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The hilarious adventures of human chameleon Ciel Halligan continue in the fourth installment of this original urban fantasy series from Linda Grimes, *All Fixed Up*.

Ciel Halligan, aura adaptor extraordinaire, has a lot of experience filling in for her clients--as them. A rare genetic quirk gives her the ability to absorb human energy and project it back out in a flawless imitation. She's hard at work, posing as a well-known and celebrated astronaut, about to make a stunning announcement on behalf of the space program...when the photographer documenting the job sees right through her aura. Worse, it soon becomes apparent that he not only knows Ciel's not who she's supposed to be, but means her harm.

When Ciel's elderly Aunt Helen—also an aura adaptor—is murdered in Central Park, and the same photographer shows up at the funeral, Ciel starts to feel even more exposed. Then more adaptors are killed in the same way, and she becomes terrified her friends and family are being systematically exterminated ... and it's starting to look like she's the ultimate target. She turns to Billy Doyle, her best-friend-turned-boyfriend, for help, but when an unexpected crisis causes him to take off without a word, she's left to rely on her not-so-former crush, CIA agent Mark Fielding.

Staying alive, keeping control of her romantic life, and unraveling the mystery of why adaptors are being pursued becomes a harder balancing act than ever in this new Ciel Halligan adventure from Linda Grimes.

All Fixed Up Details

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From Reader Review All Fixed Up for online ebook

Jo says

Originally reviewed for & posted at Vampire Book Club

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Rating (out of 5): 3 stars

Note: While this review will be spoiler free, there may be references to previous books in the series.

This is a very frustrated 3 star rating. On the surface this was set to be another great adventure for Ciel and the rest of her Adaptor family, filled with body swapping hi-jinx, kick-butt action and lots of snark. Unfortunately, what could have been a fantastic urban fantasy read, read more like a romantic suspense or contemporary romance, that left the fantasy plot feeling like an afterthought.

Ciel's newest client is Dr. Philipa Carson, a renowned astronaut planning to become the first woman to conceive in Space. Unfortunately, during the pre-flight training, Dr Phil (*snort*) comes down with a kidney stone and if NASA finds out, she'll be on the no fly list, permanently. Enter Ciel, aura adaptor and fixer extraordinaire, to fill in as Dr. Phil while she's treated. Everything's going well until the photographer documenting her time on the 'Vomit Comet' seemingly sees straight through Ciel's projected aura. When word then comes in the her elderly aunt as been murder, Ciel must face the possibility there are those out there that can not only identify Adaptors but that these people are on a mission to rid the world of them.

Up until now (if I remember rightly) there hasn't been a counterbalance to the Adaptors themselves, no Big Bad as such. So I was super excited about the premise of *All Fixed Up*. And don't get me wrong, there are some great action scenes, (seriously, don't piss Ciel off in a space toilet replica), and there was a definite sense of menace running through the book as the murder rate racks up. The main problem for me was it was massively overshadowed by Major Relationship Drama. So much so that when it came to the final showdown it felt rushed and pretty anti-climatic, and the 'Big Bad' didn't feel all that threatening.

So on to the drama. At the beginning of the book, Ciel is still 'melting' around Mark—despite sleeping with him by accident and nearly losing Billy over it in *The Big Fix*. That being said, she and Billy seem solid—until something BIG happens. And from that point on everyone involved make some really, really poor decisions that causes a huge amount of angst and pain. I was starting to get frustrated with this love triangle in the last book but here I found it overwhelming. I love romance in my urban fantasy, in fact it's something I look for, but here it just seems to be going round in circles. I do really like Ciel as a character, she isn't perfect but I've always found her likeable (and her inner dialogue has me snorting on a regular basis) but I just couldn't get behind her choices, one in particular, in this book.

I honestly don't know how I feel after finishing *All Fixed Up*. I still love the characters, particularly the Halligan family and the concept of this world has so much potential. But the romantic element seems to be taking over and, for me, in a very frustrating way. I will pick up the next in the series because I'm invested now but I hope the relationship drama has been put to rest after this.

