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The trouble with humans is that they're far too sensitive. Forget you put a woman in the local jail for a few months - and she takes it so personally! And yet she is the one trying to assassinate the queen. And now I'm trapped with Elina Shestakova of the Black Bear Riders of the Midnight... *gods! That endless name!*

But what am I to do? *I am Celyn the Charming with direct orders from my queen to protect this unforgiving female.*

Even more shocking, this unforgiving female is completely unimpressed by me. How is that even possible? But I know what I want and, for the moment, I want her. And I'm sure that she, like all females, will learn to adore me. *How could she not when I am just so damn charming?*

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From Reader Review *Light My Fire* for online ebook

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Aiken manages to outdo her previous works in her 7th installment of her hilarious, violent, explosive, outrageous Dragon Kin Series. *Light My Fire* was fantastic! Best book in the series. Incredible world building, arc expansion, and character dynamics. Aiken hit a home run out of the park with this one.

The most unnatural coupling occurs when a young woman is set up to assassinate the dragon queen but is fortunately or unfortunately (depending on who tells it) is stopped by a laid-back, overly curious dragon of the Queen's guard. Laughter and danger go hand in hand as this couple finds themselves smack dab in the middle of a coming war.

Though the romance has always a low key aspect in Aiken's Dragon series, the balance in here between it and the conflict is remarkably well plotted and revealed. I laughed the entire book. Readers will rejoice as we see many old faces and possible future couplings.

Samantha says

After reading book six in G.A. Aiken's "Dragon Kin" series (*How to Drive a Dragon Crazy*) I had told myself that I wouldn't be picking up the next book. However, when *Light My Fire* popped-up as a title on NetGalley I couldn't resist giving one more story in this series a shot.

After capturing Elina Shestakova (an Outerplains woman) for attempted regicide, Celyn promptly drops her off at the local jail and proceeds to completely forget about her for about a year. His memory is jogged, however, when there is talk of negotiating a truce between the Southlanders and Outerplains tribe. Elina is swiftly removed from jail and sent as a mediator with Celyn as her back-up.

For fans of the series, they'll recognize Celyn as the dragon who had a brief affair with the heroine from the previous book, Izzy, and nearly got himself killed over it. Celyn was the highlight of this book for me as I enjoyed how flustered Elina's mannerisms and expressions made him throughout the story. Elina herself was an interesting character, however the constant caveman structure of her sentences drove me insane.

My main issue with *Light My Fire* was that I had a lot of trouble remaining engaged with the story. A large part of this is because the characters are so flippant about *everything*. It's extremely rare when any of them take anything seriously, which is what a lot of the humor relies on. However, it becomes hard to care about what is going on in the plot when the characters don't care about what is happening. At times a character will take something very seriously but it will often be balanced with the others trivializing their reaction/concern. So there's not a whole lot of emotional stakes in the story, which doesn't really work for me when the book is a romance.

Bottom line, if you're a fan of the series, I would suggest picking this one up. However, if you're looking to get into the series, I would suggest starting with one of the earlier books first since there's a lot of previous main characters and mentions of past plot points floating around.

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~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says

★★★★★

The crazy dragons are back! Now that we're seven books in, when we catch up with all the other characters, makes for one long book. But, it didn't seem long at all. Lots of humor as always which is what keeps me coming back.

Celyn meets his true love, Elina of the ridiculously long name, when she's sent on a mission to kill Rhiannon, Celyn's grandmother. Rhiannon tells Celyn to put her somewhere safe, which he does, and promptly forgets about her for 8 months! She and Celyn are eventually sent on a mission back to her homeland to forge an alliance for Annywyl and Celyn becomes Elina's Dolt. Much adventure ensues.

The grown-up Twins and Rhianwen make several appearances and Dagmar and Gwenvael have 7! children.

If you've gotten this far in the series, you can't miss this new addition to the series. I enjoyed this much more than Izzy and Éibhear's story.

Hanife says

Come to mama, dear!

