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Join Alice. Private Investigator of the Supernatural.

It has been a rough month for mage private investigator Alice Worth.

Alice hasn't had a decent night's sleep in weeks, her relationship with werewolf Sean Maclin is on the rocks, a federal agent hounds her every step, and a powerful vampire whose ulterior motives have ulterior motives watches her every move. It's enough to drive any woman to drink.

Just when Alice's ghost sidekick Malcolm is about to stage an intervention, her former employer, Mark Dunlap, enlists her help to find out who's been kidnapping women off the streets. As the list of the missing grows, the city's anger turns against the vampires, and the Vampire Court hires Mark and Alice to find those responsible. After the case reunites her with Sean, Alice is forced to confront painful demons from her past, as well as the very real demon who wants her dead and the vampire determined to control her power.

When tragedy strikes close to home and a friend's life hangs in the balance, Alice goes up against the most powerful adversary she's ever faced in an explosive showdown that will leave Alice and her city forever changed.

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Annika says

What a grand sequel to an amazing debut.

Non-stop action, mystery, magic and bad-assery, the latter of which mainly stemmed from the heroine, Alice. She's my hero. Despite her over-the-top stubbornness and her unwillingness to let anybody in, she's such a fantastic character and role model. I love her loyalty and integrity, as well as her more vulnerable side. And of course, she damn well knows how to kick some butt.

Add in a bunch of perfectly fleshed-out characters, an intricate plot, heaps of dry humor and funny banter, and a simmering slow-burn romance... well, call me hooked.

"I'm sorry I scared you."

"What, by screaming in agony and passing out during sex?" he asked dryly. "Please, Alice.

You're going to have to do better than that to scare me after everything I've been through with you."

Just a few random thoughts (that didn't fit anywhere in the actual review):

- ◆ Seems like I'm having a good reading streak! Yay!
- ◆ Malcolm is so freaking adorable. I need a ghost of my own.
- ◆ I really wish that supernatural agency weren't called SPEMA. I kept adding an R in my mind every time I came across that abbreviation, and well.. Germans will understand.
- ◆ How come the (granted, rather mild) love triangle didn't annoy me in the least?
- ◆ Definitely should've re-read or at least re-skimmed book 1 before picking this one up.

I absolutely adore this world Lisa Edmonds has created here. Can't wait to read more, more, more!

ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Susan says

Alice is back and just as bada\$\$ as ever. This time she's drawn into a missing persons case with her former mentor. Full of sass, snark, and action that'll have you quickly turning the pages. If you enjoyed Kim Harrison's Hollows series, then you'll LOVE Lisa Edmonds and Alice Worth.

* I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Stacey is Sassy says

Go Team MAGS!!!

4.5 Stars

I tell myself constantly not to do this to myself, but somehow, when a book's calling to me...I MUST ANSWER THE CALL. So, I ended up reading one paranormal romance, while listening to another paranormal romance. Both of them were excellent but there's the slight problem of when I get my magic mixed up. What's a good move in one book is a VERY BAD, THE WORLD WILL END, move in the other. I was screaming DON'T DO THAT!! (in my head, my boys would send me to the loony bin...oh, wait, they live with a book nerd, they probably wouldn't even flinch). I'd have to stop, put my heart back in my chest, and remember who was who and what was what. Will I ever learn? Probably not.

So, in *Heart of Fire*, Alice is finally cottoning onto the idea that she can count on others to have her back. Alice likes to think she works better on her own but this time she must use all of her abilities and those of her friends to find and fight the killers. Which brings me to...GO TEAM MAGS!

M is for **Magic** - Alice has powers that those around her are finally understanding are vast. Even I was surprised what power she packed.

A is for **Agent** - Spema Agent, Trent Lake wants to be part of Alice's troop (of the up close and personal kind). He's struggling with want of Alice and dedication to his job. Protecting Alice seems to always win, though.

