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Mercenary Magic (Dragon Born Serafina Book 1)



Synopsis

Long ago, the Dragon Born were hailed as the most powerful mages in the world. Today, they are condemned as abominations and have been hunted to near extinction. Sera Dering has spent her entire life hiding her forbidden magic from the supernatural council who would kill her for the crime of being born. After years of drifting, she's finally found a new life working as a low-grade mercenary for San Francisco's oldest monster cleanup guild. She's safe as long as she pretends to be human. But a dark and mysterious power is taking control of mages' minds, and Sera's guild sends her in to investigate. To save her city from a magical apocalypse, she must work together with a sexy and deadly mage who represents the very council that sentenced the Dragon Born to death. And if he finds out what she is, she'll be next.

Mercenary Magic is the first book in the Dragon Born Serafina urban fantasy series. The Dragon Born Series The Dragon Born series can be read together or independently. Each series features a different protagonist (Sera, Alex, Naomi) and has its own story arc. There is also a larger story arc that connects all of the Dragon Born series together. If you enjoy seeing how the story lines work together, try the following reading order: Mercenary Magic (Dragon Born Serafina, Book 1) Magic Edge (Dragon Born Alexandria, Book 1) Magic Games (Dragon Born Serafina, Book 2) Magic Nights (Dragon Born Serafina, Book 3) Blood Magic (Dragon Born Alexandria, Book 2) Magic Kingdom (Dragon Born Alexandria, Book 3) Fairy Magic (Dragon Born Awakening, Book 1) Rival Magic (Dragon Born Serafina, Book 4) Shadow World: A Dragon Born Trilogy And more books coming later...

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Customer Reviews

This was a fantastic surprise for me and a great new author to add to my reading list. It's a fantastic set up to a series, with a plot that begins and ends. The interactions between Sera and Kai were fun, and the interactions between Kai and his friends told you a lot more about his relationships with people he actually cared about. The two come from completely different situations in this world the author is building. One is the pinnacle of known power and magic - tied to a powerful family, confident that his magic is better than probably 99% of other magic users. He's confident for a reason, and he has the issues that level of privilege can instill in someone. And Sera is not afraid to call him on those issues. Sera is the exact opposite - afraid to reveal her magic, working low-paying jobs to avoid notice, and aware of the price of not having magic. It's the perfect set up for character growth. I've already downloaded her sister's first book...and the author's other series as well. Can't wait to see the stories progress!

I used to love stories about dragons when I was a kid. As I got older, I lost my passion for them. Seeing this book made me feel nostalgic, though, and it wasn't long before I picked up a copy and dug in. Of course, I never expected it to appeal so much to me at this age! Sera, however, has a way of making you immediately love her, and the approach of this story makes it enjoyable for readers of all ages! The concept of hiding powers might not be something everyone can relate to, but a lot of people can relate to hiding something about them, to feeling like an outcast, to maybe not always feeling safe because of who they are. (It's sad, but it's true) which makes Sera a highly relatable character from the onset! I was gripped from the first page, and the last left me hungry for more.

This is a great series of monster fighting, friendship, magic, and a fun love story. Book 4 is not out, as I write this, but there aren't any cliff hangers so feel safe starting this book. It is suggested to read the sister series intertwined with this one. I didn't and I was fine. These books are fast paced, filled

with some good fight scenes, as well as scenes of bonding with friends and ogling the cute guy. It is written from Sera's point of view, which the author takes advantage of, in order to add more sarcasm and laugh out loud moments to the story. Sera is intelligent, from the start, and it is fun watching her find her way out of trouble or try, sometimes unsuccessfully. As the series progresses, she becomes more competent and confident in her magic. There are many fun and lovable characters that befriend and accompany her. So far, all the stories have had great plots that keep you guessing until the end. Kai, the hot guy in question, is practically indestructible and though he is smug and a bit cocky at times, he is never overtly rude or mean to Sera. It is obvious he likes her from the beginning and he never tries to hide it. This book also avoids the hated love triangle. Ella Summers has a unique writing rhythm and I started her book right after finishing another book written completely differently. It did take me a while to catch on. Not only that, but the book has a rough start and when the brother is introduced to the story, it becomes quite repetitive and the dialogue is a bit bogged down. This is the only place that really happens at, so if you are there, press on through. The writing gets better as the story goes along.

One of my new favorite series. I could use a kai dragon in my life, especially a hilarious one that has no problem stepping on the bad guys. I really like how the author makes the heroine strong as well, more than a few times does she save Kai and he rightfully acknowledges that. I will be reading on.

While the story line is predictable in the broad sense and reminiscent of some other series out there (Discord Jones, Gatekeeper Chronicles, Rylee Adamson), it also does not disappoint which in the final analysis is what a reader wants. So if you like the reluctant female action hero genre this is a good choice. The action ebbs and flows nicely, its all bound up in some snark from the heroine and the main characters are engaging. Its a fun read so go for it!

I love reading strong/funny women character. This book delivers. Love it! I wish I could personally speak to the author and say, "please hurry and release the third book!". :)

I read Dragonborn Alexandria first, then backtracked to first book. I really like both of them. Some romance and sexual tension, but just enough to add a bit of zing to story.

I liked this book well enough, interesting world building, storyline and characters. But the heroine kept pissing me off. She goes on and on about how she needs to hide her magic or her family will all

be killed. Then the hero pushes her and suddenly she doesn't care if all her magic comes out. Absolutely freaking ridiculous. She's meant to be all tough and self-sacrificing, but all of a sudden she acts like an idiot with a crush. The ending was the most disappointing. I don't think I can keep reading this series.

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