose. Without warning, a new man enters Raine's life—investigator Zack Jones. Surprisingly, Zack isn't repelled by her powers: in fact, he has his own. While Raine hears voices, Zack sees visions and within hours of their meeting, Raine experiences an intense, thrilling intimacy—mental, emotional, and physical—she never dared to expect.

There's one complication, however: Zack Jones is working for the Arcane Society. This secret organization, dedicated to the study of paranormal phenomena, shattered Raine's family with an act of betrayal long ago, and she's not about to trust them now. But as a killer makes her his target, and a cabal of psychic criminals known as Nightshade operates in the shadows surrounding them, Raine and Zack must rely not only on their powerful abilities but on each other as well.

## **Sizzle and Burn Details**

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# From Reader Review Sizzle and Burn for online ebook

## Caro says

A good book that's interesting, creative, gripping, and leaves you wanting to read more in the series. I really liked the imagination and how well written this was. I enjoyed reading it and can't wait to read more. I liked the characters, their personalities, the suspense, the emotions, courage, determination, bravery, special-ness, and ending. This was a good book and a great intro into this world for me. Totally Enjoy.

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## Jane Stewart says

Good story. I didn't want to put it down.

Story brief: The Arcane Society is an organization of humans who have different types of psychic powers and at different strengths. When touching an object, Raine hears voices from the person touching it previously. Zack sees visions when he touches the object. There are some murders taking place related to an evil organization, whose members also have psychic powers. There is also a serial killer who put a victim in the house that Raine just inherited. Zack and Raine together investigate the serial killer and other murders taking place.

### CAUTION SPOILER:

I did not like one part. Raine and Zack had a wonderful evening of sex. They were both single and attracted to each other. The next day she said they were not going to have anymore sex because it was "not smart to mix business with pleasure." I did not understand this or agree with her. They did not work for the same company. She was just a concerned citizen trying to solve a mystery with her psychic gifts.

Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: five. Setting: current day towns in the states of Washington and California. Copyright: 2008. Genre: paranormal romantic suspense.

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To date, I've read the following Krentz, Castle and Quick books (same author).

### By Jayne Ann Krentz:

- 5 stars. Trust Me. Copyrt 1995. Review Date 3/1/08.
- 5 stars. All Night Long. Copyrt 2005. Review Date 2/9/08.
- 4.5 stars. Running Hot. Copyrt 2008. My review was posted under 4 stars on 1/06/09.
- 4 stars. Twist of Fate. Copyrt 1986. Review Date 6/23/08.
- 4 stars. Deep Waters. Copyrt 1996. Review Date 7/29/08.
- 4 stars. Sizzle and Burn. Copyrt 2008. Review Date 2/9/08.
- 3 stars. White Lies. Copyrt 2007. Review Date 2/9/08.
- 2.5 stars. Eclipse Bay. Copyrt 2000. My review was posted under 2 stars on 7/09/08.
- 2 stars. A Coral Kiss. Copyrt 1987. Review Date 2/9/08.
- 1 star. Midnight Jewels. Copyrt 1987. Review Date 2/1/08.

### By Jayne Castle:

- 2 stars. Zinnia. Copyrt 1997. Review Date 7/29/08.
- 2 stars. Silver Master. Copyrt 2007. Review Date 2/9/08.

By Amanda Quick:

3 stars. Ravished. Copyrt 1992. Review Date 5/7/07.

2 stars. Lie By Moonlight. Copyrt 2005. Review Date 2/9/08.

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### **Debbie says**

I am almost embarrassed to say I read this book. I picked it up off the library shelf and quickly read the back. It sounded like a decent book and I was in a hurry so I grabbed it. I didn't really notice the front until I picked it up to read. I thought maybe it looked similar to the trashy romance novels with "heaving bosoms and pulsing members", but the summary didn't sound like that so I read it. Soon discovered it was very similar to those romance novels. I thought it was a suspense novel. It does have the suspense, but quite a few more bedroom scenes than I typically like in a little too much detail. Also a little too much swearing. Call me a prude, but that's how I feel. By the time I got to the bedroom scene I was enjoying the plot. So I sheepishly finished. I probably won't read anymore of this author's works.

