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One kiss can melt his frozen heart...

The mysterious Dragon's Blood Elixir gives immortality to Magnus, the Pyr's greatest enemy, and his minions. The Pyr must destroy this source of power, and outcast Delaney vows to complete the quest himself. Delaney was exiled because of his dangerous impulses, and success in eliminating the Elixir will either redeem him or end his suffering.

But his plans don't take into account his sudden firestorm – or fiery Ginger Sinclair. The firestorm revitalizes Delaney, restoring him to his old self. And when Ginger learns about Delaney's mission, she realizes she cannot resist a strong man with a noble agenda.

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Pamela says

This is the fourth book in the Dragonfire series and this time the firestorm is between Delaney and Ginger.

Outcast from the Pyr because of his own dangerous impulses, Delaney will do anything to destroy Magnus and vows to complete a mission which will either redeem him or end his suffering. However, his plan doesn't include his sudden firestorm with the hot-tempered Ginger. The firestorm reforms Delaney closer to his old self but he still won't give up his mission and refuses the help from his Pyr brothers choosing to go it alone.

I really enjoyed this book as we get to learn more about Delaney. I find him to be one of the more interesting dragons in the series as he was forced into becoming a Slayer against his will. With the help of his Pyr brothers he is able to come back into the light but still struggles with his inner demons. Ginger is likeable and well-suited for Delaney. Deborah Cooke's heroines all seem to be confident and strong-willed women.

I look forward to the next book in the series.

Hopefully one day soon Rafferty will get his firestorm. He's one of my favorite characters.

It would also be really nice to have one or two of the dragons pursue the female instead of the other way around.

valee says

3.5 stars

I really do enjoy reading this series. It's just that I just can't really get into it. I never got that feeling that I need to keep reading or the world would end, I just never got completely immersed into the story. I do love these Dragon warriors but the I can't help to find the romance in it and the plot lacking.

The relationships are a bit shallow, never real feelings are discussed and there's never time for the couple to get to really know each other as the books don't take more than a week to develop the story. I don't know, why I do have a nice time reading the books in this series, they will never get to really grow on me if the plot doesn't get a bit more serious. Still, it's a nice read if you have anything else to read.

Cindy says

Another fine read in the Dragonfire series - like the others it is filled with action, suspense and the fires of life and love. Delaney, who was victimized by the head villain in earlier books, has basically given up on his life. Physically, mentally, and emotionally tortured by the Elixir he was force-fed, he has decided to make an 'ultimate sacrifice' to eliminate the Elixir that threatens to destroy the balance. Then his firestorm blooms, shifting his priorities and eroding his resolve. Ginger is his destined mate and refuses to be loved and left. Either he must stay to raise their child or she refuses to cooperate. When he sneaks off to meet his fate she

follows right behind him and finds out there is far more in the world than she knew...

All the Pyr and most of the Slayers we've met in earlier books [and their mates and children:] are part of this book. This is a series where order is extremely important.

Dragonfire

1. Kiss of Fire (2008)
2. Kiss of Fury (2008)
3. Kiss of Fate (2009)
4. Winter Kiss (2009)
5. Whisper Kiss (2010)

Awilk -never sleeps- says

I have enjoyed all of this series that I have read so far. I will continue to read this series. That said, this one annoyed me a little. Not a lot, just enough that I put it down and read something else as well.

My problem was the heroes constant inner dialogue that he had no future as he had to finish his self-imposed mission, and he doubted that he would come out of it alive. He didn't think he could call on his friends to help, when they constantly told him they would be there for him.

The heroine was a much better character in my opinion. She wasn't someone who couldn't see or face what they were up against, she just thought about ways to work around these problems. She was also fairly strong and independent, and didn't need a man to make her life happy, just knew that with Delaney she would be happier, and fought to get him. I liked her so much she kept this book at 3 stars.

All the couples and other men from previous books were here adding to the overall story.

The pacing was fast enough that the book didn't lag (except where I had to skim over Delany's repetitive thoughts).

All in all I enjoyed this book, but it wasn't my favourite of this series, and I hope I enjoy the next one more.

Lynda Tatad says

I am so glad that this story was about Delaney Shea and his firestorm!

*****spoilers ahead if you have not read the previous books in this series!*****

Okay, you've been warned!

