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Collide And Seek (Bitter Ashes Book 2)



Synopsis

"Betrayal is a funny thing. The sting of it often sticks with us longer than the thrill of love, the fire of hatred, or the emptiness of loss. Betrayal eats at us when we know we should be happy, and it overwhelms us when we're already sad." Madeline had hoped to call the Salr home, but hope can be a cruel thing. Now on the run from the very people who introduced her to her new world, she'll struggle not only with her view of those around her, but with her view of herself. She'll have to enlist the help of a mischievous Viking if she hopes to survive, though she's afraid he might be the one who kills her.

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Customer Reviews

I've always been fascinated by mythology. Especially Norse mythology. Even though this is an EXTREMELY convoluted version. Mixing several types, Egyptian, Greek/Roman, etc., I'm sure there is more to come. (and there is. I started the 3rd book.) The norms are not accurate, but I'm not reviewing to pull teeth. The one thing that does irk me is the names and covers of the books. As

stupid as that may seem, I had looked at the series several times previously before reading it. I assumed it was a YA fantasy. So I almost skipped a decent series because the names/covers of the books do not make up the sum of their parts. The author, if she wanted these books to be taken seriously should have taken more time to seriously consider the titles and covers of them. Even the series name, Bitter Ashes, doesn't give the possible reader a true sense of what the series is about. It's not a YA series, at least as I see it. Sex, violence, unplanned pregnancy, etc., are prevalent throughout. The covers are like other YA books and that also is another worry. This series should be aimed towards adults. Not teens, at least not ones that are under 16-17. Otherwise, I am enjoying it so far, but I wish the author had been a bit more responsible. If you want to get into even more and serious Norse mythology romances, try S.T. Bende.(author, very accurate representation, plus shows more of their world.) There are 2 amazing series by her. Not saying this isn't, but I believe it's for a more mature audience than the titles and covers are aimed at. Just sayin'. I have a 15 year old niece, and I would be very upset if she tripped into this series due to the titles/covers. They should have labeled it with an age limit. Just a thought. Otherwise, it is interesting to see the mix of mythological characters. I will continue the series. I am of Norwegian descent, so anything like this fascinates me. I even have the real concept of Yggdrasil tattooed on my arm. A large one. I am taking one star off for what I think are the irresponsible representations by the author or their reps. This is an adult series. It should be shown as such. Just FYI, I am NOT a prude, bible beater or against any of the content of these books. I was just surprised at what I was reading after thinking it was a YA series. It was lined up with several other YA books when I saw it. Misdirection? Maybe.

Read the first one in one of those big collections you get, and immediately bought the rest of the volumes. Given that I have probably close to a hundred physical and digital books waiting to be read, it says something that buying these wasn't even a hesitation moment. Now, on to book three!

I like the story, well laid out and written. I haven't been able to set the books down until I've finished. Aside from that, when I read I like to imagine the setting, in my own way, with so much description I couldn't and ended up skipping over paragraphs and pages. I'll probably spell the names wrong so be prepared. I don't like Alaric, I don't know why I just don't. I could see Maddy with James or Mikael more than Alaric. I end up skipping their romance sections (others may like him but I would rather she be with someone else) Maybe it's Maddy's sass that I feel she needs someone more challenging than Alaric, hence James and Mikael, it's just my personal take on it though.

This second portion of the bitter ashes series is well done and very engaging. I'm greatly enjoying this storyline and appreciate the pace at which the characters grow (because there's nothing worse than an info dump or none at all). If I had one criticism it would be I'm not fond of the story being released in acts. However, I'm enjoying this series enough I will overlook this issue.

The books keep the pages turning I can't wait to read the rest of the books. I'll be sending these to all my friends.

Really enjoyed it as much as the first one. A few things that didn't think would happen but did and strange turn of events at the end. Had to find out what happens next so ordered #3

I read book one just yesterday and liked it well enough, but this book to me is even better. I really like the twists that have been brought into the book. The book is well written and I am getting ready to buy book three!

Well written, different, and absolutely enveloping series! So far I am totally captivated by the series and have read each book in 1 day. I can't get enough of this series...

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