Sexual content: graphic sex

Elise Skidmore says

Linda Grimes has done it again. She's written a book that kept me turning pages and kept me smiling. Ciel Halligan is the kind of heroine who always seems to get into trouble, no matter how hard she tries not to, and I like knowing that she will get out of it in the end. I like books that leave me feeling good, and ALL FIXED UP does that. If you're looking for some fun, light reading for the summer, this is the perfect choice, and if you haven't read Linda's three previous installments to the zaniness that is Ciel Halligan's life, you really should. Each book gets better and better. If you like Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum books, you're going to love Ciel Halligan. I hope there are many, many more books to follow!

Jessica *The Lovely Books* says

I need this!!!!

****UPDATE****

While I loved seeing Ciel and gang... There was a certain something in the book that I just couldn't agree with. And yes, it involved pretty much all the main characters.

But I do look forward to the next book!

Stacy says

This is one of those series that you shouldn't judge by it's covers. I truly dislike the covers—they don't do the story justice—, but the story is fantastic.

In ALL FIXED UP, we have some pretty shady stuff going on stemming from Ciel's current job. On top of that, she finds herself having a bit of trouble on the relationship front. Speaking of that.... I really hope we get more relationship development in the next book, but without the triangle drama. I think ALL FIXED UP gave us a little bit of hope on that front at the end.

I absolutely love Ciel's—and Billy's—family. They are highly amusing and there is never a dull moment with them. We learn a lot about what makes Billy, Billy in ALL FIXED UP. We also get another glimpse into Mark's feelings for Ciel, but I won't tell you why.

Not only is this series fun, but there is always plenty of things going on in addition to the main storyline of the book to entertain. I will continue to read the Ciel Halligan series.

* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Madeline Dummerth says

I've read every installment of the Ciel Halligan series and loved them all! This book doesn't disappoint and is chock full of Grimes' witty writing. The Ciel, Billy, Mark triangle continues to intrigue (though I really do like Mark better). I can't wait to hear what adventure is up next!

Chrissie says

[Ceil becomes pregnant and isn't sure who the father is. She tells Billy and Billy leaves because his birth mother is crazy and he doesn't want to pass the "crazy gene" to his kid. So instead of talking to Ceil, he disappears, and now Ceil is vulnerable so, OF

Shelley says

Source Publisher

Genre Urban Fantasy

Rating 3.5

My Thoughts

All Fixed Up is the FOURTH installment in author Linda Grimes Ciel Halligan series. Ciel is a facilitator. She handles difficult situations by taking up the place of the person who reaches out asking for help. As an aura adaptor (human chameleon) from a family of aura adaptor's, Ciel has the the ability to absorb human energy and project it back as a flawless imitation of the person she's trying to impersonate.

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bookczuk says

So, I like the Ciel Halligan series for some light entertainment with a fantasy twist, and that's what I always get. Sort of the fantasy world's equivalent of Stephanie Plum, if Stephanie could take on the aura and outward appearance of her clients who want to get the job jobbed, but don't necessarily want to be the one doing the actual work. And usually there's a little mystery, and a little romance thrown in. And a lot of family-- the cast of characters is long and sometimes hard to keep straight.

Erin Lyon says

The Ciel Halligan series just keeps getting better! I wasn't sure Grimes could top "The Big Fix" but this came close. It had a wonderful mix of humor and thrills and, even though I am *definitely* Team Mark (you hear me, Linda??) this book still had plenty to satisfy me and I haven't given up hope that Ciel will come to her senses eventually and dump Billy :)

From the first page, I couldn't put it down and finished the whole thing in 3 days. Now what to do until the next one comes out??

Zan Marie Steadham says

(Ciel Halligan Book 4) With a bang and a giggle, Grimes continues her comic urban paranormal series. Can you imagine Ciel as an astronaut? Apparently the enemy isn't buying it. Great read.