Ren says

4 stars

Hilarious like always!!! XD. I once think why Celyn have his own book, since he got the wrong side between Eibhear and Izzy, but like his kin, he's also one of eccentric dragon. I love his ladylove, Elina Shestakova as well! A nice introduction into Daughter of the Steppes and also how the story arc expanded. Sure some part are dragging, and endless rambling between Celyn and Elina can be too much like Elina's real name (whose name can be written in one paragraph), but I still enjoy it nonetheless!

Will write more later since I do a re-read .

The Window Seat says

Who saw THIS one coming in the Dragon Kin world? Celyn? The next hero? Ok... a few fans saw it coming but I mocked them, convinced that they were way off base. But the hero here is Celyn and yes... he is a bit charming!

Celyn the Charming is one of Ghleanna and Bram's youngest offspring (I think) and his closest sibling is Brannie. Having had a rather notorious liaison with Brannie's best friend (and his cousin) Izzy, Celyn is now mostly forgiven by his kin and serving as a guard to Rhiannon, the Dragon Queen. He does his duty, but he is not as anxious to well... kill as the rest of his family. Killing to protect the queen? No problem. But haphazard killing is not his thing. So Celyn is content in his job and when his aunt sends him to capture the silly human working her way to kill the queen, he easily apprehends the foolish woman. Then, when his aunt wants her kept safe, he puts her in the safest place he can think of - jail. The fact that he leaves her there for almost a year - because he forgot about her - is a sticking point, but he is just so darn charming, he can surely get her to forgive him for that... right?

For the full review, please go to <http://www.thewindowseat13.com/2014/1...>

Lauren says

[santa claus isn't real all over again (hide spoiler)]

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

5 Perfectly Imperfect Stars

“What are you doing here?” it asked.

“I’ve come to kill the White Dragon Queen,” Elina announced, struggling to speak in a language that was not her own.

The dragon blinked, a few times. “Really?” he finally asked.

“Really.”

“Huh,” he said after a few seconds, then slowly turned and began to walk away as silently as he’d come.

Elina Shestakova of the Black Bear Tribe of the Midnight Mountains of Despair in the Far Reaches of the Steppes of the Outerplains, or Elina if you are one of those lazy Southlanders that can't remember her full name, as always been an outsider in her tribe because of her unwillingness to kill and fight. It seems now that her leader has had enough of her and she sent her at an impossible mission to kill the Dragon Queen. But after not really trying to kill her she finds herself in a jail cell, forgotten by an idiot of a dragon. An idiot of a dragon who talks too much and constantly asks questions.

How was Celyn the Charming to remember something as insignificant as a human female he put in jail for safekeeping? He's a very important dragon in the Queen's guard. How can they not realise that he has no time to spare on details? But now he has to accompany the barbaric female back to her tribe to negotiate a truce between queen Annwyl and her leader because of the new zealots that are starting to spread all over the ir lands and it seems that the warrior woman with the too long name is much more interesting than Celyn could

imagine. Even with her not so positive view of life.

“It must be nice to fly.”

“Is that sarcasm?”

“No. If I could fly, I would live in tree. Stare down at everyone . . . quietly hating them all.”

There may be a few SPOILERS...

I loved this freaking book. It reminded me why I like this series so much. The last one although still great, wasn't as good as I'd have wanted but this one made up for it and more... I don't even know what it is about this series that makes it so special. The writing is average, especially when you consider the medieval setting but the modern use of language, but it is also easy to read and so much fun.

“What are you doing?” he asked, sounding much more panicked than he'd like to.

“It has been long day,” she replied nonchalantly. “Much activity. I am tired but not sleepy. I thought we could fuck and then I would have good night's sleep, making me ready for ride tomorrow.”

“You want to fuck me?”

“You are only one here. I could play with myself, but . . . you are here. And sometimes my hands get tired. I do not want them worn out in case we have more murderers to kill tomorrow.”