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### **Cindy says**

Another excellent entry in the Arcane Society series - great characters, suspenseful plotting and interesting setting - all set off by the touch of paranormal. This is one of the contemporary books [the historicals seem to be being published under the Amanda Quick name:] and the sequel to White Lies. Operatives of the Nightshade group are the bad guys again - with a serving of serial killer on the side. Real page-turning read.

The Perfect Poison - Book 6

Running Hot - Book 5

The Third Circle - Book 4

Sizzle and Burn - Book 3

White Lies - Book 2

Second Sight - Book 1

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### **Sheri says**

This is definitely my favorite of the series so far. I liked the "bad guy" story and the evolution of the "bad guy" gang. Its also nice when the secondary characters are particularly interesting and it makes me wonder if any of them will end up in later books. I am also beginning to wonder if any of the Jones legacy characters will be women or if they will always be male. I really like the conversational style of the interactions between the two characters!

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### **Kari Chapman says**

I really liked this book. The two main characters were great together. The female lead's history with the Arcane Society and J&J specifically provided some great tension in the book. It was nice to get a male lead that wasn't a hunter. His talent provided a nice change of pace there.

The mystery was fun to work through, and the development of the cabal was fun to see. I feel this is the strongest of the 3 books in the Arcane Society series that I've read so far.

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## LibraryLass says

Awesome read! Just what I like. A bit of danger, a bit of paranormal, lots of romance, a good amount of sexual tension. This was a great addition to the series. Am so looking forward to her next one when she goes back to her AQ persona. Highly recommended (as per usual with JAK's books). :)

Re-read Jan 09

Re-read Oct 10

Re-Read June 11

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## Mojca says

Raine Tallentyre hears voices. Usually of the bad-mojo kind. So when she hears a whisper about burning witches in her recently-deceased aunt's house, she's quite alarmed. Lucky for her (and the witch hunter's victim) the girl in the basement is still alive, but not the hunter has set his sights on Raine.

But that's not the end of Raine's problems. Because that same day she gets an unexpected visit from one Zack Jones, member of the Arcane Society and working for J&J, the company that shattered Raine's world when she was six. He claims to see visions. And he needs Raine's help in solving a big mystery that probably ties in with her aunt's death.

Grudgingly, Raine accepts his proposal (and the "temporary" truce between the Tallentyres and J&J) and the two embark on a perilous mission of finding and possibly stopping a secret organization called Nightshade, all the while battling (not that much ;)) against the explosive attraction between them and a psychic bond that keeps on growing.

Ms. Krentz never disappoints, especially not with her *Arcane Society* books. And Sizzle and Burn is no exception. This was a wonderful mix of suspense, romance, and paranormal elements with the aroma of a thriller thrown into the mix.

I loved both Zack and Raine and their quirky senses of humor, and the attraction between them and the growing passion and bond packed quite a punch. This soul-mate spiel is so popular in fiction nowadays that it usually seems old and been-there-done-that, but in this case it was done subtly and with such aplomb that it was a true pleasure to read, without the déjà vu effect, also thanks to Ms. Krentz masterfully weaving the romance into the intriguing, gripping, and intense suspense plot.

The suspense was the second big plus for this story that doesn't have any minuses in my book. There were two parallel suspense subplot running at the same time, yet the story itself didn't seem crowded, but nicely paced and superbly written. I've become quite tired of romantic suspense books where the villain is apparent from the get go, Sizzle and Burn kept me guessing.

This was a gripping, tension filled book sprinkled with just enough paranormal elements to keep things lively

and interesting, and an explosive romance that will leave you begging for more.

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## Anita says

### Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars

*Sizzle and Burn* is another highly enjoyable, readily intriguing romantic suspense by Jayne Ann Krentz. And I say this every time I read one of her books, but they *are* indeed extremely addictive and easy to read.