Kimberly Sabatini says

I'm just going to say it--I LOVE the Ciel Halligan books! I don't know how Linda Grimes does it, but ALL FIXED UP is my favorite to date. The more she writes, the better she gets. Once again Grimes captures the perfect balance between humor, steamy romance and heart. If you like Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum but want to add a supernatural twist, you are going to love Ciel Halligan!!!!

Melliane says

4.5/5

Mon avis en Français

My English review

How to resist each new novel by Linda Grimes? This is something impossible and I wait for every story with great anticipation every time! I must say that the author always presents humorous stories and, of course, full of action at the same time! And how not to want to know more about these auras adapters? Right?

We thus find our dear Ciel facing some new adventures and I must say that she goes through many things in this fourth installment. Indeed, it appears that her first job for Mark, a work where she should replace an astronaut announcing a new original enough space program, our heroine faces a photographer who knows that she is not what she seems to appear. How can he be aware of that? And when her aunt and a friend of the family are killed, all are wondering what exactly is going on! We suspect that the great photographer did something, especially when we have many revelations but it's hard to understand why. Ciel is going to start in a race against time to try to understand who is trying to take them down before other family members or friends are affected. Well I must say that she herself becomes a more than potential target and hopes to emerge unscathed. It was a very interesting survey and I admit that I was curious to understand what exactly was going on. I did not expect at all to such disclosures at the end of the story and I did not once link all this. Everything was really well found!

But that's not all ... oh no, because of course we also find our dear characters, Billy and Mark (and the family as well). We learn quickly enough in history that Laura, the sister of Ciel is pregnant (very good news by the way) but our heroine wonders if she is not herself pregnant and this is where begins an equally fascinating story! I was really eager to know the verdict on that and to see if her family would understand what was going on by seeing her actions. We then found our adapter in rather crazy situations, sad ones too but we look forward to see how she will come out of it all. I really loved this part of the story, seeing Mark and Billy reactions, good or not and finally attending what they are willing to do for her. I suspected a bit of the answer but I confess that Linda Grimes perfectly manages to lead us by the nose!

In any case, I had once again a great time with this story and I'm really looking forward as always to read more!

Heidi says

Four stars: An exciting, more serious installment in a fun series.

Ciel Halligan is an adaptor. She can take on auras of other people and look just like them. Her latest assignment finds her enduring the Vomit Comet as she poses as an astronaut. Unfortunately for Ciel, the photographer accompanying her senses that she is not who she is pretending to be. Ciel barely escapes, and she thinks that is the end of it, until fellow adaptors start turning up dead, and the prime suspect is the same photographer. To make matters worse, Ciel's romantic life is still a mess as she is caught between Mark and Billy yet again. Will Ciel finally settle her heart once and for all or will the murderer catch up with all of them?

What I Liked:

*I still can't get enough of the Ciel Halligan Series because I love the originality, the characters and the whole idea of adaptors. If you want a fun, sexy, UF series with something different, this is series you need to try.

*Speaking of adaptors, I love the concept of being able to borrow someone's aura and appear to be another person. It can make for some funny situations, especially if you are an adaptor like Ciel with a pesky boyfriend like Billy, who always manages to turn up in unexpected places. The antics the adaptors get into will make you laugh.

*The romance continues to be sizzling hot, and even though there is a love triangle, it doesn't bother me because I like the way it is handled. In this installment there is a big focus on the romance, and Ciel makes a choice once and for all, I think, and everything is handled maturely and nicely. I love both men, and I think the romance is wonderful. Don't hesitate because of the love triangle.

*The murder mystery is almost a side story since the main focus is on Ciel and her romantic life. However, when the murder mystery part unfolds it was interesting and well developed. I enjoyed it.

*I love the humor and the focus on family in this series. Ciel and Billy come from interesting families, and I love how important family is to the characters. Add in plenty of humor and you have a strong foundation.