Celyn was cute. He has the whole dragon arrogance going on that all the dragons in the series display but not as bad as Briec or Gwenveal. Not a character I'm really attracted to but one I had a great time reading about. He was funny and loyal and smart when he needed to be. He was just so adorable with his clueless remarks and then he'd make a comment and you'd think "Huh, there is a brain in there somewhere."

“I do not understand you, dragon.” She mounted her horse and settled in the saddle. “When you help, you do not see it. When you do nothing, you think you save world.”

Elina was badass. Her people were similar to the Amazons. Their women were the warriors and providers and the men stayed at home and raised the kids and each woman could have several husbands depending on her battle skills. They also found the Southlands way of life too lazy and imperialistic for them. If her mother wasn't such a bitch, these ladies would be awesome. But Elina and her sister are enough to make you love their simplistic but weird way of thinking and leaving. Generally they were like the male heroes we usually see. They drank, they fought, they hunted and they fucked whenever and wherever they wanted. And they are brutally loyal and honest.

“I am glad you are not dead,” she told him honestly. “Now I must go and see my sister.”

“You're just going to leave me?”

“Yes.”

“You care more about your sister than me?”

“Yes.”

But the books main focus really wasn't the romance. To be honest there was almost no romance to be found. The book focuses more on the crazy interactions between the crazy dragons and their even crazier spouses and children. So many new children and all of them crazy and arrogant as hell. And as always the boys attached to their mothers and the girls to their fathers.

“I want that woman executed,” the child announced.

Gwenvael stopped walking, rolled his eyes. “She’s your mother, Arlais.”

“Not by choice. She is a Low Born human who orders me around.”

“Arlais, my darling—”

“She is the daughter of a warlord, but I am the daughter of a prince. I outrank her . . . in many ways. In beauty, talent, and a rare grace that comes with being royal born.”

“Awwww. I’ve taught you so well.” He placed his hands over his chest. “It warms my hard dragon heart to see so much annoying and painful arrogance at such a young age.” He shrugged. “But you cannot have your mother executed.”

“You handed off your ridiculously pompous and bloodthirsty child to Keita?” Annwyl demanded.

“Keita likes spending time with her. She only has male offspring.”

“She’s the family poisoner,” Annwyl reminded her, and with such a tone, too! So much tone!

Dagmar gave a shrug and admitted, “Arlais will need some skills beyond being a royal and beautiful, and the only one who can spend more than five minutes with her and not have an overwhelming desire to smother her with a pillow, is Keita.”

We also have an Annwyl who seems more crazy by the page. Annwyl in her novel was pretty bloodthirsty but in the latest novels she resembles a wildcat. All she does is get mad and then things get bloody. I would like a little more time with her as a reasonable person. I don't much like the the turn in her character, although I will always love her.

“Yes, sister. She is mad. But a good monarch is always a little mad.”

“That is your logic? That good monarchs are mad?”

“There are three types of rulers in this world. Mad ones, evil ones, and combination of both. Be glad she is only mad.”

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All the quotes are from an early copy and may be changed before publication.

(view spoiler)

Merve Özcan says

After such a long wait, I finished *Light My Fire*. Again, Aiken did not dissappoint. Surely deserved, she writes more and more beautifully with every book. I absolutaly love that she never forgets other characters; we see them, read them. And she is not mean about the amount too! Their adventures does not end with the book. What more can a reader wish for?

It was amazing.

I love the new spawns. ♥

Cannot wait for the next one! AS ALWAYS!

Beth says

Aiken's brilliant and hysterical writing style shines through in *Light My Fire*.

Celyn the Charming was given one simple task...watch over the human that tried to assassinate the queen of the dragons. Locking her away in a cell was not what they had in mind, but forgetting about her for months on end was definitely not in the plan. Luckily the reluctant assassin, Elina was very resourceful.

When trouble comes from the south, the queen orders Celyn and Elina to work together to make an unlikely truce... Passion and dislike flows both ways between Celyn and Elina, creating quite an interesting make up. Will Celyn's charm shine through or will Elina squash it before they discover what a formidable team they truly are?

