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Book 1 in the Blackwater Series

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When Leah Holt returns to Blackwater, she crashes into Ash Lavanne. He is her catalyst, a fire elemental from a strange family of crafters who control the Blackwater Coven. Leah is ignited by Ash. She can build, destroy, create and damage, making her one of the most dangerous crafters in existence.

Blackwater is a town with a dark past. Four hundred years ago, the witch trials that happened have left a deep impression on today's inhabitants, splitting the town into two rival groups – the Coven and the Order.

Then Leah discovers that Ash isn't the only one who ignites her. She is torn in half in a love triangle and learns just how powerful she has the potential to become, but could lose Ash if she dares to find out.

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From Reader Review Burning for You for online ebook

Helen says

[the orgy!! (hide spoiler)]

Lena♥Ribka says

I like it, though I needed time to get into the storyline.

May be it was a bit too much of Harry Potter, too much of everything, too many characters, too many information, too much chaos. But I am happy I gave this book a chance.

Lila Veen can write and I like how she does it.

Now I am really looking forward to book 2.

Azzna says

I received an ARC of this novel. That being said, it was awesome. This is the second book by Lila Veen and a completely different tone then the first. Both prominently feature sex scenes, but this book is less depressing. Lila has created a paranormal world with magic that has it's own rules and norms. She sticks to them and defines them well. Her answer to problems that her characters face isn't just to flash magic at the problem and it goes away. The magic actually adds complication to her characters lives.

She creates a small town called Blackwater that has it's own history with witch trials and the burning times. That history is a character of it's own that has created the characters as they are in the book, but also influences how they behave and react to each other.

The main character, Leah, deals with all of this in a realistic way, and her relationship with her mother and sister feels real. Nothing is white washed or made pretty. While this is a paranormal romance, the relationships feel legitimate and not forced.

When an author changes genres like this, often their first book in the genre is awkward. Not so for Lila Veen. She came in swinging and hit a home run!

Kelli Tate says

More please~! I got this book on my kindle for free..most of the books that I've read so far that are free haven't been that great. This was good!!!! I loved the complexities of our heroines life. Out of the frying pan and into the fire comes to mind. Here I thought for sure that it would be a simple witch meets soul mate kind of thing...haha nope not for this heroine. I have sooooo many questions about what's going to happen to her and Ash or furthermore, what the hell, has her sister lost her mind. But no enters.Theo and Olivia..and viola we have a love triangle to boot. I loved it! Ready for the next one..hmmm is there going to be a next one. I sure hope so cause I'm hangin' here~

Amanda Arkadieff says

I was really enthralled with this book. A great story. Loved the complex & intertwined relationships that the characters have with each other. I'm really excited because this is the first in a family saga. Can't wait for the next one to be released later in the year and read the next chapter of their story.

Zakirrah BookBlogger says

Well,well, well..
I did not expect that!

This book was sent by the author for a honest review.It sounded interesting yet it took a while for me to get round to it..**THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY BOOKS TO READ!!**

Burning For You is based around witches and a town called Blackwater. It has a gruesome past, four hundred years ago, the witch trials that occurred there seem to have left a deep impression on today's inhabitants.At that time witches would be killed based on their element so if the witch was a water element they would be drowned, fire element would be burned and so on..

This book is fast paced and has some interesting and sometimes WTF twists and turn in it.Leah escaped from her mother and sister and went to Chicago. Now she has returned with a dark past that still haunts her.She is driving to her mothers house when she crashes into her catalyst yes she literally crashes into his car.A catalyst is a kind of soul mate, with your catalyst you are more powerful and you share a unbreakable connection.

Leah is a witty and fun character who never really fit in her family.When she returns to Blacklight a lot of things change her element comes to life and Ash fuels it.But there is soo much more to it than that, its not all good stuff a lot of bad happens.Wherever bad stuff happens there appears Gabe Ash's step-brother.

“Football is for boys, Ash. Don’t be a dork.”

“That’s the most sexist thing I've ever heard. How could you inflict these gender stereotyes on

our child before it’s even born?” He’s upping the bravado for the benefit of the poor salesman who has

no idea what to make of us, or perhaps he’s used to it in his line of work.

Ash is lovely! I really liked him and I cant wait for the next book to find out what happens between him and Leah.I really didn't like how Theo, Ash's brother became involved as I'm not fond of love triangles.I just wanted things to be simple!!

Even though there were parts I wanted changed, overall this was fantastic it kept me hooked and I really

want to read the next book!

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April Blevins says

I received an ARC of this novel. Sophomore slump? Not this author. I actually liked this novel better than her first one.

The story is fresh and unlike anything else I've read in recent paranormal romance novels. I was instantly pulled in to the town of Blackwater. The characters are interesting from the start and the premise behind the storyline is extremely fascinating. The witch trials are a part of history that have always interested me, and so Blackwater, with its deep roots in the burning times and its modern day crafters, hooked me immediately.

Leah, the female lead, is witty and lively and I liked her instantly. I enjoyed watching her handle all the issues she faced in returning home. She didn't back down at anything despite being caught up in this strange new reality that she had been kept out of for most of her life. I can't wait to read the sequel, and I hope this will be a long series because it has so much potential. Fans of J.R. Ward, Meljean Brook, and Alyssa Day will feel right at home reading this novel.

Stabbing says

I won this in a goodreads giveaway and I'm a little unsure what to say about this one. On one hand I think the book is well written but some of the story themes weren't for me.