*The ending was neat and nice. No cliffhangers or lingering questions. I appreciated that I wasn't left hanging in any way, yet I am still eager for the next book. I can't get enough of these characters and the series.

And The Not So Much:

*I always adore the humor in this series, I was a bit disappointed that this book had a more serious tone. I missed the wild antics of Billy appearing at inappropriate times as interesting people, like the Queen of England for instance. I wanted more of the humor and the antics.

*I love Billy, but I was a bit put off by his actions at one point in the story. I will leave it at that. He made up

for it, but it knocked him down a bit in my eyes.

*I was also disappointed in the choice Ciel made after what Billy did.

All Fixed Up is another entertaining installment in an exciting and unique series. I love the humor, the characters and the concept of adaptors. If you are looking for something lighter in the UF category, this is a fun series to try, especially if you enjoy a bit of romance. I am a fan of this series, and I am eager for the next book.

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Posted@Rainy Day Ramblings.

Susan Swiderski says

Thanks so much to the author and her "tour director" Karla for allowing me the privilege of reading this book prior to its publication. I could hardly wait to read it, and WOW! Did I ever LOVE it.

I mean, what's not to love? I'm telling you, there are NO other books on the market quite like these. None. The fantasy premise behind Grimes' books, in which a small group of people have the ability to adapt the auras of other people, is mind-blowing, and yet, somehow, she makes it all seem so... normal. So kick-ass cool. I mean, actors and actresses get to "play" other characters, but for all intense purposes, adaptors essentially "become" other people. Look like them, act like them, talk like them... and provide the service of "filling in" for them. Certainly not a boring job, wouldn't you say? But it can sometimes be a dangerous one.

Yep, all of her books are based on that really cool premise, which always leads to unusual adventures. (Not sure, but Unusual may be the author's middle name.) So you have that cool fantasy premise in every book, and always... ALWAYS... there's a boatload of FUN. And funny? Oh my goodness. You have no idea! (Hmmm, on second thought, maybe Funny is her middle name...) And lots of toe-curling romance and mystery, too. What can I say? These books have it ALL, and this, the fourth book in the series, is the best one yet. (I keep saying that, but doggone it, they keep getting better and better!)

You'd think that by the time a series reaches its fourth book (PLUS a pre-quel!) that it might be in danger of getting just a teensy bit stale, but trust me... not this series. Not by a long shot. I don't know how she does it, but this author's material is still fresh and refreshing, and if we're all very lucky, she has lots more in store for her readers. (Let's hope her middle name is Prolific.)

If you haven't read any of these books yet, READ 'em, for goodness sake. You won't be sorry. This, the fourth book, comes out in May, so you have plenty of time to catch up. If you're already up to speed, why not pre-order this book NOW? You wouldn't want to forget. Believe me, you don't want to miss that scene about the astronauts' toilet...

Nope, I'm not related to the author. Have never even met her, but I'd like to. I simply love her books. My bet is, you will, too.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

This series is so much fun. So different from most urban fantasies, with humor interwoven along with mystery and romance and of course a very unique aspect of adaptors.

You won't find witches, or demons, or vampires or werewolves here, instead, you will find magic of a different sort.

This series has been fun and entertaining from the beginning and this latest release wasn't any different. While it is packed full of action and adventures it is also more family and romance oriented. It truly is a nice balance and a lighter one as well even amidst all the danger Ciel manages to always get herself wrapped up in.

I was reminded all over again why I love Ciel, Billy, Mark, and the whole Hannigan gang, even if I did want to shake Billy more times than I could count. In fact, my opinion of him changed a bit in this and sadly, not for the better. This has always been a love triangle that worked for me which I don't say often but this time, this time I found myself rooting for the underdog more often than not. And while I love both guys and that will never change, it was hard seeing Ciel make some of the choices she did.

Nonetheless, this was still a fun outrageous read full of laughs, danger, and action, and it didn't take me long to once again get completely wrapped up in Grimes' writing and in her characters.

Overall another outstanding novel in the series.

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