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## **Born of Fire Details**

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## From Reader Review Born of Fire for online ebook

### **Gi says**

I really loved this story and was unable to put it down, even spending my entire shower afterwards thinking on it. This is exactly why I love looking through Kindle's free section. It introduces you to sagas, series, and authors you may have otherwise never come across. I've since bought the other two novels in the series and can't wait to get into them!!!

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### **Saba N Taylor says**

While reading TSSK, I always wondered about what happened to Aiden's family. There was so much anger, distrust, mystery at the family who took care of him after his family's death that it made me wonder. Born of Fire explains so much. It also gave me a better understanding of Aiden and his unique ability. It is almost felt like right from birth, Aiden knew what his destiny was and was ready to fulfill it even while he was still in his mother's womb. Thank you Heather McCorkle for writing more on the person Aiden. Now, I would love to know about FANE :D

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### **Heather McCorkle says**

I've wanted to tell the story of what happened to Aiden's parents, and why, for a long time now. Finally, I get to in this novella.

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### **Melissa says**

This was an awesome read from beginning to end. Glad I grabbed this freebie, well worth my time. Looking forward to another following.

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### **Nata Romeo says**

The book cover is beautiful! my favorite colors!

Aiden was born with unique powers and his parents went to great lengths to save him from any harm but what happened to them was horrible.

I was shocked to read about Aidens horrific upbringing after his parents died.  
Outstanding book overall!

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### **Jen\*The Geeky Book Gal\* says**

I was exposed to Heather's writing with her short Story in Winter Wonders Anthology, so I went looking for her other books, and lo and behold, Born Of Fire which is the prequel to her Channeler series was free on Amazon! I snatched it up and read it in one sitting.

Amazons blurb about the book: The story of the night Aiden was born has never been told, until now. Fleeing the Hunter's, Kevan and Shannon O'Reilly find their way to Spruce Knoll Colorado, assuming they'll be safe in America. Their unborn son is special, even for a druid, or channeler as the American's like to call their kind. But why the Hunter's, people who are sworn to keep their kind safe, are after them is a mystery. All they know is that if they don't outrun them they'll be killed.

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My thoughts: I must say I have rarely read prequels before the actual story as usually there is a lot of history with the characters. However, this short was easy to get into and understand and I was hooked from the beginning because practically the whole novella was action packed! Seeing the warrior druids (Channelers) in action and some of their powers displayed really piqued my curiosity-it made me want to know more about how the Channelers came to be and exactly what they do. Kevan and Shannon were certainly powerful, but Aiden seems like he is really something special! The Hunters seem powerful in their way too and I'd like to know just why they track down the Channelers and destroy them-especially with such a prophecy as is mentioned about Aiden?

So many questions!! I can't wait to dive into the first novel of the series and find out what happens!!

For this review and more please see my site <http://geekybookgal.blogspot.com>

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### **Rae says**

I won this as part of the goodreads giveaways. There is only one problem I could find with this book: it wasn't long enough. I am dying to find out what happens next. Though short, it was beautifully written with a great storyline. A bit unbelievable, but isn't that the fun part? If there is more books like this you can bet that I will read them.

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### **Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says**

I came across the Channeler's Series through Christine Fonseca's blog and it immediately caught my attention. So when I saw that the Prequel to the series was available for free on Smashwords, I downloaded it.

The first thing that caught my attention was the name "Born of Fire" and it made me curious. The amazing book cover managed to only increase my interest in the series. I mean – look at it – isn't it gorgeous? By the time I was done reading the summary of the book and little bit about the series, I was hooked.

Aiden, the protagonist of the series, has special talents. While still in his mother's womb, he made it very eminent that he was special and powerful. He was hunted even before he was born because of a prophecy. His parents were on the run in order to protect themselves from the hunters. Eventually the hunters caught up to them and they fought valiantly. But in the end it was just not enough! We are also given a glimpse of Aiden's life with his adoptive family where there's no love lost. But the last line of book, ["Never. Someday I'll defeat you."], gives us an idea about his strong will and character

Heather has managed to put in so much in those few pages that I am simply in awe of it. So much emotion, action, love and betrayal and all in just 33 pages without overwhelming the reader – it is indeed an amazing feat.

