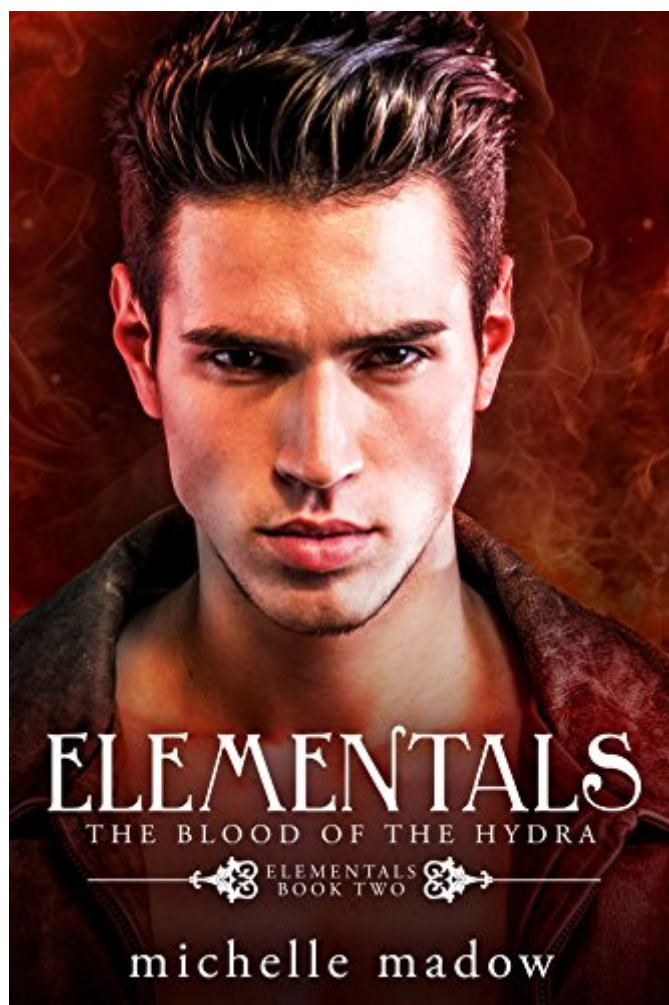


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Synopsis

A demigod who can kill with a touch. It's an ability that must be kept secret, even from those trusted most. Finding out that she was a witch was strange enough, but now Nicole must face the realization that she has the rare power to kill with just a touch. No one can know her secret -- not even Blake, who she's had undeniable chemistry with since first moving to town. Now Nicole, Blake, and the three others with elemental powers must journey abroad to stop a series of monsters that they previously believed to be dead from rising once again and destroying the mortal world. Will they all survive the quest? And how long will it be until Nicole is forced to use her ability to kill in front of everyone, revealing the true darkness of her powers? Find out in *The Blood of the Hydra*, and join the Elementals on their mission to save the world -- or die trying. "From sea monsters, sacred cows, lotus-zombies and gigantic beasts, there's never a dull moment!" -Darcus Murray, Goodreads reviewer "Michelle Madow has outdone herself with this installment... she proves herself to be a master storyteller." -Cassie James, Goodreads Reviewer A thrilling fantasy adventure in a contemporary setting with Greek mythology and sweet romance, *Elementals* will keep you on the edge of your seat wanting more!

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My Review: There is truly no rest for the wicked or, in this case, no sleep for the four teenage witches and one teenage demigod who have been gifted with control over the elements. Oh, sure, they killed the first big bad and got the super awesome book but the book is blank and the portal between Kerberos and the mortal world is getting weaker by the day. In the month since their first mission, the group has been training non-stop to hone their skills both magical and otherwise. As a group they are growing stronger but there is still some awkwardness amongst them all. Danielle still gives Blake and Nicole the stink eye since she and Blake broke up. Kate is still totally smitten with Chris but too shy to act on it and everyone is waiting ever so anxiously for the next big bad to rear its ugly head. The anxiety leads to short tempers and sharp words that just can't stand if they are to work together as a cohesive unit. To allay some of their anxiety, the group decides to start tracking Kerberos escapees and getting information from them by any means possible. What the group gains from their interrogations isn't the best of news. Killing the big bads as they have been is turning out to be nothing more than a temporary situation but there is a solution of sorts. All they have to do is coat their weapons in a special solution that's made from three very hard to acquire ingredients. Once this done, it will take the big bads more than a year before they can reappear in the mortal world. All the group has to do is travel to the Island of the Lotus Eaters, gather milk from Helios's immortal cows, and slay the Hydra in order to collect her blood. Oh, and all of this takes place in locations that only a precious few know how to find. Should be easy! The three trials are utterly ridiculous with a group of drugged up islanders turning on the group in a most violent way, two mythical creatures rising out of the sea, a group of bitchy cows who have no intention of giving over their milk, and the hydra. Yeah, the hydra!! The creature that only Hercules has ever beaten and for every head that is cut off, two grow back. So, let's send a group of teenagers in to kill her. At each turn, the kids are tried and tested but they are able to accomplish each of their goals. With each intense experience, the group comes closer together and develops a level of trust they have not previously known. To that end, Danielle confesses to Nichole that she would be OK with Nichole and Blake becoming a couple and Nichole confesses to the group that not only can she heal with her power, she can also kill and has done so on at least two occasions.

The Bottom Line: The Blood of the Hydra is

a bit of a slow starter but once it gets moving, the pace is fast and frenzied all the way through to the end. The trials these kids face are truly monumental but since they have been given by the gods, the kids get some help from the gods along the way. The inclusion of the gods and so many of the mythical creatures really adds to the fun of this read and certainly sets up possibilities for future installments of the series. Furthermore, the deepening trust and increase in powers among the group adds a whole new dynamic that is going to play out rather well as the series continues. While there isn't really a cliffhanger, it is clear by the end of the read that the Elemental group has a lot on their respective plates and their adventures have only just begun.

You should read Elementals: Prophecy of Shadows, before you read this one. There is a lot going on, and the book would have been nothing but exposition if the author tried to cover it all. The message delivered has set our band of teens on a classic quest. They must gather mythical objects worthy of Odysseus and are given a boat with a crew of witches. The voyage proceeds, item by item until a classic battle with (you guessed it) The Hydra. That led to some tragic results. The inter-teen relations remain messy and fraught with emotion, they're a mixed gender band of teens, remember, but things are looking up in the end. There is a strong implication that the Gods aren't done with these kids yet. I enjoyed this book, and expect to continue with the whole series. I think you will enjoy it too.

Great book, very detailed, some nail biting moments, and some heart breaking moments but it all works and makes an amazing story I really love the romance and passion between Blake and Nicole.

My son loved these books. He is 11yrs old and there is not much he has not read. He said just good mystical and magical ? He went through all 5 books in 2 days. His new favorite! He has read over 700 books this year if that tells you any thing. Hard to find him books his age he has not read. Hard to find books on 6th grade level that is not to mature, hooks them yet mature enough? If that makes since?

I like the series and this is a very fast read. I've read the first 4 books in 1 week

I Absolutely LOVED this book, the adventure, the love, the mystery, the enchantment, everything about this series has been a captivating experience! My love of Greek Mythology in fiction only

grows with the help of this novel. Amazing Job! ãçÂ•Â¼Ã Â¸Â•Ã Â Â^Â

This book was a great continuation to the beginning story which is a rare gift. As we battle the tasks given to this group the hyda will be the one to change them

Some times when you read the second in a series it might not live up to the first, but this book definitely did not do that. It was just as good as the first. It was a great continuation of the story and left me wanting to know what happens next the five main characters on their journey to save the world.

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