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Sequel to Submerging Inferno
A Men of Myth Story

Heartbroken, angry, and hurting, warlock Finn de Morisco can feel darkness growing inside, altering every aspect of his life. There are moments when the man he used to be seems to have been devoured completely. Retreating from his family and everything he once held dear, Finn attempts to escape the despair left in the wake of Brett's rejection—only to find dangers he never knew existed.

Still struggling with the decision to leave everything he knew behind, Brett Wright is swept into a maelstrom as he searches for his place within his newly discovered family. Life beneath the surface of the ocean should have been unlike anything he's ever known, yet prejudice over his demon ancestry and homosexuality follows him. Even the existence he begins to build may not last as those he is learning to love face extinction.

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Lisa The Novel Approach says

Not many sequels can match their predecessor or even surpass them. But I think Rising Frenzy might have done the job! Rising Frenzy is everything that a sequel should be: exciting, engrossing, sexy and most of all, really good! Brandon Witt hit this one out of the park. Loved this book!

See the entire 5 star review at The Novel Approach: <http://thenovelapproachreviews.com/20...>

Blaze says

I remember my friend's sister loved The Little Mermaid and I liked watching the movie too. This book is not The Little Mermaid but it looks like my mermaid love has stayed with me. I liked reading about Brett's new life in the ocean. It's not so easy for him but he is hanging in there. I love the tribe and their descriptions.

On the land Finn is all kinds of messed up and sleeping with everyone he can. There is a voice inside his head which is driving him crazy. I'd do spor too if I was him. But I did want to tell him to get his head together. He's hurting. Schwindt is pretty awesome and he is so patient.

I've always liked fantasy and these are my first MM fantasy books. I like that. But now I don't know who I want Finn to be with. I have to say book 2 is even better than book 1 so I will read book 3.

John Amory says

[If he ends with Finn rather than Brett, I'm more than okay with it. (hide spoiler)]

David Leger says

This is the second novel in the series. It continues to build a mystery as the plot thickens. You see new sides to the characters, and a few new (and colorful) ones are added. I'm still hooked on the series. If anything, there's more sexual content in this volume, whether that excites you or worries you.

Karen says

Where to start. It took me a little while to get into this book, but once I did I couldn't stop reading it. I didn't think anything could top SUBMERGING INFERNAL (BOOK 1). I was wrong. It was just as intriguing and a little more. I loved how Finn's and Brett's characters grew. I was sad when I realized that they wouldn't be

getting back together, and their lives went different ways. But I loved the new character Shwint, who enters after Brett's departure. Finn finds his life spiraling out of control, leading him to places he would never of dreamed of going. Self doubt that leads to sex, drugs and strange voices in his head, and Schwint. Together they seek to find what is pulling Finn down other than the loss of Brett. Meanwhile Brett has left to fulfill his yearning of the sea. What he discovers is that he has a father and that he is part mer. From here you are going to have to find out the mysteries that unveil for both Finn and Brett. I Guarantee you will be spell bound at what unfolds! I hate giving away a books content, but I can't even begin to put words to this 2nd book of a trilogy. Brandon Witt has a way of making you feel like you are right their in the story. I loved how I could picture the ocean below, the characters, sex and the Square. Again I think this series is way better than any vampire etc. stories out there. I have already started the 3rd book of the series, Clashing Tempest. And also his titles suit the books well.

Mike Walker says

I have to admit, I didn't like this one as much as I do the first, but it's still an engaging read, and I will continue with the series. I do wonder if the 3rd book is the last or if it still has to continue though.. as I know I'm not patient enough to wait it out.

Connie says

Another evil cliffhanger that only fuels my curiosity and impatience. Faced with a challenge to deliver a book as good as Submerging Inferno , Brandon Witt actually delivers an even better, more complex story.

Reviewed for Gay List Book Reviews

Jay says

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Cathy Brockman says

Review Written for <http://mmgoodbookreviews.wordpress.com/>

This is Book two in this series. It's probably best to read in order as this one picks up where the other left off. This book is sort of like getting three books in one. We get Finn's side and also more on what's going on with Brett, plus a bonus.

