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Fire Storm (City Of Dragons Book 2)



Synopsis

Penny Caspian here. Another day, another dead dragon shifter in Sea City. This one's Fletcher Remington, a rich playboy who enjoyed surfing and heroin until he disappeared without a trace. Detective Lachlan Flint and I are on the case, mixing it up with the upper crust to find out what happened to him. Speaking of Lachlan and me, we're in a holding pattern. He's afraid to get close to me, because he's apparently so mesmerized by the taste of my blood that he's afraid he'll lose control and hurt me. I keep saying that I can take care of myself, but it's like he's deaf. And the one time he does actually get swept up in the moment and kiss me again, my ex shows up. Yeah, the abusive jerk has powerful magic now. "I don't know from where" and he's got no qualms about using it to beat me senseless and pummel Lachlan too. My ex wants me back, but that's never going to happen.

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Customer Reviews

The story was well written and well thought out. The author told a story that has complex characters,

good world building, and an interesting plot. The author found a way to focus both on the overall mystery story arc and character development at the same time. I do plan to read the next book and I think the author has great talent. That being said, I found the main characters very frustrating and I am not sure I could recommend this book to others who have similar tastes in main characters that I have. I think whether you like/dislike this book will not be because of poor writing but just different tastes from each reader. Spoiler.....The on again/off again relationship made me dizzy. It seemed like sometimes they'd be on again/off again within the same day! There was an acknowledgement that they were both screwed up (many many many times). It felt like watching a car crash happening...in slow motion... and then repeated. It made the book difficult to read. When you can't support a main character's decisions and actions, it's hard to want to read that story. Often reading a good book is like spending time with friends. If you don't like the characters then it's hard to want to spend that time. Luckily the author's overall story was so engrossing that it kept me engaged and willing to wade through the crazy. Something that the author touched on in this story that I felt might be controversial was the abuse of the main character from her ex. I thought it was brave of the author to try to touch on such a difficult subject though I could have done with a little bit less of the abuse scenes. But that's a personal preference. I agree with the author (in her Author's note). The actions of the Ex were really the only way that part of the story could happen. It was true to the characters even if it was a bit dark and depressing.

This book definitely would've gotten a five but for this there were too many typos, and what with spellcheck that would've been avoided although I'm not sure if there is something that you can use for proper sentence structure and grammatical use of words however that being said you are a master at giving characters life, your plot is off the chain, I truly hate Alistair, but what I don't like and another thing I don't like is first you describe Ophelia as a short African-American woman but then in his book he describes her as a tall black one so which she? Also I had to skip past most of Penny and Lachlan conversation because nothing was ever cut and dry with them it was always maybe this or maybe too much indecisiveness with them, even in their own personal dialogue and that was driving me nuts so I skip past a lot of that but I will read anything you write you are a master your craft is true I hope you take what I said into consideration when you write your next book thank you

I like the investigation part but for every depressing thing that happens to them, there is a half win. I started to hate the other characters that feel more like her children, no help from them. Not much

help from Lacklan either. There is a story there but the author is not giving much grow, there is a half win at the end but doesn't feel satisfying because she was put down so much throughout the whole book. I may read the next book while reading a Kate Daniels book to compensate.

It's been a while since I wanted to continue a series. It has angst, building romance, not a play by play of endless sexual encounters. There was no huge cliffhanger that leaves you so frustrated you just quit altogether. Interesting supernatural characters that would be nice to know better in order to be more deeply involved. Nice price too.

Darker, yes. But really, there could be no other option with the characters. I also have to say "Thank You" to Ms. St. Crowe for writing about a strong woman dealing with the issues she lived/lives through. I think that Penny shows that it is never a weakness of the abused, but a flaw in the abuser. Brava. Great second to the series, and I am looking forward to the next.

To some this plot would be considered dark, but I love how the writer handle the subject matter. I like how she shown the compulsion and the pride that some batter Womens go through. The characters were well thought out, I really enjoy the magic and reality of this series. Well down

If I had one complaint with the first book in this series, it would be that the abusive ex-husband got off scot-free. So I was thrilled to find Alastair taking a more leading role in the current book. I was also very pleased to see the central love story gain depth and to enjoy another great paranormal mystery. At the risk of spoiling the plot, I should warn potential readers that there is a rape scene embedded in this installment. That said, the scene in question **wasn't** inserted for titillation purposes and did fade to black pretty early on. But if that's an instant no for you, you probably should skip this book. Other than that one warning, though, Val St. Crowe's series continues to be my favorite new urban fantasy of 2016. I want to see much more of this world --- dragon shifters, gargoyles, vampires, and all. Here's hoping book three comes out soon!

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