Aiken is known for her highly complex plots and outrageously funny histrionics...I think *Light My Fire*

might just take the level up a few notches. And I LOVED IT! I found myself laughing out loud and cheering on both Elina and Celyn.

The past character interaction was MARVELOUS! It brings the familiar back into this new storyline and kept me emotionally invested on every word. Yes, even though there is tons of funny, Aiken brilliantly sucks you into this magical world and makes you utterly invested in the plight of her characters.

I flat out love this series and this author, whether she writes as G.A. Aiken or Shelly Laurenston, I find her work masterfully written; giving you the perfect balance of humor and drama with a heavy dose of steamin' hot romance and action on the side.

I always have a serious book hang over when I finish one of Aiken's works...she leaves me wanting more every time.

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Anne says

I LOVE THESE BOOKS!

Love them!

Violent characters, funny dialogue, and silly situations...what's not to like?

But first, you've gotta forget that you read that blurb. It's a *somewhat* accurate description of a teeny tiny bit of the book. Celyn and Elina *are* the romantic lead in this one, but there is so much more going on between the pages!

And all of our favorite characters from the past books are back!

ALL OF THEM!

I think I'm already going a little crazy with the exclamation points. Maybe? Just a bit?

ATTENTION! This is a Big Deal:

You've really gotta read these in order.

This may seem like PNR about some hot dragon shape-shifters, but these aren't just self-contained lurve stories that happen to be set in the same world.

There's stuff! Important battles, plots, and *stuff* that you've got to already know about. Or, at least, you'll wish you knew about.

There's more than just raunchy sex with a lizard between these pages, ladies!

Evil witches, poisonous princesses, and children who plot to kill their parents...

And then there's also the bad guys!

If you've had the pleasure of reading any of these books, then you know that the heroes and heroines are all kind of morally *iffy*. This book is no exception.

In fact, there's a scene that involves Elina's evil mother, an axe, and the Mad Queen Annwyl that I simply can't get out of my mind.

winces...crosses legs

But there's a lot of humor to go with all blood, gore, and sex.

I had forgotten how funny these books were until I found myself giggle-snorting through the majority of this one.

I don't want to spoil anything for fans of the series, but it looks like there are some BIG changes on the horizon, and quite a few of them involve those crazy Abominations.

flails wildly

As I mentioned, **everyone** shows up in this one...including the children!

deep breath

Obviously, this isn't going to be something that everyone is going to love, but if you like PNR that doesn't take it'self too seriously, then this is a series you might like. And if you like mean, self-centered, obnoxious, violent, characters, as well?

Then you need to check these out. Now.

Light My Fire was another hilarious installment in Aiken's Dragon Kin world, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Seriously! Go get it!

Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for a digital arc, in exchange for an honest review.

Lanie (Lanies Book Thoughts) says

Elina is kinda like an amazon, where she comes from women rule. She's part of a monarchical group of people that view men as nannies and sex toys. The men are expected to take care of the kiddies, while the women go to war and bring home the bacon. Elina is still single, she's considered weak, therefore she cant have a husband. Her tribe is sick of her so they send her on a errand that will be the death of her- kill the Dragon Queen. However, the Dragon Queen may not kill Elina, but send her on a task of her own.

Celyn the Charming is a favorite of Queen Rhiannon, his job is mostly to amuse and flatter her. The Queen finally gives him a real job with some responsibility, but taking care of Elina is harder than it looks. How can he put up with a woman that talks funny and wants only one thing from him? Besides that she's obsessed with death and being morbid. She says what she thinks and he's stuck getting her outta trouble.

Light My Fire was a wonderfully written book with tons of humor in every chapter. I really laughed my butt off reading this book. Nearly all of the characters were witty and sarcastic. If I wasn't laughing while reading this story, I was definitely smiling.

The main story arc is about Celyn finding his mate, but the story is just so much more than that. You get multiple things happening at once in this book that involve Celyn's family and their world. However, everything ties in together and has purpose, there's no wasted lines here. It's not just your basic paranormal romance story, you get a real depth that you'd normally have to read an urban fantasy book to get.

