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HOT BLOODED: Part I is the first in an exclusive four-part e-serial by New York Times bestselling author **Donna Grant!**

Even from a distance, Iona knew that he was the kind of man who would cause her infinite trouble. The kind that left a trail of broken hearts wherever he went...But she wanted a closer look at him, to see the color of his eyes. So she walked up to the bar and took a seat, her breath locking in her chest when his gunmetal gaze turned to her.

A WOMAN SEEKING THE TRUTH

Iona is desperate to learn the truth about her dead father. But when she returns to Scotland, she meets Laith—a dragon and a Dark King—who has secrets of his own, secrets she must uncover. However, the passion that burns between them catches Iona off guard, leaving her breathless and vulnerable as it threatens to drown them both in pleasure too powerful to deny...

Read all four parts of this sensation e-series—and look for the full volume of *Hot Blooded* from St. Martin's Paperbacks.

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? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

There are a few authors who I just absolutely love!! They are on my auto-buy list & I actually go through withdrawals when I am caught up with their series... Donna Grant has the top spot! She is the most awesome writer & comes up with these original paranormal stories with constantly running themes. Each book can be read as a stand alone, but they do have a dusting of another background story... There is so much I still want to know!! And GEEZ!! What kind of book actually can make you want to buy whiskey!! Read the recipe below!!

I bought Jack Fire & Winter Jack after this book!!

Recipe:

HOT SPICE TEA FROM TANG

1 1/3 c. Tang flavor beverage crystals

1/3 c. instant tea

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 c. sugar

1/2 tsp. ground cloves

Mix together well and put in canister. Put 1 teaspoon per cup of hot water.

Add a shot of Cider flavored Whiskey Jack Daniel's Winter Jack is the BEST!!

KathyAnne says

Completely and totally sucked into this story... I hope the rest of the installments are as good as this one... :)
Full review will be posted when I finish all four installments...

www.ktbookreviews.com

Sandy S says

ABOUT THE BOOK: Part 1--Release Date December 9, 2014

The Dark Kings soldier on in their fight to preserve their dragon magic. But eternal doom is always close behind...

SWORN TO PROTECT

His name is Laith. To most, he's known as the owner of a local pub near Dreagan. But little do his patrons know that beneath his handsome, charming exterior Laith has the heart and soul of a Dragon King—one who wields control by keeping his friends close and his enemies, just across the border, closer. Until a mysterious

stranger enters the picture, and sets his whole world off course...

DRIVEN TO DESIRE

Iona is a woman with a mission: To learn the truth about her dead father. She's returned to Scotland only to learn that she's part of an ancient pact with Dreagan—one that will threaten the fragile peace with the Dragon Kings. Gorgeous, sly Iona isn't like anyone Laith has ever met before . . . and she harbors a secret that others would kill to possess. Will she complete him—or destroy him? Passion always comes with a price...

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HOT BLOODED Part 1 is the first installment in Donna Grant's adult, contemporary, Dark Kings paranormal romance serial. This is Dragon King Laith and photographer Iona Campbell's storyline one that introduces a little more about the neighboring land and family bordering on Dreagan Estates.

With the recent death of Iona's father John Campbell, there is no longer a human guardian of the doorway leading onto Dreagan land. Iona had long since moved away and Scotland was no longer her home. Upon her return, the truth about Dreagan and the Dragon Kings will have to be revealed because it is only a Campbell heir who is privileged with the secret about Dragons.

We are introduced to Laith, a Dragon King and proprietor of the local watering hole known as The Fox and The Hound pub. Laith and Iona's attraction to one another is mutual—they both feel the pull but Iona believes herself to be not of the marrying or relationship kind.

Several of the Dragon Kings are present including the King of the Dragons Constantine, Tristan and Sammi as well as Kellan, Ryder, Rhys, Warrick and Hal. The Light Fae Rhi will make an appearance but her current status is questionable and she is unwilling to stick around to be examined more closely.