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### **Nereid says**

This story certainly had me interested from page one and I liked the idea of warrior druids as I had not read a book about them before. Although only a novella, it was enough of an introduction for me to know that I am looking forward to reading the next book to find out what happens to Aiden who even at birth had the gift of healing. How tragic to lose his parents as he was just coming into the world. Who were the couple who killed his parents and stole him away and for what purpose? Why are they so threatened by him? Lots of questions that I hope are answered in the next book. My thanks to Christine Fonseca's blog for recommending this book, I was not disappointed.

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### **Conny says**

I wanted too read this book before I start with the 2 others.

This book made my cry ...

It felt like a rollercoaster.

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### **Ingrid M. S. says**

What a book!

Short and incredibly wonderful.

Just took speechless.

I loved it!

Okay, at first I was afraid to read it, because... Well, the book looks so beautiful and beautiful things inside may be ugly, but I was wrong. I fell in love. I fell in love with the author of this. Her writing style and all the other things that I've probably already forgotten, but this whole story drew me in and I can't wait to get the first book to read.

Also, I believe that I think about it, like forever now, especially in the nights. Perhaps seeing the dream.

I've never felt that a book can be so great, but I felt it. Though had one a bad thing; something that makes me angry and saddened a little, and it was: It was too short!

Yes, I enjoyed it very much. Even more so, but it was so short.

But still delicious!

As I said, I can't wait to read the next, because I really can't!  
This book was too good to be true, so I could finish reading.  
And I'm so glad that I took the receipt and risked. The risk was totally worth it.

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### **Darlene says**

This was a fun, action-packed look into Aiden's birth and a dream sequence from his teens years. There were a couple editing oopsies but nothing that stopped the story. I would love to give less stars for being so short. I wanted more. I love Aiden in Heather McCorkle's Channeler series. As I say all this I realize that his life might not be easy to write about as his home-life isn't much of one. Dreaming might be better than the reality in his case. I think this should be added to the larger books to give us more perspective while in the story. It had been a while for me since I read the books (The Secret Of Spruce Knoll: A Channeler Novel and Channeler's Choice (A Channeler Novel)). I actually had to look them up to get perspective. Even still, it was almost as good as a cup of coffee to wake up to this morning.

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### **Brooke (The Cover Contessa) says**

I picked up this little beauty for free and I'm SO glad I did!

Blurb from Goodreads:

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I just finished To Ride a Puca last week and loved it. So I thought I would throw myself into this novella last night to get a taste of what the other Channeler novels are like and, WOW, I am so glad I did. I loved this short look into the channelers! It totally made me want to pick up the next one in the series. There was just not enough to this novella and it has me biting at the bit to see what happens next!

The cover to this little beauty is AMAZING! I knew the story of the knot from Puca, so when I picked this up, I completely understood why it would be on the cover. I am still interested to know what exactly the knot signifies.

The introduction of Adien and his birth was great. Although, I am sure had I not read To Ride A Puca, I would not have understood so well what was happening as far as their powers were concerned. I am in love with the fantasy theme of these books!

Thanks for peaking my interest even more, Ms. McCorkle! Your writing is awesome and I can't wait to find out more about Aiden!!!

5 out of 5 Stars

Review also posted on the following sites:

<http://thecovercontessa.blogspot.com>

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B006...>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/born-...>

<http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/...>

<http://www.librarything.com/work/1228...>

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### **Christine Fonseca says**

Fabulous addition to the series. LOVED IT!

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### **Sarah says**

(I won a copy of this book! Thanks to Giselle at Xpresso reads, and Heather McCorkal!)

This book is a short story split into two halves. The first half tells the story of Shannon and Kevan, a pair of warrior druids from Ireland. Shannon is heavily pregnant, and Kevan is worried that someone wants to harm the baby, as there is a prophecy surrounding him. Shannon and Kevan pack their car and try to leave before they are found, but are chased and run off the road, and then killed, as Shannon is giving birth to the baby – Aidan.

The second half of the story is set 16 years later, and gives an insight into Aidan's life following his parent's death. Aidan's life is anything but ideal, as he suffers at the hands of his adoptive father.

This short story is just a little taste of Aidan's story, which is continued in 'The secret of spruce knoll'. The opening story about his parent's death is intense and moving, and makes you want to know more about Aidan and the prophecy surrounding him.

I don't usually like short stories, but I think that this is probably a nice start and worth reading if you are interested in the series.

7 out of 10.

(Book length: 411 Kindle Locations)

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