The main characters of this story are either human or dragons, and inadvertently they're all related to someone. There's definitely a family element, because you get to learn about the parents, siblings, children, aunts and uncles, and of course grandparents. There wasn't one character I didn't like because they were all so well written.

This is a definite recommend, it's a great story with lots of fun, action, adventures. I also enjoyed the fact none of the women in this story were weak-they're all strong and crazy;)!

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Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Trust me when I saw that the wait is worth it. G.A. Aiken has penned a series that I've adored for a very long time. It's one of those series that stands as one of my all-time top favorite Paranormal Romances series because of Aiken's ability to infuse humor, politics, kickass heroines and proud dragons all into one.

LIGHT MY FIRE is Celyn the Charming's book. When an assassin tries to kill the queen, Celyn is tasked with watching over her. However, it doesn't exactly take his responsibilities to heart and leaves her in prison. It's only months later when Annwyl has use for her that he remembers about the human.

utc-top-pick Elina Shestakova must return home and negotiate with her to see Anne Atli. It's a difficult thing to do, especially when her mother sees her first journey has a failure. What's so great about this book is that Aiken makes tremendous strides in the overall plot arc of this series. So much happens which is why the book stands with a whopping presence on reader's bookshelves. At nearly 500 pages, this book packs an immense punch that will no doubt leave readers feeling stunned, but begging for more.

Best of all, right alongside the hilarious antics and the impressive plot, Aiken manages to keep the romance front and center of it all. Celyn and Elina are fabulous together, playing off each other's strengths, but not opposed to making fun of their weaknesses either. There's always something so charming about Aiken's characters. They walk onto the page and everything comes to life. I dare you not to try and fall in love with them.

LIGHT MY FIRE is easily the best in the series! Aiken stuns with her incredible worldbuilding as her characters are kicking ass all while having a good time.

*ARC provided by publisher

Esra says

It's always funny to read this amazingly well written series but this one was extra funny :D I read at my office and people was looking at me like I 've gone crazy or something. I was laughing my ass off.. I was so pissed off Celyn the charming in Eibhear's book. But he redeemed himself. He was so cute OMG! asking questions all the time, driving elina crazy :D

There's also other main characters back story in this book. it takes up quite a lot space , Annwyl and her children. Like mother like daughter :D Rhi,talan and talwyn are so powerfull . I want to read their own book too. Talan is the hypocritical one who can raise dead , talwyn is the wild one who can control over plants , rhiannwen is the whiny one who can control earth element. and don't forget dagmars hellions :D 6 daughters have some suprise for y'all. I don't tell .:D and dagmar's only son is like his mother, he's so intelligent , so smart boy.

Fearghus has a devilish side in this book. Gwenwael is still beautiful and he knows it :D

OMG! there's so much to tell but I can't because I don't wanna spoiler you :P

oh ! elina and kachka are really outspoken persons lol :D they were hilarious but serious about their thoughts of dragons .

Y'all have to read this. ! If a you feel depressed ,you should start to read Dragon Kin series. There's no better cure than this :D

