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*Three wishes. Two lovers. One destiny.*

When the snarky Glory St. Pierre discovers the gold mechanical vase in her deceased grandmother's basement, she has no idea that she has uncovered a priceless treasure: a genie lamp. With a real genie inside. A very sexy genie with a not-so-sexy grudge against the entire human race.

Irving Amir hates being called a genie. He's a Djinn, and he is none too happy to be in the service of Glory, who is as intolerable, and beautiful, as humans come. Now he owes her his gratitude for freeing him and three wishes. Damn his luck.

But an arrow through the shoulder alerts Irving to the fact that he is being hunted, and after a truce dinner with Glory ends with them both almost being killed, hating each other goes right out the window. As feelings change and love starts to develop, they must dig through the secrets and lies to find the truth...a truth neither of them will ever see coming.

**WARNING: Not suitable for ages 18 and under. A significant source of bad language, sexy times, and dirty jokes. If you suffer from a lack of a sense of humor, take with plenty of wine. If the symptom persists, see a doctor.**

## **Wish for Me Details**

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## From Reader Review Wish for Me for online ebook

### Ariel Mathis says

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I'm going to start this off by fan-girling over my new favorite author. I came across this book as I was looking for a genie (although I shouldn't say genie, according to Irving) book & the blurb caught my eye. It's a must read, people!! Why? The author holds nothing back. She reels you in this story with highly developed characters, witty banter, and a plot with some really great twists there at the end. I love it!! I could not put my kindle down. I was at 70% thinking, " Oh no, it's almost over." I was just captive by the writing and the details of this story. I really felt like I was right there with Glory.

So Glory St. Pierre finds a lamp with a keyhole & key from her grandmother's stash after she passed away. Wanting no one to see it she hides it in her bag. Goes home, turns it three times, & voila, a genie comes out. Sorry, a Djinn. A fine as fuck, purple eyed, piece of man-meat, Alpha Djinn. Irving Amir. \*Meow\* You know the deal, three wishes & three restrictions. Irving has some issues with humans & Glory just happens to prove him wrong throughout the story until they get real close because she's freaking out over the possibility of a relationship. Irving is ALL Alpha. He's kinky in the bedroom, too!! I just want to go on record and say that Irving is MINE!! MY new book boyfriend. How could ANY woman not swoon over him?

And so someone tries to take out Amir then they try going after Glory. Irving takes it upon himself to protect her by taking her to his realm. Oh, the description of his realm was so stunningly beautiful. I want to go there. Like, now!! All gold, steel & steam. I was in reading heaven. This story seemed to be about revelations. Glory was in the dark about certain things I cannot go into detail of. There were many. It's what made the story so freakin' awesome & juicy. I left a lot out but that's why you should go read this book. Especially if you love Steampunk and paranormal romance. I'm so looking forward to see what adventures lie ahead for Glory & Irving. What a wonderful way to start this series!!

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### Beth says

GENRE: New-Adult, Romance, Paranormal Romance, Fantasy, Steampunk, Magic

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CLIFF HANGER: Yes

### FOUR STARS

The disclaimer that the author wrote made me laugh out loud and I knew this book was for me. I love an author with a sense of humor!

Quote from the author, "WARNING: Not suitable for ages 18 and under. A significant source of bad language, sexy times, and dirty jokes. If you suffer from a lack of sense of humor, take with plenty of wine. If the symptom persists, see a doctor."

Let me start off with I really enjoyed this book, I read it in a day! It was a fun fantastical read and I have never read this type of romance book before.

I discovered a new genre, Steampunk. What is Steampunk? Here is the definition from Dictionary.com “Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction and fantasy featuring advanced machines and other technology based on steam power of the 19th century and taking place in a recognizable historical period of a fantasy world.” By reading that I would say hmm, not interested. But I went in with an open mind and I really fell in love this type of story. This is the first time I have read this author’s work and it won’t be the last.

If you enjoy a book with magic, fantasy, mystery, suspense, incredible creative machines, snarky banter, an incredibly sexy genie, a strong sassy heroine, a story of two lovers with one destiny; then this is the book for you.

Wish For Me is story about a snarky college student, Glory St. Pierre and her gorgeous Djinn/genie, Irving Amir. Glory finds his vase in her grandmother’s basement and unaware of what this vase was, she summoned her genie and the adventure began.

Throughout the book you are transported between dimensions and see robotic mythical creatures, fight robotic automaton’s. There are secrets, lies and deception. There are sexy times and tender moments between the characters. There are twists and turns that you don’t see coming and the story is a puzzle that keeps unfolding. The end leaves the reader with a crazy cliffhanger, but it just makes you want to read more.

