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Ensnaring the ultimate bad boy has its risks...and its rewards.

It's not easy being Hades. Constantly guarding his world against other meddling and ambitious deities is stressful work. So when a naked goddess falls directly into his lap, along with the news that he has to shelter her for the indefinite future, he is less than thrilled. Particularly since he can't help but lust after the beautiful female.

The Underworld isn't the first place Persephone would pick for a vacation—who in their right mind would choose a dark palace over sunshine and flowers? Yet from Hades's first touch, the dark, sexy ruler fascinates her and has her thinking a fling might be just the thing to while away her confinement.

But trust each other? Not a chance. Until the day comes that Persephone must leave...and they realize that trusting each other is the only way they'll ever meet again.

Warning: Contains an arrogant god, a stubborn goddess, horny deity nookie and enough supernatural friction to set the Underworld on fire.

Hot as Hades Details

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From Reader Review Hot as Hades for online ebook

Krissy P (Kris) says

3.5 stars

Cute, funny and sexy little read.

Liv (Stories For Coffee) says

ACTUAL RATING: 4.5 STARS

HOLY MOLEY IS THIS RETELLING SO CUTE AND STEAMY. HADES AND PERSEPHONE ARE MY LIFE

TW: Mentions of rape

Kimberly says

2.5 stars

Unlike his siblings, Hades, God of the Underworld, lives a solitary life. Or rather, he does so until a naked woman falls right into his lap. Hades doesn't know Persephone from Hera, but he can tell she's a powerful goddess. After years of protecting his realm from interlopers, that makes him suspicious of Persephone. Yet there's no denying his attraction to the beautiful goddess and before long Hades believes her story that she didn't mean to enter his realm. Since she can't leave, Hades and Persephone are stuck in close quarters and it's only a matter of time before they give into their desire for one another. But Persephone can't stay in the Underworld forever. What will happen when she has to leave?

Alisha Rai gives the classic story of Persephone and Hades her own unique spin in Hot as Hades. This aptly-titled story is wickedly erotic, but Ms. Rai's mix of mythology and modern day vocabulary constantly pulled me out of the story. I've read many books where Greek mythology is placed in a modern context, but in Hot as Hades, it just doesn't work. I can't put my finger on whether it was the characters, setting, or dialogue, but the rhythm of the entire story felt stilted. In addition, there was no real conflict. This wouldn't necessarily be a problem, save for the fact that obstacles are presented and then immediately beat down with effortless grace by the protagonists. I give Ms. Rai high marks for heat and Hot as Hades did have its fun moments, but overall this retelling of a famous myth just didn't hit the spot for me.

Reviewed for Joyfully Reviewed.

Polyamid says

Well, the book was so god damn hot, I needed to fan myself..

*After I finished reading the book.. Well, what can I say? **I blushed.***

Anya says

Paranormal sex for the win. I read it and it made me go whoaaaaaaaaa

Mei says

I loved Hades!!! Who cares about historical inaccuracies?! He was cute, cute, cute bad boy!!! Sephie was also cute and funny and she teased Hades mercilessly!

I surprised myself when I laughed reading an erotic novella!

And, even if it was steamy, it was surprisingly "chaste" for an erotic read.

Great job! :D

Desperado says

A caveat: I don't like novellas. I try to stay away from them as much as possible, especially in erotic romances. I've found that most novellas in that genre lack substance and turn into 100 pages of porn without plot. So when I won this book in a giveaway, I was a little apprehensive. I loved Rai's Glutton For Pleasure but was she talented enough to make me do backflips over a short story? The answer is yes. Hells yes with bells on.

Hot as Hades starts with a steamy bang and only gets steamier. Both Hades and Persephone dislike each other at first. To Persephone, Hades is some giant, arrogant asshole who refuses to do as she asks. But man, is he sexy! To Hades, Persephone is very beautiful intruder in his kingdom. Why is she there? What does she want? Definitely not to enjoy his company since everyone who comes across the badass ruler of the Underworld has ulterior motives. One of my favorite things about this novella was watching Hades and Persephone come to terms with their feelings for each other. Never has anyone cared for Hades or Persephone, instead of what they could do for that person. They find exactly what they need and never dared to hope in each other's arms. Usually the smut happens too quick for me in novellas but Rai did a great job of creating the illusion that Hades and Persephone knew each other and developed a relationship with each other for longer than the page count suggests.

If you're looking for a smutty retelling on the mythology of Persephone and Hades, this is the book for you. Not only does it include the sexy God of the Underworld and the feisty daughter of Demeter, but there's a hilarious three-headed dog thrown in too. And the scorching sex scenes you'll find are a given. Rai could wax poetic about pinky toes and I'd be like, *oh yeah, give me some of that!* Reading this book was a great way to spend my afternoon.

Mandi Schreiner says

When the goddess Persephone lands naked on the Lord of the Underworld's lap, they are both confused. Persephone was just getting out of her river bath when boom! She was transported to the underworld. Hades has no idea who this naked woman is, although happy she is naked and on his lap but suspicious as to why she is there. After grilling her (and okay, maybe fondling her a bit) he realizes she is truly clueless as well. He decides he is going to send her back, but when he tries nothing happens.

Persephone finally admits who her mother is, who happens to be Hades' sister – which totally grosses him out that he was fondling his nieces boobies. But wait! Persephone was adopted – so boobie fondling can proceed much to Hades's excitement!