Part 1 introduces the players and premise in Donna Grant's new **HOT BLOODED** Dark Kings storyline. As Iona begins to search for answers about her father's death and its connection to the Dreagan lands, there are other people following Iona seeking the information that has been kept hidden for hundred of years. Has Ulrik's magic returned or is someone else pulling the strings behind the scenes?

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Shauni says

Originally Reviewed for Tea and Book.

Donna Grant is at it again!! I am seriously loving this Dark Kings Series!! Once again I am attempting to review it in serial format. Serial formats are harder to review because you have to tell more than just a brief overview and yet you also need to keep away from spoilers.. I did ok, last time so..

While I will be reviewing it in serial format, the entire book is scheduled for release on December 30,

2014. Hot Blooded is Book (or rather story) 7 in this fantastic series!

Laith, rather new to the Dragon Kings Saga as he has been resting for a bit. But he's back and working to ensure that the Dragon Kings remain a secret. He's rather easy going for a Dragon with a firm attachment towards humans.. ok, humans at a distance but also realizes the trouble they bring. Laith has been running the bar owned by Dreagon.. in a way it's been owned by him for centuries and he's a pretty laid back guy. He understands the importance of maintaining Dreagon's secrets and has volunteered to do what is required.

Iona was taken from Scotland as a child by her lying mother. A woman who swears her father didn't want her, never contacted her and didn't give a rip about her. But now he's dead and Iona regrets not spending time with him. Home for the funeral, she discovers that there is much that her mother failed to mention and that her father adored her. He never chased after her because he had a legacy to uphold. To maintain Dreagon's secret doorway! But he's dead and Iona is now the sole inheritant.. it's her duty to protect! Only first she has to find out about it.

Sweeping us all into the world of Dreagon and it's inhabitants. Taking us along for an intense ride, Donna tells a fabulous story of connections. Not all books are great in serial format but Hot Blooded is. Part 1 tells the story of the meeting, the attraction and the slow slide into sensation.

Iona has so much to learn and Donna managed to not overwhelm us with the facts. Instead she keeps a steady hand on the tiller and get a wonderful ride.. Intense and fun!!

For those who have been following.. the next battle between the Dark King who has betrayed his people and Dreagon continues. It's great and I still question if it's Ulrik, he just seems to obvious. Of course all of the fingers are pointing in his direction.

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Hot Blooded: Part 1, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released on December 9, 2014

Alima Livzletlivz says

NOTE: Hot Blooded is a four-part book, and should be read in sequence, and the four parts will be published as one single book in January 2015.

This review is for all the four parts and will be the same for all four books.

The battle between good and evil, human and demon is a never-ending war waged for centuries and shall continue into the future with destructive consequences, as power and control take precedence over everything. And as history shows, for every act of evil, there will be reacting to maintain the balance and for every demon that steps on an innocent, there will be a protector to mete out justice.

Donna Grant's latest in her paranormal dragon saga "Hot Blooded", brings Laith, a Dragon King face to face with Iona Campbell, daughter of the caretaker of the vast lands that safeguard the secrets of the Dreagan Industries. Estranged from her father for twenty years, photojournalist Iona makes the decision to reunite with her father in Scotland, but unfortunately ends up coming to his funeral instead. Strange things seem to

happen as the beauty of the vast lands hide secrets that put her life in danger and test her integrity, loyalty and intelligence.

Guarded by the Campbell estates, the Dreagen Industries nestle the Dragon Kings and their kingdom, as they man the vast skies protecting the innocent and taking care of their own. Laith, as one of the Dragon Kings and protector, is drawn to Iona at first sight. The attraction between them kindles a passion that cannot be ignored, even as danger surrounds Iona, and Laith puts all his magical resources and allies to defend Iona and his kingdom.

Hot Blooded is another brilliant story, further taking the readers on a ride of passion, secrets and betrayal. For new readers, this book can be read as a stand-alone, and can be a good start, as it gives a detailed description into the history of the paranormal dynamics of the Dragon Kings, Warriors, Fae and others, and the ensuing war. And as Laith unveils the secrets of the Campbell lands and the Dreagen Industries to Iona, he puts himself and his love at risk.