I found myself liking a lot of things about this book. Raine and Zack were great characters, both with their own unique traits, and a wonderfully compatible relationship. I winced a little bit at the "meant to be" vibes, but I set those aside after the two of them started working together and proving that they would have been compatible with each other, paranormal senses or not. I love that Raine has a signature "screw you" smile--it makes for a great strong heroine in a sea of testosterone in this book. Zack is the typical alpha male, but I'm not going to hold that against him since he was a great guy.

The mystery was actually pretty enjoyable... until I realized how many tangents were surfacing towards the end to lend a resolution to the initial murder that jump starts this entire book's main conflict. There turned out to be entirely too many things going on towards the end that just seemed like a jumbled mess. At some point I found myself wondering whether or not our mysteries even got solved and I have a nagging feeling there were loose ends somewhere.

Nonetheless, *Sizzle and Burn* is still an incredibly fun and enjoyable read, so I'm willing to just go with it and move on. I was entertained. I was hooked. I am going to continue reading books in this series and books by this author.

And that is all that matters.

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## Maria says

The characters and dialogue are as good as ever and the suspense is the kind I like, i.e., not too close for comfort. The plot got off to a fast start and kept up the pace until the end. Krentz books are always easy to read and hard to put down, even though I've read them multiple times, some as many as a dozen times. I particularly enjoyed the crime-solving hobby of Raine Tallentyre, in spite of its psychic nature, and wish there had been more detailed descriptions of her work with Bradley Mitchell, the cop. Possibly Ms. Krentz will consider a future book where the action centers on Mr. Mitchell aided by a new psychic heroine. It

would be a shame to waste such a great character. I particularly liked that Raine is not as impetuous as many of her female characters. She had some distance in her attitude, almost aloof. It was Zach who was ready to jump in without looking. A bit of a switch and I enjoyed the unexpectedness of it.

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### **Carrie says**

This is a good blend of mystery, action, romance, and suspense. And all with a paranormal twist. There was less sentimentality in this book than the last book, *White Lies*, which I appreciated. The hero and heroine were strong characters and handled themselves well. Krentz doesn't resort of big misunderstandings, anger, lies, or other regretful scenarios to create tension in the relationship. The tension there seems understandable given the couples differing backgrounds and the events happening around them. The double suspense and mystery plot lines were interesting and convoluted enough to keep me guessing. Good effort by Krentz. I'm looking forward to more Arcane Society books.

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### **Julie says**

I love the Arcane Society, either with Amanda Quick or JA Krentz. This one was no exception. The only thing that bothered me was that I had the feeling I had read part of this plot line in another book somewhere, and it drove me crazy trying to figure out what it was. I think maybe it was mentioned in another JA Krentz Arcane Novel. But, other than that it was really a fast read. If you notice I got through a book pretty fast that's a good indication I am really into it.

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### **Andree says**

This I enjoyed. Am beginning to wonder if I should read more of JAK's contemporaries. The plot is not super different than the others, but I enjoy the balance more a lot of the time. I also kind of enjoy the Arcane Society books. I also enjoy how this book dealt with Bradley, someone who the heroine had thought might be a good potential boyfriend who rejected her advances. It's interesting, because Bradley is consistently portrayed as a good cop, and a mostly good guy, who just isn't that into her. And he's seen this way by everyone, including the heroine. She even continues to trust his professional integrity and ability. It's nice when people are grown up's is all I'm saying.

Also enjoyed the mystery, and Raine and Zach's dynamic is just funtimes.

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### **Sue says**

Excellent series entry, I wasn't sure if Jayne Ann Krentz series on the Arcane could bounce between the 19th century (as Amanda Quick) and the 21st (Jayne Ann Krentz). Paranormal investigation are really well done in this series, if it wasn't for the paranormal I'd say this was a straight up romance/suspense series. This is my third in the series and I know I'll be moving onto book 4 before I know it. Jayne Ann Krentz/Amanda Quick is an excellent writer.

BTW I've been doing this entire series via Audio book, I do think she could pick a slightly better voice to do the series, it seems either the female voice is just right or the male but for some strange reason it's never perfect with both characters at the same time. This time the male voice came off almost flat but in the prior series the woman was too high pitched. It wasn't enough for me not to enjoy it but I know it would have been enhanced had both voices been perfect. So call me picky...