The second book is out, Dream Of Me and the third book, Yearn For Me is scheduled to release in August of 2016. So far, it looks like there are going to be five books.

I can’t wait to read the rest of the series. I now have a new genre to discover, Steampunk, who knew.

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My idea in my head of Irving Amir

My Idea of Glory St. Pierre

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### **Carrie says**

When Glory St. Pierre finds a old abandoned lamp in her deceased grandmother's basement little does she know she's about to become the master to a genie. Irving Amir adamantly insists he's a Djinn, not a genie but since Glory released him he owes her three wishes.

Glory immediately develops an infatuation with Irving and wanting to prolong their time together she vows to be careful with her wishes. Unfortunately Irving is being hunted and Glory finds herself in the middle of a world she never knew existed.

Wish For Me was an ok read, a lot of the book is more of Glory's fascination with the new sexy genie and I would've preferred getting more into the action of the story a bit quicker. Glory spends a ton of time just admiring Irving which I could have done without hearing about his good looks quite so often. Also, I don't

know if it was Glory's infatuation or just the way her personality was coming across to me but she often seemed a lot younger than she is meant to be in the book.

Once the books gets more into the Djinn world we also start the relationship between Glory and Irving. I wasn't completely hooked on the sexier moments between the two just because of the feeling that Glory often seemed more of a young teen than her age. But the story of the Djinn world and Irving's background kept me interested.

Overall, not too bad of a quick fantasy read. Needed more to the story and less to the relationship to really get my attention but 3 stars for this one.

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### **Nada Sobhi says**

Wish for Me by A. Star is the first instalment in The Djinn Order series. It is an action-packed steampunk, adult, fantasy and romance novel.

The novel is narrated in the first person by Glory St. Pierre, who seems rebellious but is plain obnoxious. Glory stumbles on a strange looking vase which turns out is more of a genie or Djinn lamp. The contraption, nothing like the lamp Aladdin finds, houses the Djinn Irving Amir, who gives Glory the chance to make three wishes. The two characters start out their relationship on a sarcastic note but an arrow to Irving's shoulder quickly changes their relationship.

Although there is significant character development for Glory, the protagonist and narrator, I did not like her; I liked her sometimes but those instances were few. The first few chapters put me off the two characters but bit by bit I began to like Irving Amir and respect him.

Apart from the sweet-talk and "uber-sexy abs" and away from the early dislike of humans, Irving is overall an experienced, wise and loveable character, as opposed to Glory. \

"Humans are shallow creatures with shallow desires and they only ever wish for shallow things. Fame, infinite wealth, love from the one who would not love them otherwise... the story is always the same." This Irving's view of human in chapter one, but as the novel progresses, his view begins to change and begins to fall for Glory and she for him, although at first she is more attracted to him sexually than anything else.

The sarcasm coming from both characters offers a bit of comic relief every now and then to ease the tension, which is a lot in the novel.

After Irving gets a poisoned arrow to his shoulder and Glory accidentally wishes for magic, things change drastically. Both become hunted by more than one side.

The ending of Wish for Me was much stronger than I anticipated. Not only that, many of the hunter-prey roles become reversed as Irving and Glory must team up with enemies to fight other enemies.

A. Star uses several Arabic words and names, which I thought was cute considering Arabic is my mother tongue.

I enjoyed the contraptions created by Irving. He likes to tinker and create. In his realm, everything is

mechanical – the steampunk element – and I enjoyed the description of many of his creations, especially Nagi.

One of the things that bothered me while reading, however, was the author's constant and repetitive use of "questioned". I mean there are options like "asked" and "said", and certainly others, but the excessive use of "questioned" irritated me beyond measure – it was worth a star or half a star in my rating.

Also, there were several major shifts, from tit-for-tat arguments to romance in a jiffy. I didn't like that and felt it disrupted the flow of the novel. It also felt awkward in places.

The adult content in Wish for Me is mainly because of the language and a couple of love scenes, which I didn't see as romantic or at least not what I was expecting with the author's bio (below). Still it is unsuitable for ages 18 and under.

I did enjoy the action in the novel and felt like I was in a movie.

A. Star uses several interesting and creative images such as "Irving still treated me like a pimple he was itching to pop."

Several revelations come at the end of the novel, paving the way of the second instalment in the series, which I would like to read if I get the chance.

Overall rating: 3.5 stars

Note: I received a free copy of Wish for Me via Xpresso Book Tours in exchange for an honest review as part of this blog tour.