Another passionate “Dark Kings” story by the fabulous Donna Grant, of a Dragon King finding his mate, a brilliant continuation of the Dragon King saga as it chronicles the past bringing us with the current, a thrilling ride of a mortal with her Dragon King, as he takes her on a fiery ride high above the skies, and an evil that is lurking in the shadows, biding it’s time, waiting for the perfect time to strike.

Received an ARC from St. Martins Press via Netgalley for an honest review.

Eva Millien says

Laith is a Dragon King who keeps his friends close and his enemies closer until a mysterious stranger enters the picture and turns his world upside down in the first installment of Hot Blooded.

The first part of the newest book in the series is fast paced, smooth flowing and promises this is going to be a great Dragon King story. The well written scenes and details capture the imagination and the suspense builds up anticipation. Iona and Laith’s first meeting has sparks flying as their attraction begins, but neither wants a relationship of any kind. Iona is seeking the truth about her father and her past and Laith is a sexy dragon that really shouldn’t have tempted fate with his adamant denial about wanting a mate.

The reader can’t help but get caught up in the story as Iona begins seeking truth only to find more questions than answers and spine tingling tension builds as danger stalks Iona because she plays a part in someone’s nefarious plot against the Dragon Kings. I can’t wait to read the rest of the story and I must warn you that this is just a tease and ends on a cliffhanger, but that means the rest of it, is going to be great.

4 ½ STARS

Cocktails and Books says

As I’ve stated in previous reviews, I really do not normally enjoy serials. I much rather have the entire book at once to read than have to wait weeks to receive the next installment. For that reason alone, I am very picky

over which installment books I do choose to read. Thankfully, Grant is conscious that many readers feel this way and does not make us wait endlessly for installments. She is by far one of the few authors who I would recommend hands down even to people who, like myself, do not enjoy installment reads.

First and foremost I must say that this is a Dragon Kings novel. What does this mean? This means that although this is a great read, those who have not read the previous books will not be able to follow along. The Hot Blooded plot, although a different King's story, is intertwined with the previous books. Old enemies and familiar faces are predominant in this serial.

From the first meeting, you know there is something special about Iona. You're not sure what it is, it's difficult to put a finger on, but it is almost as if she is more than a mere human and possible dragon mate. There is something that distinguishes her from all the other women that have encountered the Dragon Kings.

I have to admit to a soft spot for Laith. He is sweet and tries to come across like he really would rather not have a mate, but it's pretty obvious that he is already enamored with Iona and we're less than 70 pages into the entire serial. It can't be easy being one of the very few Dragon Kings left that has not found a mate and fallen in love. So it comes as no surprise that Laith is falling and falling fast.

Reviewed by Iris for Cocktails and Books

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

This serial starts off right where Burning Desire ends. This first installment is a lot of learning about Iona and the history of her family. Great start and great chemistry between Laith and Iona.

Allison says

Upon her fathers death, Iona has returns home for the first time in 20 years. Feeling confused and betrayed by what she has been told of her father all of her life, Iona is left looking for answers. After stopping at the local pub for a drink, Iona finds herself immediately attracted to the bar owner, Laith. Although Laith doesn't believe a mate is in his future, he can't fight the feeling fate is tempting him with Iona.

I can't wait to see where this book leads!

As always, Donna Grant takes on the paranormal world by storm with her romantic tales. I found the dragon kings intriguing from the moment they were introduced in the Dark Warriors series. There is something utterly attractive about these protectors who can take on the form of a majestic dragon.

This is my first read on the Dark Kings series, mainly because once I get sucked into a series, I love to plow right through them. While this was only the first section of this book, I'm already looking forward to reading the rest of this book (and series!)

*** A digital copy of this book was provided to me by the publisher in exchange for an honest review ***

L.E.Olteano says

Originally posted on Dec 9 2014 at Butterfly-o-Meter Books:

In a Flutter: Awesomesauce!