Without posting spoilers this book has a sort-of? love triangle involving two brothers. I think that it's a little harder to pull off this type of storyline in an adult book. Why? I think it's because we have different expectations for behavior in people depending on what their age is. I wouldn't have given it much thought in a young adult novel but I struggle with it in an adult romance because I keep thinking how immature the person is. Pair that with some graphic sexual encounters and I find it pretty unacceptable behavior and borderline scummy. I think opinions on this will vary.

Otherwise this novel has a pretty engaging storyline. I will note that most of the major story plots are unresolved at the end of the book. I'm uncertain if I will pick up the next book or not. The story had picked up a lot of steam at the end and I was starting to get really interested in what the resolution would be. So, to the-jury-is-still-out shelf you go.

Staci says

Awesome!! I just want to keep being a part of Leah's world!! The author does a great job of really getting you involved and making you think you're there. I absolutely cannot wait for the sequel!

Karen says

I received a copy of this book from a Goodreads giveaway. A fascinating read that runs you through a roller coaster of emotions. I found the idea of how a casters catalyst allows them to reach their full magical potential quite interesting. Of course there's the added twist that some casters might have more than one possible catalyst. For Leah this turns out to be true and only adds to her confusion and the rest of the chaos in her life. When Leah first gets involved with Ash I started thinking that there went any possible point of a story in the book. I was pleasantly surprised to find that the relationship ended up adding another layer of issues to the story/Leah's life.

I enjoyed the characters and was surprised to find that most of the relationships throughout the book had more depth then I expected. Of course that is not so obvious from the beginning of the book but required further reading before discovering the details. The relationships between Leah and her mother and sister are somewhat twisted and end up being a main focus in the book. It's not until you get a view from all three women that you learn how far from the truth a person can twist what others do/think.

(view spoiler)

Joanna Boggs holbrook says

Absolutely LOVED this book! From page one, I was completely sucked in to the characters. Leah really grows as the book progresses, and she starts to 'find' herself more. I found myself losing sleep just wanting to find out with happened next... and when Ash's brother came into the picture and turned everything upside down, I felt what I believe Leah felt. Can not WAIT to read the next book to see what unravels next. Big thumbs up on this read!

Jolene says

I was given a copy of this in exchange for an honest review. Really enjoyed this story it was a little slow to start, but pick up a quarter or so in. Then it became a really good read that was hard to put down because you weren't sure what was going to happen next. Looking forward to the next book to see what happens between the characters.

Literary George (For Your Literary Pleasure Blog) says

Leah literally crashes into Ash, she rear ends him at the lights while flipping off police cameras when running a yellow/red light. It was in that moment I knew I was going to love Leah and this book. When Ash kidnaps Leah from a date with weirdo Gabe, I knew I was going to like him too. They both have a lot of reckless energy, sass and their chemistry is ridiculous. I loved Veen's world of crafting - it's another way of saying magic - and the way she has created the powers revolving around the four elements. It's not your typical I have the power of fire, burn baby burn. Veen relates the elements to how they interact with the world so fire is the power to change - build, destroy, create etc. I LOVED this new take on elemental powers but Veen doesn't stop there she adds catalysts to the mix! Catalysts are like the magic version of a werewolf mate - it's them or no one and once you find them, you just know - but there is an added twist - children of catalyst's usually inherit crafts, children of random couples can turn out evil.... Dun dun DUUUUUUHHHHN. The twists and turns the story takes makes Burning for You a literary rollercoaster I was waving my hands in air screaming, "THIS IS AWESOME." All the characters are well thought out, layered, imperfect humans. You felt like you knew them even as they continued to surprise you and the relationships are realistic while still holding on to a fantastical edge. Veen creates complexity in her characters and their relationships which rules out typical emotional extremes of love and hate - Veen allows them to have back stories, to have reasons and to have the best intentions while committing heinous deeds.

If you can't tell I truly loved this book! I adored the world, the crafts, Ash and Leah, everything! I was a little thrown by the triad relationship and the connection to Olivia. I couldn't feel comfortable with how quickly Leah shifted to someone else but I guess that comes with being a catalyst. I was super mad at Ash for being a coward but you'll have to read to see what I'm talking about. The ending is definitely a cliffhanger type - you will WANT to buy the second book to have some closure unless you care nothing for Ash and Leah (which I 'm sure you will) so just be aware. This book is a breath of fresh air in the world of paranormal witch romance and it's like nothing I've read before. I highly recommend Burning for You and the Blackwater series, it is worth every cent! Click the buy link - you know you want to!

xxx

Literary George

A HUGE THANK YOU to Lila Veen for the copy in exchange for an honest review!

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Vara Schuler says

Burning for you is a great read. I've been getting kind of sick of the typical Young Adult or New Adult formula lately and this story kept me interested from the first chapter.

It's funny in a real way which is refreshing. So many books these days tell us the heroine is funny without her actually being funny but Leah Holt is truly laugh out loud funny.

The sex scenes are on another level of naughty. While some of them seem to end before they even get started others are so wrong and yet somehow possibly therapist-seeking hot.

The story is complex but in a way that opens up possibilities instead of just being confusing. There are so many ways the story can go it's impossible to know what to expect in next book but I am super excited for it to come out.

Karen says

I received an ARC of this book and am a sad slacker and forgot to post a review in a timely manner...better late than never!

I'll keep it short and spoiler free-- if you are looking for a funny, can'tputitdown, sometimes shocking, well written read that strays (in a very good way) from the standard paranormal romance formula, then this is the book/series for you. This first book in the series is a fine start to what has the potential to go in sooo many different directions.

Oh yeah...and if you think 50 Shades was racy? Have a fan (or 8) going and keep cold drinks handy, because this is a whole new level of steamy.