The Pyr are without the 2 main predators that used to help them predict whose firestorms are approaching, and the previous 3 were related to some major eclipses. A minor eclipse takes everyone by surprise, especially Delaney Shea! He has survived and been partially healed from the Dragon Blood Elixer's influence on his soul. Magnus, the leader of the Slayers had forced the elixer on him when his body had died, but his soul not yet fled. Magnus had created many Shadow Dragon Fighters that way, but with his soul intact, Delaney was different. His brother Donovan's firestorm had helped him partway to recovering, and Sloane had been working with him even further. It was when he discovered that Magnus had placed some hidden orders that Delaney had to fight himself over... Delaney had felt that the only way to keep his friends

and their human mates safe was to exile himself as far away as he could. He also felt that he should be the one to destroy the elixer, and the night before he was to set to do just that, he stops in a local bar for a drink. A chance encounter with one of the ladies in the club, Ginger Sinclair, brings about the firestorm! Delaney figures he can do one good thing by consummating his firestorm before his suicide mission.

I really like how this story came together. Ginger definitely gives Delaney a challenge in this book. They are good for each other, but there are a lot of complications that need to be dealt with. When some of Delaney's Pyr friends are drawn to his firestorm and show up, along with a new Pyr to the group, Thorolf, provides a little comic relief, as well as some problems between the two, especially after she finds out he's a dragon shifter! Then of course, there's the added complications of the Slayers that decide to kidnap and kill poor Ginger. She's not your typical damsel in distress, and I really like her and what she does for Delaney!

After reading the preview for the next book in the series featuring Niall's firestorm.... I cannot wait to get that book in my hands!

Eva Millien says

Delaney is determined to eliminate the mysterious Dragon's Blood Elixir in the hopes of redeeming himself or ending his suffering. But the Great Wyvern has other plans for Delaney in the form of Ginger Sinclair and a firestorm.

The "Dragonfire" series just keeps getting better and better and the fourth book in this exhilarating series – "Winter Kiss" is a showstopper of a story. Delaney and Ginger are strong characters that readers can't help but love as they demand attention and send hearts racing with one eventful romance. The sizzling chemistry burns hot enough to melt a frozen tundra but the relationship is full of hardships and turmoil, especially Delaney who is determined to carry one dangerous task alone in order to protect his fellow Pyr, unfortunately for him, no one else is on board with that plan, especially the bad guys as they plan to take advantage of his firestorm.

Magnus is one persistent and diabolical enemy, one that has hidden depths and plans that endanger the world which keeps readers glued to the pages and coming back for more as the suspense builds and the intrigue thrills in this fast paced plot full of excitement and danger. The author's creative writing brings all of this to vivid life and sparks imaginations with epic and stunning dragon battles and heartfelt and searing emotional turmoil that makes readers feel as if they are part of each and every scene and that they understand the motivations of each of the characters.

The "Dragonfire" series is fascinating and exhilarating world of dragon shifters with unique elements that make it enjoyable, believable and undeniably awesome. I don't think I will ever get enough of these extremely hot Pyr and their firestorms, and while I love them all, I must confess that Delaney's firestorm just may be my favorite.

Suzanne says

Well mouth's went dry eleven times! But I read the excerpt for the next book and there is already a dry mouth so I know the next one will be just as good!

I liked the story line in this one, but it almost seemed the writing was a little rushed. I caught quite a few discrepancies like for example: Niall was holding Ginger in his claw while fighting slayers, but tossed her to Eric. Eric caught her, and was holding her but she said something to Niall, when it should have been Eric, because after answering her, Eric set her down! So little things like that annoyed me, because it his her fourth book in the series and I feel like she should pay more attention to her writing. All in all, I really did like the story line and it was a good book!

Lola says

The long war between the Pyr and Slayers is about to clash again in Winter Kiss. Delaney, an outcast, resolves to go on a suicide mission to face Magnus and destroy the Elixir. But he never expected his firestorm to react to Ginger one night. Ginger doesn't know about the dragon-shifters until she's swept in once she follows Delaney.