When they realize it is Hades' brother Zeus, who has sent Persephone down underground and she can't leave for awhile, Hades is put out. But as they live together he starts to like her for more than just her luscious curves.

Hot as Hades is a short, erotic, cute book. I fell in love with Hades early on. He is cranky and bad ass, but not so bad ass as everyone thinks. He does have a softer side – but he dares not let anyone see it. He is intrigued by Persephone – first by her good looks, but then by her eagerness to learn new things, and the happiness she spreads around him. But he still keeps that somewhat cocky, bad dude edge with him throughout the book. Plus they have such cute banter:

"I'm not romanticizing anything, I'm simply thanking you for giving me sanctuary and apologizing for my shameful earlier behavior."

"I could still kill you, you know." He sounded like a whining, petulant child.

"I'll keep that in mind." Her face was sober, but he knew he wasn't imagining the laughter in her tone. "I promise I'll keep out of your way while I'm here."

"Good. You...do that."

"I will."

"Good."

"You already said that."

Hades stared at her, feeling stupid. He fucking hated to feel stupid. He also hated to not have the last word. "Just....stay. In your room." He turned and stalked out of the room before he could make a greater fool of himself.

She didn't stay.

This book definitely has its erotic sex scene moments, and I think the emphasis is more on that than a lovey-dovey romance. I felt much more romantic feelings coming from Hades actually, than I did from Persephone.

From her it felt more of an exploration of a physical relationship with a really hot man, than true cemented love. She was more independent and it didn't feel like the end of the world with the thought of leaving him.

If you are in the mood for a quick, erotic lighthearted paranormal romance, definitely give this one a try.

Rating: B

Penny Watson says

Hot As Hades by Alisha Rai

I don't expect the meaning of life when I read an erotica. But I do like some romance and humor thrown into a sexy story. This quick read by Rai is exactly how I like my erotica....fast-paced and hot! It's a fun, extremely sexy, mythologically-inspired quickie. And she does a fabulous job making us care about the characters in a short amount of time. She also manages to squeeze in some emotion and a sweet HEA. The sexy-hot meter on this one is in the Naga Viper chili pepper range (the world's hottest chili pepper, with a Scoville heat index of 1,382,118). Spicy, baby!

Loved this one! Grade: A-

Emma says

Didn't feel it, didn't finish it.

Lexie says

This was amusing, sexy and damn if Hades wasn't wickedly awesome. I like Rai's take on the whole Persephone/Hades romance--and the rather irreverent tone she took when dealing with the other gods. Persephone too was delightful--stubborn and winsome, I could see how Hades fell in love with her.

The snark-y tone that Hades employed when talking about his job or Persephone's chiding 'don't be an idiot' comments made me smile. While I don't think he necessarily enjoyed his job, he definitely could do it well! And it was genuinely pleasant to read a story where the guy baffled the heroine at every turn by NOT living up to his reputation and being proud of that fact. Sure he liked having a reputation, but he had quite a few addendums and corrections to make to the one he had.

In some ways this felt incredibly short--which it kind of was, at only about 80pages or so--but it was filling. Rai gave just enough twists so that anyone familiar with the tale wouldn't be bored by the 'oh seen this before' feeling that often happens with re-tellings, but left enough in that she didn't have to delve into large world exposition. On a personal level I was really glad she made it clear where Persephone came from (parentage wise), since that's one bit of info I've always done my best to move past since fraternizing amongst the gods invariably would have led to incest.

All things considered the story isn't wall to wall heavy sex scenes. There's quite a bit of dirty talk, and I like

that Rai made Hades British, but there's a lot of emotional development between the two. Rai shies away from some typical romance tropes like Persephone being awkward about her body or Hades angsty over 'does she hate me?' pretty deftly.

In all this was a satisfying read that more than lived up to the promise of its blurb!

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Renata says

This is such a good, entertaining book! Please change the cringeworthy cover! It doesn't do it justice.

Mina says

A contemporary take on the Hades/Persephone story that makes full use of its mythical setting while also renegotiating some of the less palatable plot points. Hot and fun, with banter and some really compelling side characters (ie a wacky Cerberus and a Zeus that models the best and worst of upper management).

Aisling Zena says

4.5 stars

I've always had a fascination with the legend of Persephone and Hades. I was really drawn to it when I was younger and I hadn't at the time particularly liked it. If you believe in past lives I was supposedly a priestess in Persephone's temple.

Anyway, this was a fantastic (and more erotic) version of the legend and I loved it! It was sexy, funny, sassy and had just enough differences from the original to make a mark of its own.

If you're looking for some Greek Mythology with a liberal dash of spice, I recommend this wholeheartedly.

Lepp says

I've been wanting to read a Hades/Persephone retelling for a while now and since this erotica was only 99 pages, I decided to pick it up.

For an "erotic book", it was very light on sex, but I didn't mind at all. Frankly, I've read erotica that's been 98% sex and they're pretty forgettable. I need plot development to really enjoy a story (erotica or otherwise) and *Hot as Hades* took the time to develop a new spin on the myth and develop the characters! It was done very nicely.

In this retelling, Hades is very business-like and not as bad as his reputation makes him out to be. Persephone is a HBIC who doesn't take his shit, and Cerberus (the three-headed dog) is Hades best friend(s)/confidant and is quite endearing as well. Given the short length, I was surprised how invested in their relationship I became.

4 stars! Very imaginative retelling! I want to read more by Alisha Rai in the future.