G is for **Ghost** - Malcolm is still one of my favourite characters from this series. I love his humour and devotion to Alice. For someone...something not really there, he certainly can do some damage.

And last, but definitely not least...THE ONE...THE ONLY...

S is for **Shifter** - Sean, you make my heart beat harder and faster every time you step into the room. You growl and I swoon. I love that you come back for more from Alice and will ALWAYS have her back and want to take away her pain.

GO TEAM MAGS!!!

Honourable mention must go to the Vamps, but, alas, you don't work in my acronym and, Charles, you're in my BAD BOOKS!! Bryan, I think you win for my favourite Vamp in *Heart of Fire*.

This action-packed instalment of the series was everything I hoped for. Alice was a wee bit messed up in the beginning but eventually sobers up and gets her head on straight. There is a "love-triangle" but to be honest, even the hint at it, I had to scoff. I knew *Lisa Edmonds* wouldn't let things get too out of hand. She is writing this book for me...is she not??

If you're a fan of paranormal romance, don't mind a laugh, a swoon, a sigh, shake and shiver, a wee bit of blood, and a heroine who kicks butt, I definitely recommend. There's also a bit of strutting and preening by the men/vamp/shifter's in Alice's life, but when I wasn't sighing at their antics, I was smirking.

Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.

Stacy says

The Alice Worth series quickly turned into a must-read series for me.

Alice is growing away from the loner she was when we first met her. She is still guarded and wary of accepting help, but she is slowly opening herself up to others. We continue to learn more about her past and unfortunately her past is slowly creeping closer to her new life. As soon as you think you have a handle on what she can do, another level of power is revealed. She truly is a bad-ass and it's amazing to witness what she can do.

Although I found HEART OF FIRE to have a bit of a slow pace at times, I still couldn't put it down. There is plenty of action and mystery involved to keep your mind in the book. I really enjoy the secondary characters in this series. Malcolm is a great partner and is always willing to be there even when Alice pushed him away. Sean has his alpha issues, but I still enjoy his contributions to Alice's life. I think I will always be on the fence about Charles. His motives are always a bit of a mystery and I just can't trust him.

As with book one, I didn't want to stop reading when the book ended. I look forward to seeing what book three will bring to the table.

* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Devann says

This series is getting a bit frustrating with this second book because like ...on the one hand I really like Alice, the magic system is interesting, the world building is comprehensive, and the plot is fairly fast paced and engaging ...but on the other hand I just cannot take all this relationship drama. I mean look Alice is great but does EVERY person she meets have to try to get with her. You've got two vampires who are trying to get into her pants [I guess it's nice that one of them is a woman but still], a government agent dude, and then Sean the werewolf from the first book and it's just all so wildly unnecessary. Also I can't really stand Sean because I have about zero patience for that ~alpha male bullshit~ but I guess at least she tells him off sometimes and he's becoming mildly less overbearing. I don't know, I'll probably try the next book just to see if this pattern is going to continue but it's already getting kind of old.

Mara says

A classic UF. Not that many around anymore, and it's a pity. Glad I stumbled into this series.

Laura (Kyahgirl) says

Great follow up to book 1. Looking forward to more from this author.

Bookgyrl says

The story picks up a couple of weeks after the ending of book 1. I would advise to read that one first, as not much time is spent on explaining or rehashing what happened in that book and it will leave you wondering who is who and what's what.

Alice is going through a very rough patch. She and Sean have broken up after a ridiculous fight and she refuses to acknowledge what happened in book 1 has affected her and brought back memories of the past. When her former employer Mark calls to ask her help in catching a possible serial killer of missing women (mostly prostitutes) Alice has to work with Sean to find the missing women. The Vampire Court is their employer, as the vampires are suspected of the killings.

Even when I sometimes thought Alice to be (too) stubborn, I understood where she was coming from. After all she went through she has difficulties trusting people and letting them in. Her relationships with Sean, Malcolm and Charles are explored in this story and I was impressed by the steps Alice made.

