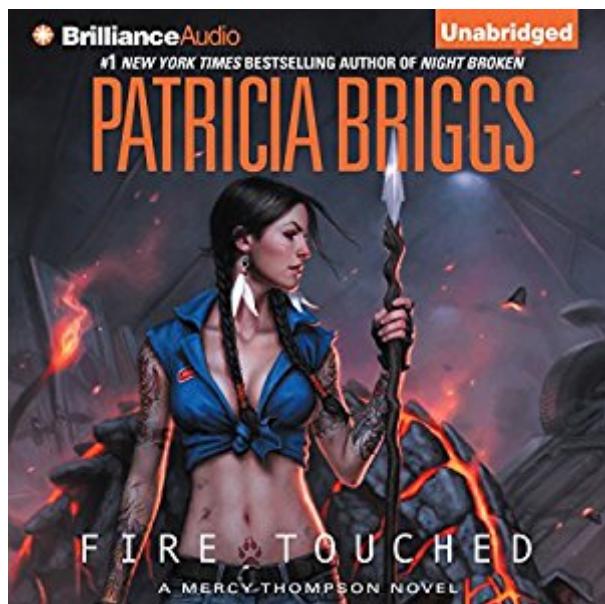


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Synopsis

Mercy Thompson has been hailed as "a heroine who continues to grow and yet always remains true to herself."* Now she's back, and she'll soon discover that when the fae stalk the human world, it's the children who suffer.... Tensions between the fae and humans are coming to a head. And when coyote shapeshifter Mercy and her Alpha werewolf mate, Adam, are called upon to stop a rampaging troll, they find themselves with something that could be used to make the fae back down and forestall out-and-out war: a human child stolen long ago by the fae. Defying the most powerful werewolf in the country, the humans, and the fae, Mercy, Adam, and their pack choose to protect the boy no matter what the cost. But who will protect them from a boy who is fire touched? *Library Journal

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Customer Reviews

The Mercy Thompson series has been one of my favorites since I picked up book 1 several years ago. It is always well written, the plots varied and full of twists. This latest incarnation is no different but the plots are becoming deeper, the interpersonal relationships are becoming more involved and add depth to these stories. I can tell you I read this book in 1 day, I could not put it down. As the synopsis indicates this book starts out with a rush of action in a battle with a troll which was awesome but it was just to setup a much more involved plot that takes us places we have never been before in this series and turns a few things we have believed in the last couple of books are now portrayed in a bit of a different light. We are fast approaching all-out war between humans,

werewolves and the fae so in addition to everything else that has to be avoided at all costs so hang on tight, things are going to get rough. There is a bit of tragedy that makes me kinda sad. I can't say too much about the actual story because the action pretty much starts on page one so anything beyond that becomes a spoiler. Bottom Line: As always the writing, story and plot are exceptional. The characters are varied and rounded out, no cardboard cutouts in these books (it is still hard to keep up with so many of them). The pack bond relationships are brought out more in this book and a lot of the disharmony we have seen in the last few books will be resolved firmly. So enjoy a great book, I sure did 5 Stars easy and you will NOT be bored on any page

It's a pretty rare thing for a series to really hold on to its spark after nine installments. But this one does it. Reading this book was like falling back into a familiar world I know and love. I didn't want to put it down, not because it was an adrenaline filled ride, but because I cared what would happen next. Mercy Thompson is a fantastic heroine. She is not the strongest or the most powerful, but she is astute and loyal, and when the chips fall, she comes through every time. I left the last book a little bit angry at the pack and at Adam for the way the whole thing with his ex-wife played out. But I am happy to report, this issue got the resolution I needed here --and in pretty short order. Patricia Briggs dealt with the elephant in the room, and I am ready to love everyone again. The cohesiveness of the pack is actually a really important part of the story, as they must band together to face off with the Fae. It's not quite as dire as it sounds. I mean, yeah, it's dangerous, but this isn't the kind of gut wrencher as, say, *Iron Kissed*. My heart wasn't in my throat while I was reading. This book did excite me, though, because I felt like Mercy and Adam were establishing themselves as a force in the world on an entirely different level. I saw their bond deepening and their standing elevated, as their network of allies showed its worth. Without giving too much away, Mercy essentially claims the Tri-Cities as pack territory. They are protectors. They are enforcers. And not everyone likes it. Not other packs. Not the Fae. But it is what it is. And I love how Adam stands by her --and the way the pack falls in line. I love the new addition of Aiden. And I liked seeing Thomas and Margaret. The origin of their story is in the short "Fairy Gifts" and I would love to get to spend more time with them. The book isn't as action packed or quite as dense with the mythology as some of the others in the series. But I think I enjoyed it more for its character focus. I love Mercy and Adam when we see the depths of their feelings for each other. I love it every time Mercy is an underdog and she wins against the odds. I love Ben. I love Jesse and Zee, and even the volcano-dog-guy is growing on me. I am still excited to see where Mercy's story goes next. Rating: A-/B+

It has been 2 years, 2 long years, since readers have had a chance to jump into bed, so to speak, with Mercy and Adam. Since I tend to read a lot of books, I was afraid I wouldn't remember much when this installment in the Mercy Thompson series came out. I needn't have worried. Once I started reading, I really had a hard time putting it down. Ms. Briggs' writing, plot-detail, and personal interactions between the characters remain wonderfully the same. I was also very glad to see Adam finally stand up to his pack in regards to Mercy. I can't say much because I don't want to spoil anything, but I almost stood up and cheered, I was so happy. Now for the "bad" parts of the book. There was a death in this book, and I won't say who or what it was, but I was very sad to see it happen. I was hoping there was a future role for this character to play, and the death was a little anti-climactic. I suppose that disappointment is more my fault, and really a little silly, but it still bothered me. Next, there really wasn't as much action as usual in the Mercy Thompson series. The book focused more on interpersonal and emotional growth of the characters and the pack. That is certainly not a bad thing, but I think action could have played a bigger role than it did amid the growth, especially when they went to Underhill. I missed the action. And, lastly, there was a lot of detail in this book. Much more than usual. I do like detail and know that it is necessary, but it seemed a little over the top. However, I fell in love the series when it first came out and the series does remain one of my favorites. This book is more 4 1/2 stars as opposed to a 5-star book, but I round it out to 5. Go out and get it! It is well-worth a read! Thanks to NetGalley and Berkley Publishing Group/NAL for the free ebook in exchange for an honest review. This exact review will also be posted on Goodreads.

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