Rising Frenzy picks up where the Submerging Inferno ended. We begin with Finn after Brett left. Finn isn't dealing well with the heartbreak. Finn searches for Brett at first, and then tries to get over him in some not so great attempts. Finn has a voice in his head that is pressuring him to be in the square, a seedy supernatural community and he gets involved in Spor, a sex drug, and meets Shwint a fairy. There is a lot going on in

Finn's story, some highs and lows, its dark and sad. My heart broke for Finn. I will say there were times I wanted to shake him or just slap the crap out of him.

Brett's story wasn't as sad as Finn's, as Brett found his father and is trying life in the ocean with his newfound Mer family. This story dealt with acceptance, and Brett still dealing with all that is going on in his life, loss, what he is, his new life, and having to accept the rules of the tribe of Mers he has joined. There is lots of action in this part of the story and as in Finn's story its emotionally deep, yet not as dark.

The third story was quite a surprise. I loved how the Author brought this character in with a story of its own. It's briefer but quite intriguing. I will not tell you who it is you will have to buy the book and find out. There were several new characters introduced, as well as some of the ones from the other book such as all of Finn's family. All of the characters are so well done and intriguing. Some you will love, some you may hate. There are also two new worlds in this book. You have the square; a dark, seedy supernatural community with drugs, sex, danger and all sorts of strange characters. I loved it, though it's not for the faint of heart. There was also a peek at a fairy community that was so much fun with its lights, sounds, the food and drink; it also added a little light to balance out some of the darkness. Then there was the underwater world. It was so intriguing. The entire journey was beautiful; the colours, the sea life. I felt like I was under there and a mermaid in the journey with Brett and his newfound family. I loved all of these new characters.

I cannot wait to see where the next book takes us and how these character's lives may entwine once again or even if they do.

I highly recommend this if you like paranormal (vampires witches, werewolves fairies),Fantasy (mermaids, demons, nymphs)New worlds both supernatural and fantasy and underwater-worlds, dark, deep, emotional stories, and some fairly hot mansex.

If you're looking for something new and different, but dark and deep this series is fantastic.

Becca Waldrop says

Wow. What a story. And there's just so much. Definitely want to see how this all ends. What an incredible story

Kazza says

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...because I have to know what happens next!!

Where I thought that book #1 Submerging Inferno was a solid book, but a bit more New Adult, Rising Frenzy was anything but. This is a grown ups book.

I'm not always good with series, my personality is such that I am easily bored. Even though I love paranormal writing, for a book within a series to get 5 stars it has to meet the following criteria -

- 1) Characters who I am totally, utterly and thoroughly invested in because they are going to be taking me on a journey and I need to be on board with them to keep going. I also need great secondary characters because they help to stop the series from going stale - **Check**
- 2) Great world building without boring the crap out of me. I want to be in awe of where I am, contemporary or not - **Check**
- 3) Once again, in order for me not to get bored easily, I need to see that the series is going somewhere really interesting - **Check**
- 4) I want good, strong passionate writing. I want to fall in love, I want to hate people, I want to be uncertain exactly what might be going to happen so I can freak out along the way - **Check**
- 5) I need the books to get better as they progress. Book #1 does have to have a hook, but from there they darned well better to grab me and drag me kicking and screaming into the next book - **Check**
- 6) I want them to make me forget I have people in my life who actually want to talk to me and also about 10 other ARC's sitting on my Kindle because all I can think about is getting to the end of *this* series because nothing else freaking matters! - **Check**

There are other criteria, but these will do as The Men of Myth series meets these and then some. I now love Schwint and I still like Brett a real lot. And...Finn. They make me feel like I am a teenager wanting to see my favourite couple get together, but not sure that will happen. I currently feel like *team Adrian* in a grown up Vampire Academy, that kind of sucks. I love Schwint, I'm interested in Tribe Chromis - I want to know more about the mer. The flipping Vampire Cathedral, bastards. The fairy world and moon party was beyond fabulous - I want to eat mushrooms. I love the world on land and like the world under the ocean, although I can't see myself lasting there. Yes, I picture that.

I love Finn de Morisco (every time he is on page I am gone, yes, I know I am repetitive), and his lovely family, and I am in love with Lelas as well.

I want to know what the fuck is going to happen next!! So, with that last eloquent phrase out, here is the longer review with NSFW pictures <http://ontopdownunderbookreviews.com/...>

Now to "Freak Out and Read Clashing Tempest"

Scott says

Wow. This was a great continuation of what is proving to be an epic story.

