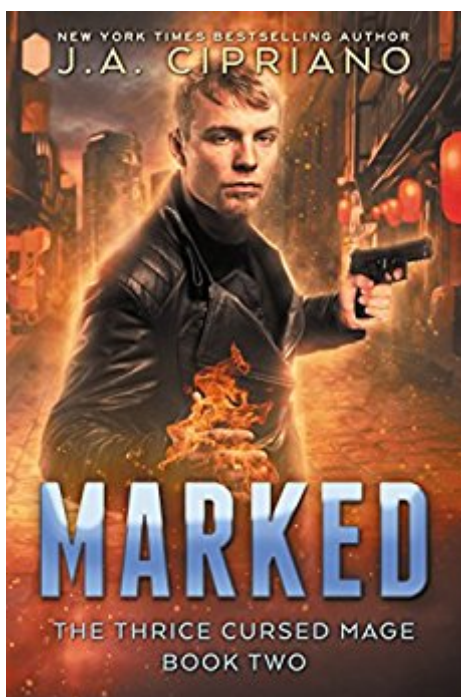


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I was given an a free copy in exchange for an honest review, however I still chose to buy the book after reading because it's that good. Let me explain why: Marked is the second book in The Thrice Cursed Mage trilogy, and somehow it's better than Cursed (Book 1). Mac Brennan, our protagonist, is an awesome MC full of snark and snappy one-liners, but still, he has a heart of gold, always trying to do the right thing -- which is hard for a man cursed by a demon. Book 2 picks up right after the events of Book 1 and the action doesn't stop throughout. I kept turning pages into the wee hours of

the night, and because of the rapid pace, Book 2 was devoured in a little longer than a day. And usually I'm a slow reader. The worldbuilding is superb for such a short novel, and I was left feeling like the setting the author created was realer than our reality (hope that makes sense). Also, the character development was much better this time around. Each character has clear motivations and goals, and the secondary ones feel as real and complex as the main cast. It was nice to delve deeper into Mac's past and learn more about the lovable A-hole. My only gripe with Book 1 was the writing itself, however it seems that the author and his editor(s) have taken a closer look at the prose before publishing this time around. From the very first chapter I could notice the writing had a much tighter flow. In Book 1, certain phrases and descriptions were repeated almost annoyingly so, but those have been weeded out in Book 2, thankfully. No more referring to the demon arm as black as pitch every three or four paragraphs. Overall, *Marked* is a fast-paced action adventure that'll leave you wanting more. I can't wait for Book 3!

I read the first book and was pleasantly surprised. It was interesting enough for me to wait for and read the second book *Marked*. I was blown away how much better it was, and full of action from start to finish I did not put it down until I finished. Full of humor, wisecracks and sarcasm from the protagonist as he fights his way through one battle after another. Good fun! You will love this book

Mac Brennan is a good addition to detective noir/urban fantasy. This story picks up on the heels of the first. Lots of action, many pop culture references and some laugh out loud moments made this a fun book.

Almost too fast, non stop action. Yay, got to be too unrealistic for me. So, although there are more books in this series, this is the last one for me. Characters are kept at a superficial level due to the unending exploits so it just became one unending brawl with sarcastic quips. Some will love it, but it got old fast.

I generally enjoyed the story and the world the author developed, but simple writing and editing errors distracted. It's worth the read, but I hope the writer improves or enlists a better editor, and I hope passes on to the author the errors I reported through my Kindle.

I received this book in exchange for a fair review. I have to say, it started a little slow, but then it picked up. Mostly the setting up from the last book. But once it got started it got started. Big

question here is it love or imprinting when you are with a werewolf? And if you had a fear of clowns, well, this makes this book all the more interesting. I love the new character Dante and hope to see more of him. Dante and Mac make a great team, sort of like the different side of a coin. Add a knock off Sea World, vampire winery, zombies and an ending that is beyond belief and you have a great story here.

While I'm new to the urban fantasy genre, I have been a lifelong reader. Voracious, you might say. So far, the thrice cursed mage's story is very enjoyable. The action is immediate and never stalls. We discover things right alongside the protagonist (if a cursed could be called such). Character development is a little one-sided but so what - I don't need to know the motivations or psyche of every character. A constantly inventive storyline, cool (read devastating) abilities, and non-stop action will keep you engaged and entertained. What more could you want?

As we learn more and more about Mac in his present, amnesiacish, world we find we know less and less - both Mac and I are looking for the back story. I have discovered he loves little children (and likely cats) and eat's demons for lunch. What's next for Mac? Who took his soul in trade? Many questions left to be answered - I can hardly wait!!

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