There is a giveaway as part of the blog tour, check it out here:

<http://nadanessinmotion.blogspot.com/...>

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### **Marisa says**

This book is almost steampunk meets Djinn meets modern day. The combinations are fresh, interesting and keeps you intrigued. I am not a huge fan of instant love, but I will admit that A. Star knows how to write it well. Glory is no wilting flower and has some great banter if slightly cheesy at times.

I was able to foresee some of the conflict in the book, but I will happily admit that the ending is not what I expected. If I have any complaints, it would be that there are two plot lines of conflict, one of which came out of nowhere for me. Despite that, it was like a movie – just don't overthink it and it was an enjoyable read!

Warning: Contains repeated sexual content.

Who should read it? Folks looking for a sexy light fantasy.

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## **Marta Cox says**

So there is Glory helping her mum and aunt sought through all the rubbish left in her late grandmothers basement . It's hot , dirty work and there's very little 'treasure' to be found. Well Glory has found a cute hat and that weird metal thing with a key but that's about it. Glory goes home turns the key in the perculiar vase type thing only to discover it's just a music box oh well time to sleep . Now Glory is in for a shock awakening when a beautiful man appears in her room declaring he will grant her three wishes! O my a genie ! Oops perhaps not, as the rather rude male insists he's a Djinn. Ok Irving Amir is sex on legs but his arrogance and obvious disdain for all humans kind of deflates Glorys libido ( who am I kidding ? He's still gorgeous!) . Glory isn't going to waste her wishes and kind of likes the idea of getting to know more about Irving . Then the unthinkable happens and he nearly dies meaning all bets are off and the couple really begin to trust each other but how did the hunters track down Irving?

I liked the beginning of this book and can easily understand why it was recommended to me. Snarky heroine, sexy aloof Djinn with a twinkle in his eyes , amethyst eyes no less! There's a lot more to Irving then meets the eye , he has quite a past and is an inventor to boot so if you enjoy a touch of steampunk alongside magic than this might just be the book for you. What Glory discovers about him was almost exactly what I suspected . Glory hmm what do I say about her? I think her personality will divide readers as I'm pretty sure not everyone will like her. Yes she can be funny and clearly suffers from verbal diarrhoea but she can also appear obnoxious at times . I really enjoyed some of the authors unusual choices to describe things but alas wasn't sure about the big reveal. I'm like eighty six percent in ( according to my kindle) and the author had my eyes virtually popping out of my head! What? No? Really? Light, sexy and fun with a lovely cover and an ending that was totally surprising .

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## **Paige Bookdragon says**

The first part really hooked me but after 45%, it kinda depressed me. It was the same with the other PNR romance that I've been reading. What I thought as a light fun read turned into a having full blown secrets with some drama.

*Gah. Give me a break.*

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## **Kristen Burns says**

### **2 Stars**

#### **Full Review:**

\*I received a free ecopy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.\*

When I started the book, my initial thoughts were, *ok, it's not quite my type of book, but it's enjoyable enough that I'm willing to overlook the tropes I don't like and accept the story*. But then, as the story progressed, it became more and more *romance-y*. It's not that I don't like romance in the books I read, it's just that I've had a hard time with paranormal romance lately because I'm not a fan of the instalove, the constant descriptions of how sexy the man is, and the alpha males---all the things that seem to so often define the genre, and all of which this book had. (Maybe it wasn't *technically* instalove, but she wanted him from the

moment she saw him, even though he was a strange man she thought had broken into her bedroom, and it only took about two times of hanging out before they were swearing on their lives to protect each other.)

I'm not saying the book was bad though. Those things are, as I said, pretty par for the course with light paranormal romance, so it's just a matter of preference. The book also had a unique mash-up of djinn and steampunk, plus a type of female lead you don't see very often, what with her pixie cut, tattoos, and rocker style.

I do have one major complaint though. It is NEVER ok with me when the man in a book ties up/handcuffs the woman in bed without her permission and without any discussion of safe words and then refuses to let her out even when she asks. It doesn't matter to me if that's what she secretly wanted. I've seen it in books before, and it always instantly kills the scene for me and makes me dislike the male character. I do recognize that books are not real life, and other adults can make their own decisions about what they like to read, but it bothers *me* too much to not mention it.

That ending was also kind of a cliffhanger, and I'm not sure what exactly the goal was or whether it was resolved, but the author does throw in some twists and at least gives you some answers instead of leaving you completely hanging at the end of the book.

So again, not for me, but possibly enjoyable for readers with different taste than mine.

#### **Recommended For:**

Anyone who is looking for a light paranormal romance about djinn (and who doesn't mind instalove and alpha males).