I loved Ginger. She's fun, puts up her front, doesn't let Delaney decide her fate and goes after what she knows is worthy. It started that one night when she had a bit too much to drink and spends the night only to find him gone the next day. Now Ginger listens to her instincts and knows he's a good man. Which pretty much leads her into the plot. How Delaney was portrayed as a tortured hero was really good. He fights his ownself, the shadows of his wrongdoings because of the taint of the Dragon Blood and is out of control sometimes. He doesn't think himself worthy but Ginger - headstrong - doesn't give him up easily and shows him he isn't. Their romance was one of the best.

I'd like to smack Delaney a few times when he suddenly decides things on his own. Just going after the big baddie knowing it'll take his life? What about Ginger? And deciding to leave her clueless and planning to get her pregnant and leave? Thankfully Ginger is rightfully pissed and puts him in his place. But she cares for him. She had the patience and forces Delaney to see how good he is. He's set apart from the group - nicely done- but he won't let anything hurt his mate. The tension and love scenes were sweet but intense. It's just a bit frustrating seeing Delaney deny his good side sometimes.

Several mates from the previous books showed up along side Delaney and it's nice seeing them interact. The plot and backstory heavily relied on the series, so it's good to read the series book-by-book. As for the action, I always loved the idea of dragon shape-shifters so yeah, omg-wow. A bit too heavily but it's nice seeing Ginger included as well.

SheLove2Read says

I would have bought this for the cover alone!

4.5 stars (Man I wish Goodreads would give us that other half star)

This was a fantastic entry in Deborah Cooke's Dragon series. I'm a huge fan of Dragon stories anyway and hers are everything I love about them. Hero to die for. Heroine I loved (and how rare is that!) Good storyline and secondary characters that don't get in the way, yet you want to see more of.

Oh and there's preview of the next book at the very end. Holy Moly. I'm not going to make it til August 2010!

J.K. Coi says

This was my favourite of the Dragonfire books to date. I love the world that Ms. Cooke has created, and the comaraderie of her Pyr. Delaney is hot and devastating, his desire to do the right thing warring with his desire for Ginger. Their relationship is hot, sexy and turbulent, but with such heart.

April says

The whole Man shifting into a dragon concept is really cool to me, but I have always loved dragons. but don't let the fantasy/sci fi front fool you..

deep down, it's still a corny romance book. There's nothing wrong with that though, I'm a big sucker for corny romances. :0)

I think my fav part of this one was revisiting with the previous characters who have had their fire storms already. It makes me look foward to the next one even more.

There are two things I have learned from reading these books and that is..

1.) your mouth can never go dry, too many times.

&

2.) Dragon men apparently have realy large dicks.

over all, a great read!

Maggie Boyd says

This is a predictable but enjoyable enough read. Delaney is a broken Pyr, the fact that he was forced to drink the elixir making him a danger to himself and others. Determined to defeat the evil hold it has on him - and to prevent any other from having to suffer his fate - he decides to destroy it. He hadn't expected to receive a firestorm but on the way to the fortress with the elixir he meets Ginger and realizes she is his storm. But can he start a relationship on the brink of a suicide mission?

The story was ridiculously unbelievable but still entertaining and enjoyable. I found myself more intrigued by the mission of destroying the elixir than the romance but that worked fine for me.

Maria says

This is the 4th book in the Dragonfire series by Deborah Cooke and I really enjoyed this. Deals with dragon shapeshifters.

Mary says

Delaney wants to prove himself to the rest of the Pyr, so he goes after the source of the Dragon's Blood Elixir. Of course he goes by himself, with no backup. He is shocked to experience his firestorm with Ginger, whom he meets by chance one wintry day in Ohio. He didn't expect to get this chance since he feels his blood is still contaminated by the Elixir. So Delaney figures why not satisfy the firestorm and leave an heir before he goes off on his suicide mission. Well, Ginger isn't sure what's going on other than the fact that Delaney is the most amazing man she's ever met, but she's not about to let him just leave her after a one night stand. She may be a dairy farmer, but she's one tough country gal who is determined to find out what is going on and to help Delaney survive this mission.

Delaney is one of the most broken Pyr characters, and the author does a great job of showing his redemption through the power of the firestorm and the love he shares with Ginger. It is also touching to see the support of the other Pyr as they come to his aid. With friends like these, you know the Slayers are in for a tough battle.

Teresa says

Another fabulous book by Deborah Cooke! :-) Could not put this down...glad to see she has another one in the works about Niall. Woot!
