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Fire Of The Sea



Synopsis

Sharp, sleek, and golden. Like the dagger she has worn since childhood, eighteen-year-old Aeva is all three of these things. But there is something else that this mermaid and her prized weapon share — they are both hunted. Hidden within the caves off Iceland's dark shore, Aeva waits to take her place as the next ruler of the Mermaids. But when Aeva uses her potent and alluring song to save a drowning human, she disrupts a delicate balance. Realizing she has unexpectedly bound herself to Gunnar, Aeva is torn between duty and love. Aeva severs one life to begin another, and soon finds herself not only rejected by the sea, but also stalked by an old enemy. As the worlds of myth and man intertwine, Aeva will challenge fate to protect her own sacred relic and the man she loves. But legend and lies cast an intricate net. With time and safety quickly unraveling for Aeva and Gunnar, there is only one clear course: Find and defeat Delphine before she can shift again.

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Customer Reviews

The first thing I noticed about this book was how beautiful the cover was. I've met Lyndsay, and I've grown to know her on a personal level. I've decided she's a lovely human being. Of course I wanted to read her novel, but the artwork would've drawn me to the pages of a stranger. For one, the story's about a mermaid! Not just any mermaid either, but a Meriad based on Norse legend. Think of Hans Christian Anderson's tale, but placed in modern day and closer to actual Viking myths. You have the evil demigoddess, the Selurs, Silkies, and a princess of the sea who (of course) falls in love with a human. Lyndsay's writing was rich and as fluid as the ocean she was describing. Although I am familiar with the myths and could predict the ending, I was never certain of how I would arrive at the ultimate conclusion. The story is told from an intimate first-person perspective, placing you directly in the main character, Aeva's head. You understand her fears and desires, and want what she wants. All living sentient creatures desire a love so strong that they are willing to sacrifice half of themselves to be whole with someone else. They want to experience a draw towards another soul that is as tangible as the air we breathe. This is the power of myth, magic, and mysticism. The ancients had a brilliant way of explaining fate, destiny, and tragedy in a belief system that allowed gods to be just as flawed as the humans who worshiped them. Lindsay does an amazing job of capturing this element in her work. I give *Fire of the Sea* a five-star rating, and would recommend this read for anyone who has a love of myths and mermaids.

What a fantastic YA fantasy! So much fun to read! First I have to say, I loved the cover.... how gorgeous is that cover? This book was about Aeva, a mermaid. The story starts out really good, with a huge battle and poor Aeva, as a child, experiencing the worst trauma of her life. The prologue was so good that I dreamed about it that night after I read it! My dreams were full of inky water and mermaids fighting long tentacles. I couldn't wait to get back to reading when I woke up! Then begins a story that I literally couldn't stop reading, a wonderful story that enchanted me from the beginning and didn't let go. A real page turner. Absolutely vivid descriptions of sea creatures and mythological beings that I could not stop thinking about (and talking to my friends about). When Aeva saves Gunnar (a human) it changes her whole life, and starts a love story that was exciting and heartwarming.... their characters and the relationship between them grew beautifully even while they faced numerous challenges... Challenges that kept me turning page after page with a great plot twists. I love Norse legends, so that made this book even more enjoyable for me... the way the author combines fantasy with mythology is epic. I really hope there is a part two planned.... I'm not ready to leave Aeva's world yet :) I would recommend this book to tweens up through adults ... or

just anyone who loves mermaids :) Although, if you didn't love mermaid stories, you would love them after reading Fire of the Sea... so if you love fantasy and mythology... and love an awesome story.. this books for you!

I loved this book! I could not put it down! It took me to a world of mermaids, friendship, myth, mystery, fate, duty and love! It really made me feel like I was swimming beside Aeva and making brave choices with her!! I was amazed by the weaving of fantasy and mythology it made for a intriguing and enjoyable story of Aeva and her life under the sea and her choice to tip the scales of balance by saving a human, gunner, from being swallowed by the sea. As the story unfolds it tells of Aeva's choice between duty to her royal heritage as a mermaid or to follow her heart to become human for a deep and binding love. She must defeat an old enemy, the demigoddess Delphine to restore the balance of the sea. I would recommend this book for Tweens, young adults and adults alike! It will make you believe in mermaids!! absolutely enjoyed reading 'Fire of the Sea' and can't wait to read it again. Great characters, powerful story and rich landscapes. It's such a refreshing change to sometimes depressing dystopian YA novels. It really was original and captivating. Bravo lyndsay johnson for a great debut novel and I hope she writes more.

I am not one who is too keen on YA fantasy fiction, however, this book was different! It was very captivating and I completely enjoyed reading it!!! The poetic word usage that the author uses is stunning and lures the reader in so well! The book is told through the eyes of the main character Aeva, and I love the way the author has her portray the world around her! I enjoyed the love story between the two characters and worlds as well. It also has good foreshadowing. The Norse Mythology was interesting although a little heavy and somewhat confusing to keep the tales and characters straight as I am not familiar with mythology- but overall was intriguing. I am interested to see if there will be a sequel.

All the great reviews one sees here are well-deserved. This was my first purchase from this author. I love mermaid stories and the cover really grabbed my attention. I am happy my expectations were fulfilled. It is all there - Iceland, Nordic mythology, different races of selkies, sirens, selurs and mermaids, a great love story, some intrigue and betrayal, and a heroine who follows her heart and higher intuitive guidance rather than hackneyed tradition.

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