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#### **Stephanie (Bookfever) says**

***"Do not make me smack you, Irving Amir."***

***"Do not make me kiss you, Glory St. Pierre."***

Wish for Me was simply fanastic! I think I had read two books about Djinn before but it wasn't until this book that I felt like yeah, I need to read more books with them (or author's need to write more with them). I was pretty sure I was going to like this book but I hadn't expected to love it this much from start to ending. Just... amazing!

This story is about Glory St. Pierre who chances upon what she thinks is a vase in the basement of her grandmother who has passed away. This is not an ordinary vase Glory discovers when she has taken it to her place. Turns out this vase is not only mechanical (so cool!) but also a genie lamp and whe accidentally summons the cynical but sexy Djinn, Irving Amir, inside.

Glory was such a fun character to read about. I truly enjoyed reading about everything she did and when Irving, a Djinn, was thrown into the mix it just kept getting better. I can't even begin to explain my love for Irving. He started out exactly how I imagined a Djinn to be — Judgmental towards humans. Irving certainly was like that, but there more going on there than just a hatred toward humans. And he's so much more than just a regular Djinn.

Without giving too much away, there are quite a few plot twists that made me gasp out loud (in public...), twists that I hadn't seen coming at all. I really like books that can surprise me like this. Another cool thing to this book is the steampunk part. There's a mechanical lamp, like I said before, and the Djinn can be summoned with turning a key in it. I just thought that was so cool. And other than that there's so many other steampunk elementas in this book, like Irvin's mechanical bat. She was just so darn cute!

Overall, *Wish for Me* by A. Star basically had everything I wanted — An awesome heroine, a smexy hero, djinn and magic, unexpected twists that only this author can truly shock me with and very hot romance + great writing. It was perfect!

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### **Dani (Dani Reviews Things & Love in a time of Feminism) says**

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I received this book for free from Xpresso Book Tours in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

*Wish for Me* was hilarious, exciting and oh so sexy. What more could you ask for from an NA fantasy romance?

Glory and Irvine were stellar characters, casting the other characters in shadow, which was a bit of a shame. Their chemistry was sizzling, with tantalising banter ('LOL' is appropriate here) and a rather seductive power struggle in and out of the bedroom. Glory was so kickass, and I loved that she didn't fall into the same traps as other heroines. For example, when Irvine grabbed her arm to stop her from walking away (why is there always grabbing???), she CALLED HIM ON IT. I was so freaking proud of her. I wanted her for a friend – seriously.

I read almost non-stop, as the book was both relatively short and very absorbing. Star's writing is *super* easy to read, and you'll be done with the story and onto the next one in no time. She's very sarcastic, so basically my kind of lady. You can get a sense for her humour from the warning in the synopsis. (That warning is basically the reason I read the book, FYI.)

I'm not an expert in steampunk, but I actually enjoyed the steampunk elements in this story. They didn't feel forced, but instead added to the allure of the Djinn world. I would have liked to see more of the world built up, as it seemed superficial at times, and I want more interaction with Irvine's creations! (The bat is adorbs.)

I only have two reservations with the book:

1. The secondary characters didn't have a chance to fully develop, resulting in confusing and unbelievable behaviour.
2. The ending was very sudden and rushed, and it left my head spinning, but not in a good way.

That being said, I am all onboard (tehehe) for the second book, *Dream of Me* ...which is why you'll be able to

catch a review of it in a few days!

## Snapshot

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### **kariny v says**

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This is the story of Glory St. Pierre who finds a lamp and a key in her grandmother's basement. When she turns the lock in and nothing happens, she goes to asleep. Only to be awoken by a hot, sexy djinn with an attitude. With three wishes in hand, Glory is determined to make them last and count. And the fact that Irving is forced to stay with her, something that irritates him to no end, is a bonus for Glory. But when Glory accidentally wishes for something that Irving warned her was dangerous, she finds herself in danger and on the run from the djinn hunters that want to kill Irving. But Irving is not exactly who he says he is. Even though he would do anything to protect Glory, even bringing her to his world, there is a reason why the hunters are after him specifically. And Glory, through she doesn't know it, has secrets that could break them apart forever!

Glory is one of those snarky characters you love from the start! She was independent and strong willed despite the fact that her life was in danger. She doesn't jump into a relationship with Irving but considers everything before actually getting into a serious relationship. She was down to earth and feisty!

Irving....HOT DJINN!!! Drool worthy, swoon worthy! The fun banter between the two was absolutely adorable! Even though we don't see much of the cover model, i'd say he's pretty hot!!

