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Burned: An Urban Fantasy Novel (The Thrice Cursed Mage Book 3)



Synopsis

My name is Mac Brennan, and I'm getting pretty sick of demons. For one, they're jerks. For two, they're ugly. For three, see points one and two. I should have known making a deal with a devil would end with me getting double-crossed, but what can I say, I'm an idiot who wanted his family back. That demon may have put an army between me and my family, but if I've learned anything these last few days, it's that you can kill anything if you shoot it enough times. And I've got a whole lot of bullets. *Book 1: Cursed (ASIN: B01BK6PW6Y) is on sale for only \$0.99 until 4/24/16! **Book 2: Marked (ASIN: B01D04ULFQ) is on sale for only \$3.99!*

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Customer Reviews

This is the third installment and is a worthy successor. Mac is definitely a gluten for punishment. He must have at least 10 concussions at this point. I like his snarky attitude and look forward to the next book.

I'm part of the author's ARC team, so I received a free copy for an honest review. All opinions are

my own. Another stellar book in The Thrice Cursed Mage series. Like the other books, Burned is fast-paced, witty, and fun. But this one seems to be the best of the bunch, at least in my opinion. The characters are well-developed and work greatly together. Burned is fun, but it could be a little dark at times, however it's not without its moments -- moments that had me literally laughing out loud. And the knockout ending, as well as some of the twists and turns I didn't see coming were awesome, and that's always the sign of great story. I read it all in one sitting, which says a lot, because I normally can't do that with my too-short American attention span. Lastly, I applaud the writing style. Mr. Cipriano has come a long way since book one, and he really nails the tone and voice of Mac without being too repetitive or cliché. I look forward to the next book in the series, and can't wait to see where Mr. Cipriano takes us.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, the book jumps right back into the action with Dante, Ricky, and Mac. Mac is still looking for his sister and nephew, and the clues come flying, but sometimes the clues are not what you want. They seem to lead poor Mac on a merry little goose chase, and we find out about the Gnome and Gremlin feud, and why one should never mention a certain movie and feeding after midnight. Also, find out the ups and down of a werewolf/cursed relationship and more about Dante's past that was a big surprise. And did I mention the part about being kicked out of Heaven? All in all a great book, thing get neatly tied up in the end, but still Mack is practically living with Murphy's Law, so the ending not what I was expecting but still it was a surprise.

Really good story, lots of stuff going on. Well written. Again.. Lots of stuff going on.. For the first time I'm saying its a bit to action packed, right after a fight he gets into another, can't drive away from one before another. He can't even finish a hamburger before someone is using his head to prove he can bounce it faster than anyone else. Over three books, I swear it's only been 3 days. No room for character development, beyond getting his butt kicked and barely getting away.

This book was the 3rd in a series, which is also the 3rd day in the protagonist's life that he can remember due to amnesia | it also feels like it's the 3rd day that this author has decided to write for a living. The characters are very shallow, the pace is very fast but every single chapter ends with a giant "oh my goodness you would have never expected this to happen" • cliffhanger.. leaving the next chapter to start with the next over the top action scene. It became very old by the 5th chapter and never stopped. I thought the concept of the book was unique, the first two books had

some potential but this third book did me in, I do not recommend this series.

I like a guy who can deliver a snarky remark, and then back it up with an ass kicking. Even Demons aren't safe from Mac, as he wades through one misadventure to another. The books in this series are worth the time.

Burned: An Urban Fantasy Novel (The Thrice Cursed Mage Book 3) by J.A. Cipriano continues where Book 2 ended. It is a paranormal story about Mac Brennan with his demon arm. His assignment is to kill Pierce Ambrose. I gave it four stars. It needs editing for typos and homonyms. He survives a plane crash. "I might not be able to walk without assistance or see past my blurry vision, but I'd be damned if I was going to let her walk around wearing the costume Pierce had put on her when he'd tried to turn her into a sex puppet." Mac still has snarky dialogue: "Hey, I might be overly paranoid, but I was also alive." He is having trouble using his demon arm. He's imprisoned and needs to escape to rescue his family. "I reached out for my magic, desperate to escape, but as I tried, I found I couldn't. It was weird, sort of like reaching into a darkened room for a switch you knew was there and finding only blank wall. Fear twisted up in my guts. If I didn't have my magic, how was I going to get out of this? No. That was the wrong way to think. After all, I was Mac Brennan. I'd get out of this. I just needed to wait for my opportunity and pounce on it like a cupcake at a baby shower." Danton was going to help Mac, but Mac was uncertain of his sincerity. "Was he seriously implying God and His Holy Angels were telling him to help me? I'd fallen out of an airplane, not a turnip truck." I look forward to reading Seized: An Urban Fantasy Novel (The Thrice Cursed Mage Book 4). Link to purchase: [Burned: An Urban Fantasy Novel \(The Thrice Cursed Mage Book 3\)](#)

I was torn between giving this 2 or 3 stars, so I guess it's really 2.5 but it's not worth rounding up. Essentially our protagonist is supposed to be somewhere between Chuck Norris and The Terminator. He gives a lot of mouth and one liners, but the sad reality is that through this entire book he gets his tail handed to him by literally everyone. The only time he comes out on top is when he surprises the bad guys or gets help. As another review pointed out, the whole book was pointless. Mac really didn't accomplish anything. The goal was accomplished off screen and the "how" was only briefly mentioned. I was also disappointed with the authors portrayal of the relationship between Mac and female Alpha werewolf Ricky. When Mac needed her the most, she wasn't there. I won't give away plot points, but it was a let down. Sadly this series stops here for me.

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