Taking us to the journey of Brett to understand his roots, sending Finn off to "lose himself" in the square, confirming my suspicion of what happened with Sonia...this was an intense read. I love Schwint's playfulness and passion for being. I can't wait to learn more about Lelas and her role in this story.

I feel the stories converging on Costa Rica and taking us to a crazy, epic (I already used that word) battle.

Thank you, Brandon, for letting us play in these worlds. Great job. My only critiques are some nitpicky typos, but with a story like this, who cares.

C. says

This second book has a different feel than the first, it's a bit darker in parts. Brett and Finn are separated and have many changes in their lives. Brett is now with his father and other mermaids, while Finn is a mess with drugs and sex.

GayListBookReviews says

Another evil cliffhanger that only fuels my curiosity and impatience. Faced with a challenge to deliver a book as good as *Submerging Inferno*, Brandon Witt actually delivers an even better, more complex story.

The alternate universe built by the author has so much detail, you can't miss a thing. The creatures, the tribes, nothing is left out. They have traditions and legends within the legends. An Amazing job at world building, I can not imagine the planning and research he invested in it.

I must confess this is my first time reading mermen, and if you are a fan, well you are in for a treat. Some mermen we have here. A tribe ruled by a woman, and innocent mermaid that turns into a BFF by being patient and helping Brett understand the new ways, his new life. And some very hot mermen, still ambiguous about their sexuality but I have my eyes set on Wrell. ;)

Brett's discovery of his family and the legacy, proves to be painful and just as hurtful as the coming of age he faced among his human family. His tribe does not understand his tendencies, blaming his demonic heritage. He has to come out again, face rejection again.

Out, on the surface, still trying to survive is poor lost, lonely, heartbroken Finn. This was the worst part of the story for me, seeing him hurting. And seeing him not coping with it. Drugs, anonymous sex, danger, he doesn't care about himself or his family, he is just gone. He feels broken, not whole and doesn't know how to put the pieces back together. He feels he is not strong enough.

Insert one cute Fairy, OMG. Funny, beautiful, patient. His jokes, his way of seeing life makes all the difference to Finn. He finds someone that has a very light view of life, and that is exactly what Finn needs, a breath of fresh air. New eyes, to see his reality in a new light and maybe found a reason for all the madness that surrounds him.

Definitely a very engaging read. I love all the detail Brandon Witt puts into the story telling, the descriptions, the relationships, the connections. Everything is slowly developed, the thickness of the plot is shown to us

chapter after chapter and HONESTLY I didn't know what was coming next. And the funny/weird thing was that I didn't have expectations, like I wasn't thinking this is what I want to happen next; NO I was all for wherever Brandon was leading me, I just wanted to read and enjoy the ride.

Mr. Witt's evil ways had me shipping the demon and the warlock from the first time they meet, can I call them Brinn? Yes, great. So I was a shipper, and now I have a fairy that I absolutely love and a merman that is OH! so gorgeous, what am I supposed to do here, Mr. Witt? Of course I want Brett to come back to Finn but I don't want to cause Schwint or Wrell any heartache.

And we are left in the middle of a quest to find the truth about the mers disappearing. Another quest into the Vampire Cathedral to rescue a sister and finally figure out what do the Royals want.

All things considered I think the key, one that will surprise us all, is going to be Sonia.

Definitely a must read for all of you paranormal lovers. Go read, and then come back and tell me what you think. Am I right in my conspiracy theory?

Reviewed by Connie

Shelby says

My rating on this book is purely personal preference. The story is well written and the characters enjoyable. But I don't personally like the choices the author made and the direction he's sent the characters in. It made reading every page of this book a chore. I kept having to force myself to go back and finish it. It's clear though that the ultimate direction he intends to take Finn and Brett in isn't going to be one I like.

There's a lot of about the story I like and if it was meant to bring Finn and Brett back together no matter how long it took I'd be fine. But the introduction of Schwint and this successive interactions with Finn make it clear that's not the route the writer is likely to take. I am not enjoying reading a series that puts two people so desperately in love for the entirety of one book and then does a complete 180 in the next to put them on opposite paths.

Ultimately I will read the third book at some point to give myself the closure, knowing I'm unlikely to really like the choices made. I will try other books by this author as I do enjoy the writing style for the most part. I'm just hoping for different choices the next time around.