Thank you G.A. Aiken! you made my day. I love yooooou

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turkish review

Celyn the charming ile kuzey steplerinin k?zlar?ndan elina (ismi saçma derecede çok uzun) hatunun hikayesi. Celyn ne kada yumu?ak huylu , candan , sevimli ve çekiciyse elina bir o kadar öküç , dobra, a?z?na geleni sak?nmayan söyleyen ve ekme?ini ta?tan ç?karan bir k?z :D elina klan? taraf?ndan kraliçe rihannon'u öldürmesi için gönderiliyor ama bu görev aç?kças? elinay? öldürtmek için tasarlanm?? b?r oyundan ba?ka bi?i de?il. zira kraliçeyi kimse öldüremez :D elinada zaten öld?rmek istemiyor. sadece onurlu böir ölüm istiyor. celyn k?z? yakalay?p kraliçenin kar??s?na ç?kar?yor. kraliçe k?z?n amac?n? duyunca ona ac?yor ve insafa gelmi? bu yeni karakterli kraliçemiz celyn'e k?z? güvenli bir yere yerle?tirmesini söylüyor. celyn'de k?z? garbhan adalar?nda bir hapishaneye koyuyor ve k?z? orda unutuyor ! hemde tam 9 ay :D:D akl?ndan ç?k?vermi? :D neyden sonra k?z ak?llar?na geliyor çünkü k?z?n klan? ile annwyl'in krall??? aras?nda ittifak kurmak istiyorlar. bu sefer k?za klan?n?n lideri için bu ittifak? konu?ma ve ayarlama görevi veriyor ejderler ama bu da asl?nda bir intihar gmrevi çünkü k?z?n ölmedi?ini ve kraliçeyi öldürmeden döndü?ünü gördüklerinde onu her halukarda öldürecekler :D elina kabul edip celyn'in e?li?inde yurduna dönüyor. kitap bu s?rada geçen maceralardan olu?makta . Celyn ve elina tencere kapak gibi ama aralar?nda tutkulu bir a?k olmas?n? beklemeyin. k,tab?n sonunda biz birbirimizi seviyoruz sadedine gelselerde çokta inand?r?c? gelmiyor çünkü k?z çok ruhsuz ve duygusuz bana kal?rsa :D fazlas?yla realistik. k?z karde?i kachka daha beter hatta . as?l olay yan hikayelerde. annwyl 'in gelece?i için ayarlana rol bu kitapta ç?k?yor kar??m?za hatta anwyl 'in yeni ordusu daha nice kitaplaragöz k?rp?yor. ejder - insan e?le?mesinin ürünleri çocuklar?n hepsinin bir yetene?i var. anwyl'in çocuklar? en beterleriyimi? gibi görünsede dagmar'?n ?eytanlar? sizleri hayrete dü?ürecek :D gwenwael'den o ?eytanlar ç?kamaz ya :D hadi bakal?m merakla bekliyoruz s?radaki

kitab?.

<http://allkillerbooks.blogspot.com.tr...>

Stephanie G says

Elina knows that her tribe leader sent her on a mission to kill the dragon queen as a way to be rid of her but she has her orders and not even certain death will stop her. Surprising, death is not what she finds when she climbs the Southland Mountain. Instead, the dragon queen takes pity on Elina and her journey leads her to the castle of Annwyl the Bloody. The crazed queen is not what Elina expects and she accepts the task to return to the Outerplains in hopes of working out a treaty between her kind and her new allies.

Unfortunately, she won't be going alone. Celyn, dragon guard to the queen who is incapable of shutting up, will accompany her. His constant questions grates her nerves but what he does to her body at night makes him tolerable and before their journey is up she will need him to survive.

Blunt, violent, and a brutally honest warrior, Elina fits in perfectly with the other series heroines. A woman like that being paired with a laid back dragon with limitless curiosity and the name Celyn the Charming, ensures hilarity without making it feel forced for the sake of a good laugh. I love that considering all the dominate, outstanding characters in this series, Elina and Celyn (who makes a smooth transition from supporting character to leading role) don't get lost in the mix and carve out their own place in their world. Plus, seriously hot outdoor sexy fun times!

Elina starts out with one task that soon turns into another. Neither promises a happy ending for her. Elsewhere, everyone from previous books plays a role as a religious cult sets their sights on the dragons and their human mates and readers get updates on fan favorites since *How to Drive a Dragon Crazy* ended years before. The time jump felt a little odd because many things have changed yet others have not. There's a familiar vibe but events have taken place that makes it feel a bit...off.

G.A. Aiken doesn't sugarcoat anything and it's my favorite aspect of her books. There are no sweet words to describe sex and the heroines often take the lead, not the heroes will stand being overlooked. I also love that it stays familiar while daring to head down new roads and take on new adventures. It's an exciting, hilarious, bloody, series and this fan really enjoyed the latest installment.

- Stephanie