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### **L8blmr says**

This book, by one of my favorite authors, flew by and I was finished before I knew it. The pace was near perfect, the relationship, though it developed very quickly, was satisfying, and the suspense was ... suspenseful. Right up until the last few pages I was still trying to figure out if some of the good guys were really bad guys. Since this is a continuing series, that may still be the case.

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### **Rachel Jones says**

Ugh, no. NO. NOOOO!!! I listened to this book in the car on my way home from work when there's nothing good on the radio. I thought about quitting multiple times, but I didn't have any other audio books yet, so I hung in there. The sex scenes were random. I found myself skipping a couple of them actually. I didn't really understand the connection between Zack and Raine. Sure by the end, it made sense, but they got together way too fast. There was none of the tension, romantically or sexually. To be fair, this isn't my type of book at all. My mom picked it up randomly from the library and didn't pay attention to what it was about. It cracked me up whenever Raine talked about hating the Jones family, because I always pictured my family reunions, and what kind of evil society we would be. Then it wasn't evil anymore... I really hated that she just KNEW that Mr. Jones would be part of the Arcane society in the beginning, as if Jones was a super uncommon last name. I mean really, how many Joneses does the average person come across in their lifetime? I'm sure more than just ones connected to a super secret psychic group. I stayed with it because I wanted to find out what happened in the end, but then the end felt kind of disappointing. I guess this could be good for the lonely housewife that wants to read some sort of sexy romance novel with a plot. For me though, blah. No. Never again.

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### **Lauren says**

#### **Sizzle and Burn**

4 Stars

#### Synopsis:

Raine Tallentyre and J&J agent, Zack Jones, have one thing in common - their paranormal abilities. Raine can hear voices while Zack has visions. With Raine in the sights of a deranged serial killer and a secret cabal of psychic criminals intent on obtaining the Tallentyre family secrets, Raine and Zack must rely both on their abilities and on each other in order to survive.

#### Review:

The most entertaining in the series so far. The romance is wonderful even if the plot is lacking in suspense.



Once again, Krentz excels with her dialogue and characterization. Raine uses wit and sarcasm to conceal her insecurities but is, nevertheless, a self-sufficient woman with a powerful sense of justice. Zack is absolutely gorgeous, and I really enjoyed the way in which he helps Raine come to terms with her abilities. Their chemistry definitely sizzles and burns and it was interesting to see their relationship develop from extremely hot and sensual to intensely emotional. I also liked the fact that their romance is not plagued by any contrived misunderstandings or trust issues.

My only real problem with the story is that the serial killer plot is so minor as to be almost non-existent and has very little relevance to the main storyline. As a fan of serial killer books, I was hoping for more details on the victims and the murderer but this is not forthcoming and is ultimately resolved very quickly and almost as an afterthought. The psychic cabal plot is more complex and better developed with additional details provided about the Nightshade organization introduced in the previous book. There is also a nifty plot twist and cliffhanger at the end to keep the reader guessing.

It should be noted that it is not necessary to read the series in order. There is no direct connection between the plots of the individual books perhaps because some are contemporary while others are historical. The only common thread is the Jones family and the Arcane society, and it is fairly easy to grasp their significance in the series arc. On the whole, I prefer Krentz's historical romances written under her pseudonym, Amanda Quick, but the Arcane series is very entertaining and enjoyable. I look forward to reading the next installment.

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### **Lisa P says**

This book was not my favorite in this series so far, but I still enjoyed it. Raine is a strong female lead, and her chemistry with Zack was undeniable. I liked the fact that they had an "extra connection" to each other because of their psychic abilities. The mystery here was interesting, but I thought it was a little drawn out for most of the book, and then wrapped up too quickly at the end. I am curious to find out more about the Arcane Society, because I think the idea behind the group is intriguing, and so I will definitely be reading more from this series.