I really enjoyed this second book and hope the next will be published soon.

I was really fortunate to receive an advanced copy of the author and this is my honest and voluntary review.

Edeena Cross says

Whilst you don't need to read Blood Money before reading Heart of Fire, it really helps give the backstory to Alice's relationship with her mentor. It also gives us more motivation in Malcolm's behaviour, and it's always worth knowing what a vampire is up to.

In Heart of Fire, Alice deals with relationships - as well as the main plot of the story, which is to find out what has happened to all these kidnapped women. She is slowly learning that she is building a family of choice, and that she can have relationships and safely explore their boundaries. I was frustrated with Alice's relationship with Sean, but she is seeing that she can trust someone without losing her self. That being said, I also believe that Alice has extreme PTSD issues to work through, and none of it is easily resolved.

I am glad that we got to see more of Agent Parker, and see more of the Vampire Council in all their craftiness. It was also great to see more of Sean's pack life, so that Alice can understand his motivation and character better.

I absolutely recommend reading this book - I received a copy of it in advance in exchange for an honest review, and I am also purchasing it because I really love the series. I can't wait to find out what happens next.

Jellisa Thomas says

LOVE THE BOOK I got a free copy ebook for early review from BookSprout. I can't wait for the next book. If you another reads wanted to read the book start with Blood Money then Heart of Malice and Just for one night. Before reading Heart of Fire.

Jet says

(No spoilers.) Alice Worth is definitely a flawed character, which is understandable based on her past experiences. I love authors who allow these types of characters to progress in positive ways as a normal outgrowth of the story. The plot of this book is just as compelling as the previous book and the characters are true to their natures. That's not always the case in this genre - which I consider urban fantasy - as sometimes authors let "magic" or otherworldly influences push characters in directions that seem forced or contrived. Ms. Edmonds clearly has a defined sense of her characters and lets them act and react in rational ways, to some pretty unnatural situations and bad actors. Alice definitely has "heart" and cares about the suffering of others, although she doesn't hesitate to inflict her own brand of justice when she believes it is right. The dialogue is crisp, with just enough humor to keep the book from getting too dark. I look forward to the next book and hope this won't just be a trilogy.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Gwen says

Alice Worth the local lady of mystery, who under severe personal pressure has to balance the desire for revenge and the need to keep her secrets.

Of course secrets can only be squeezed so much when you have people you love and need to protect, because like blood secrets must out.

Yeah I know not the most original story line but it was well written and engaging enough that made me want to read the next book.

Great Book Lisa!

Carvanz says

What a great following to the first Alice Worth book! I loved this one just as much as Heart of Malice.

Alice is called in to help find "working girls" that have disappeared. Along the way she runs into a whole host of complications. Some that were completely heart breaking. Alice continues to resist the help or assistance of anyone other than Malcolm. When Sean suddenly reappears in her life she is determined to keep him at a distance but the chemistry between these two can't be denied.

This has a deep mystery at its core and a process of finding the villain that is filled with action, mayhem and

magic. I enjoyed watching Alice as she slowly begins to open herself up to the possibilities of more not only in her professional life but in her private life as well. Sean made me fall in love with him all over again with his dedication to protecting her and his own determination to give her the freedom she required. It's a hard place to be for him but he lived up to the challenge in ways I never imagined an alpha wolf shifter could do.

This is not a fast paced book but there is no place to skim because everything is vital to the story. I never once felt the urge to skip ahead unless it was to find out all the answers now! Again, we end with a bit of a cliffhanger. There are still lots of questions left unanswered and while things are somewhat settled between Sean and Alice, the potential of unsettlement is high. I strongly urge that book one be read before this one. And now to wait for the next installment. Sigh.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Heroine POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

Linda says

I stayed up until 2 a.m. to finish this. That about says it all.

TSN says

4.5 stars

So glad I stumbled into this series. This is classic UF at its best - awesome!

With a truly kick ass heroine, what's not to love?

Looking forward to the next book!