Fluttering Thoughts:

Worldbuilding: The Dark Kings world is beyond awesomesauce, paranormal elements (dragon shifters, fey, Warriors, druids – a looot of good stuff!), plus the awesome setting of Scotland, how could a girl resist, I ask you? Sigh.

Characters: I loooved Iona and Laith, both separately and together :D Iona was especially dear to me, due to her horror of a mother and the need to find her roots when she finds out there's no mending the relationship with her estranged father. I felt this part of the serial particularly focused on character building, and Donna Grant did a fabulous job with Iona, and other characters as well, sure, but her particularly, in my opinion. Laith was everything I expected him to be, gorgeous, all alpha-vibe, damaged a bit but highly functional, brave, loyal...did I mention hot? Yeah...*daydreams*

Their one on one was hot and they had awesome chemistry, more of a slow burn type of wove even if they're very drawn to each other from the first moment they meet :D

Also, I'm totally immersed into Rhi's story, I SO wanna know which Dragon King she was involved with. I have some suspicions right now, but I waaaaant to know :D

Plot: Aside the awesome budding romance tangent, there's the Ulrik versus the Kings story going on, and I love the antagonist and cannot to read more about this ongoing conflict. Awesome pace of action, some proper Dragons versus Dark Fey fighting :D Yum!

Writing: Third person, past tense narrative, his and her POV. Awesome writing, and I particularly love the "accent" of the dragons :D

Curb Appeal: Awesome cover, hooking blurb, and an instant-buy author name for dragon romance reading.

All in all, another uber-awesome dragon romance read from Donna Grant. If you like dragons in your PNR, read these stories, you SO won't regret it!

If you don't wanna do the weekly 4 parts, look for the full novel out Dec 30 :D It's worth it, I say. Get yourself a hot dragon New Year present xDDD

Samantha Woods (LSK Sweetheart Reviews) says

'I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher provided by netgalley in exchange for an honest review'

Iona has spent years hating her father. But after she was in a dangerous situation she realized that she needed to go talk to him. But as she's preparing to go there she gets the call that he has passed. So now she needs to go settle his estate. She finds out that her father is very well liked and respected and that just doesn't fit the picture her mother had painted about him. There is one friend that she just can't get out of her head. Laith is hot. She has not been interested in a man that way she is to him in a long time. The more she finds out about her father the more she also realizes the danger that she is in.

I am definitely looking forward to the next installment to this book. I have been hooked on this series for a while now. I highly recommend reading...

'Read and Reviewed by LSK Sweetheart Reviews'

Maghon Thomas says

This is the first book I've read by Ms Grant, which I know I am behind because this is part of a series, and this is being released as a serial, but let's see what I can do you LOL This is a story about the Kings of Dragons, they are separate from their flock of dragons. And the whole book just released and is book 7 of the series. :) This is Laith and Iona's story.

Laith is a dragon king, though he seems more laid back and easy going than most of the others. He also likes humans, the others seems to not LOL and though he makes sure to keep the kings secret, he's still willing to have a little fun. Laith runs the bar Dreagon, and I think that's why he's more laid back, he owns it and runs it and being a bartender gives you some damn patients. LOL But now, he's supposed to help protect Iona and get her to stay here in Scotland, no matter what.

Iona hasn't been to Scotland in years, since her mom took her from her dad. She's thought her dad as this horrible person, but with his death, she has to come settle his affairs and she learns a whole lot of things she never knew or understood. She's been told a lot of lies. And when she learns her mommy lies and her daddy loved her but couldn't leave to come after, she learns why and who he was sworn to protect. And now she's needed to protect those her father was protecting.

This is the start of the story. This one kind of gives us some of the back ground and a few little pieces we needed to start enjoying the story. We get to see a little of Laith and Iona before they meet, how they meet, their attraction they are fighting for each other, and a little intrigue to keep us going. Iona has a lot to learn about things and Laith has some lessons to learn as well, but that's for the next book.

Linda says

The setup... we get to meet the heroine and learn about the land next to Dreagan...

"John Campbell was found dead this morning." He was murdered...