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### **obsessedwithbooks says**

I am a die-hard Jayne Ann Krentz-Amanda Quick-Jayne Castle-Stephanie James fan and own over 130 books by the author. It all started when I picked up one of Quick's "S" books (Seduction, Scandal, Surrender) while in University and then discovered Quick was a pseudonym for Jayne Ann Krentz and that she wrote books under other pseudonyms too (Jayne Castle, Amanda Glass, Jayne Taylor, Jayne Bentley, Stephanie James). I am very familiar with her writing style and therefore I endeavor to judge each new book somewhat less harshly than I would normally because having read so many of her books, at times dialogue, details, scenes etc. can seem repetitive to me...but a reader picking up one of her books for the first time would have a much different experience.

The last book of hers that I read before Sizzle and Burn was White Lies released way back in February of last year. I have been a bit confused by the progression of the Arcane Society novels... skipping back and forth from historical to contemporary and between her different pseudonyms. Sizzle and Burn is the third book in the Arcane Society series...a society that to the outside world is nothing more than an investigative

agency...but to its members the Arcane Society is a secret organization who's true purpose is to investigate paranormal talent.

I enjoyed Sizzle and Burn and thought the shorter chapters enhanced the fast-paced plot. Krentz's novels are usually characterized by snappy dialogue, strong-willed women and hard-edged men...no exception in Sizzle and Burn. Raine and Zack have a great connection that is enhanced by their paranormal talents. Only a few details are revealed about the ruthless Nightshade organization that is developing the potentially lethal drug to enhance paranormal abilities...and I am curious as to where Krentz will take this storyline. I was intrigued by the Fallon Jones character and was hoping for his story next but her next novel, Running Hot, is the story of Luther Malone and Grace Renquist.

<http://myobsessionwithbooks.blogspot....>

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## Cruth says

**Author:** Jayne Ann Krentz

**First published:** 2008

**Length:** 359 pages, 4702 kindle locations.

**Setting:** Contemporary, Washington state.

**Sex:** Reasonably explicit but infrequent.

**Hero:** Mirror talent. High-level Jones.

**Heroine:** Clairaudient. Father was a scientist.

There's not a whole lot to say about this series, particularly if you don't want to give any spoilers. It's a light mystery in a paranormal setting with a well-developed World. Light sex, some Insta-Love and good writing. Krentz's typically well-written characters with strong women who allow for Alpha tendencies in their accepting, respecting men.

It works. It's enjoyable. It does what it sets out to do.

Entertain.

### Arcane Society:

*The Arcance Society* novels are published under 3 pen-names, each name highlighting setting and/or subgenre. As a rule-of-thumb, Jayne Ann Krentz is for contemporary romantic-suspense, Amanda Quick historical romantic-suspense and Jayne Castle publishes futuristic/paranormal romantic-suspense.

Book 1 Second Sight (Amanda Quick) - Venetia Milton and Gabriel Jones

Book 2 White Lies (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Clare Lancaster and Jake Salter

Book 3 Sizzle and Burn (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Raine Tallentyre and Zack Jones

Book 4 The Third Circle (Amanda Quick) - Leona Hewitt and Thaddeus Ware

Book 5 Running Hot (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Luther Malone and Grace Renquist

Book 6 The Perfect Poison (Amanda Quick) - Lucinda Bromley and Caleb Jones

Book 7 Fired Up (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Jack Winters and Chloe Harper; Book 1 of the *Dreamlight Series*.

Book 8 Burning Lamp (Amanda Quick) - Griffin Winters and Adelaide Pyne; Book 2 of the *Dreamlight Series*.

Book 9 Midnight Crystal (Jayne Castle) - Adam Winters and Marlowe Jones; Book 3 of the *Dreamlight*

*Series.*

Book 9.5 The Scargill Cove Case Files (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Fallon Jones; Book .5 of the *Looking Glass Series*.

Book 10 In Too Deep (Jayne Ann Krentz) - Fallon Jones and Isabella Valdez; Book 1 of the *Looking Glass Series*.

Book 11 Quicksilver (Amanda Quick) - Virginia Dean and Owen Sweetwater; Book 2 of the *Looking Glass Series*.

Book 12 Canyons of Night (Jayne Castle) - Charlotte Enright and Slade Attridge; Book 3 of the *Looking Glass Series*.

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