The Campbells had owned the fifty acres bordering Dreagan for countless generations...

"Who's going to guard the land?" Laith asked....

"John has a daughter, Iona."

HOT BLOODED by Donna Grant is another mesmerizing read in Donna's Dark Kings series. I read it as a four-part serialized story. I inhaled each installment as it was published and then couldn't wait for the release of the next! This review is a combined review of all four parts. The full book was released December 30, 2014. I had never been a fan of serialized books before I started reading this series that way, but Donna's

Dark Kings are slowly, but surely, converting me. :-)

I simply cannot get enough of Donna's sexy Scottish dragons! They're fierce, strong, fearless and delicious! While this is the fourth book in the series, it can be fully enjoyed as a standalone if that is your druthers. However, I recommend reading the whole series in order as there are interconnected characters and a common theme. I bet that once you read one, you'll be dying to read the rest!

My full review is posted at Reading Between The Wines Book Club. Check it out here:
<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

4 1/2 Wine Glasses!

Paula says

Laith is a Dragon King I don't remember much about until this story, Hot Blooded: Part 1. He has sort of been quietly in the background running the Dreagon bar. However, Donna Grant does a masterful job bringing everything concerning him up to par in this first part of the serial. Also Iona is introduced and her past story explained. This first part helps to set the story and the characters up for the conflict to come.

The character development is one of the things, I enjoy most about Ms. Grant's books. She creates then develops very different types of characters who have varied backgrounds, abilities and personalities. I always look forward to meeting these fascinating individuals in her stories.

As the name Part One implies this entry gets the ball rolling in the story. While it is not necessary to have read all the Dragon Kings stories to enjoy this one, the Hot Blooded serial should be read in order since all four parts follow one another to complete Laith's and Iona's story. .

Copy provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

Trish R. says

I read all 4 of these novellas (about 400 pages total) so we'll count them as 1 book in my 222 book goal at goodreads.

This was the story of Laith and Iona and, overall, I loved the book. However, as Ms. Grant tends to do with every book, she refuses to end it and start something different. And Rhys's story is not due out until March. UGH! Anyway, the following is my review for each novella on Amazon.

Hot Blooded 1

I waited until all four of these books were out, now I've begun to read them. I know I've some books out of order cuz I read about Kellan and Denae then I read several other books then I started reading these and Tristan and Sammi are already together in these books but I haven't read about them yet. LOL.. I really like Laith and Iona. And I hope Rhi will be ok. Still in the dark about Ulrik. Whatever you hear about him has to do with a trillion years ago or just hearsay. He's a name in these books, nothing more.

Hot Blooded 2

Still following Laith and Iona's story. Love those two. I was a little intrigued by what Rhi said to Ulrik?
Hmmm.. What's going on there?
So, I'm going to continue.

Hotblooded 3

OK, so I didn't enjoy part 3 as much as the others. Here's why.. Iona talked to her Mom, who, BTW, is a real piece of work. She made it so clear that the only reason she would come to Scotland is to get part of the money Iona inherited from her dad. But then it was all just fine once Iona told her she would send her enough money to live on her own, and not have to marry for the 4th or 5th time. Iona new what a piece of crap her Mom was when she found all the mail her dad sent but was returned to him by her mother. THEN, Ms. Grant wrote some crap like "as much as she loved her mother." Really? I did not get the impression she cared one little bit about her mother. And she shouldn't have. How stupid was that?
Anyway, It was nice to see Hayden, Isla and Fallon again.

Hot Blooded 4

All done! I love, love, loved Laith and Iona. Love the whole gang, Con, Rhys, Ryder, Warrick, Fallon, Isla, etc, etc.
The battle with the Dark was exciting but I'm almost tired of things never ending.
I mean, who whacked Rhys with the dragon and dark magic? What's going to happen to Laith and Iona?
Who was Rhi's
dragon lover? Who is the bad guy? One minute I think it's Ulrik, the next minute I'm not so sure.
Wait, wait, wait! I'm just about tired of waiting.