The plot itself was super intriguing. We didn't go into depth too much in this book but with a cliffhanger like this one, which leaves us in the midst of a battle, i'm sure the next book will go further into plot development. Plus you have that awesome steam punk factor that comes into play through mechanical bats and stuff!! It was incredibly genius to give Irving's character a passion for creating things because it gave his character a depth.

I think that Irving and Glory's characters complemented each other perfectly. They were both stubborn and possessive of each other. Some parts of the book was a little obvious but it didn't really bother me, The world building of the djinn world was super well done and kind of weird-like the servants entering Irving's room when he's naked and not caring!

The prince and the princess have really got my attention. Ada is this strong and badass princess and Edwin is the funny one stuck in an arranged marriage.

This book has a unique combination of steam punk and djinns and magic, and it does not disappoint! I am so happy i have the ARC of book 2 so i don't have to deal with that cliffhanger :p I definitely recommend this to all fantasy lovers but there are some sexual situations. It's a pretty short read of about 150 pages but it's an adventure you will enjoy!

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## Cristina Valencia says

### \*4.5 Stars\*

Wish For Me sparked a little curiosity in me with the whole genie in a lamp and three wishes. I assumed it would be sort of like Aladdin but I had no idea I was going to like it this much. It's not the kind of book I would normally pick out, but once in a while I like to shake things up and deviate from my preferred genres. This goes to show that you should definitely venture out of your comfort zone more often. I never would've guessed that the "genie" or the Djinn would be so extremely swoonworthy! I liked the heroine a lot too (except for a couple of occasions when she needed to be smacked in the head). She was feisty and funny and I liked that.

The plot reminded me a bit of Rebel Belle, only sooo much better. This was one of those books where incredible things happen yet somehow, it's not hard to believe it at all. Glory is so down to earth and normal and the way the author presents the story makes it feel like it's really happening. We also encounter some twists along the way that make for a great overall read. The only downside for me was that I got quite confused at the end. I had to go back and re-read several pages a few times because I didn't understand the ending. Maybe we'll get a better explanation in the next book since it was sort of a cliffhanger or maybe it was just me who didn't get it. Either way, this was a pretty wonderful book -it was fast-paced and it kept my interest the whole time.

*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\**

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## Lynn Rainbow says

*I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review!*

**3.5 stars** — I had a few problems with this book, but it really was a fun read! I had never read a book about Djinns before, and it surely was a lot of fun and a breath of fresh air! I was absolutely captivated by all the Djinn world and the magical atmosphere (kinda Aladdin's style), but unfortunately I wasn't as into the characters.

I've really nothing against Irving, I found him even funny in some parts, and there were a few jokes of Glory's that made me laugh, together with her sarcasm. I totally support strong female characters, usually, but despite this there were really a lot of times where I couldn't actually stand her! If there's a thing I hate is reading all over again a girl drooling over a man's physical appearance, even after the tenth time she sees him! Like, I understand he is described as a dreamy, sexy guy, but it sounds a bit repetitive to hear how gorgeous he is every few pages.

The other thing I had a problem with, was the relationship between the two. I would have preferred the book to have 100 more pages, but a more well developed relationship. The way they get through "hate", attraction and then love it was just too quick, rushed and unrealistic, in my opinion, especially because it felt like the whole story took place in not more than a month or two. It was just too quick, that's all, at I could have been made better.

Anyways, the thing I really liked was the plot and the new idea behind it. There aren't a lot of books about genies, at least as long as I know. Surrounding the love story, then, I found a really well-done plot, fast-

paced and action-packed! There wasn't a single moment I felt bored, and I didn't see all these plot-twists coming at the end of the book.

This book surely entertained me and made me want to read more books with Djinn in it! I'm genuinely really curious about reading the next book and I'd suggest you all to pick this one up, anytime you'll need something quick, fun and fresh to read!

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### **Rose Strong (Kljuc za knjigu Book Blog) says**

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I read this book in one afternoon and that's because it's irresistible. I find novels about Djinn mystical and special in a way I can't seem to describe, so I can never resist them, and Wish for Me is one of my new favorites!

The world the authors lead us into is magical and full of surprises. There are literally more than one moment when I thought about how I did not see that happen! It was amazing!

Glorie is a normal girl forced by coincidence into the world full of unexpected creatures, a war between races and into the reality of a problematic family she didn't even know she was a part of.

Irving is everything but normal. He's a slave to whoever owns his "lamp" and that fact could put all of his world in a grave danger. He's a Djinn.

The relationship between this human girl and Djinn gives us plenty to be happy and excited about. They're funny and their relationship is amusing. They fight and tease each other making us laugh, but it's also real and full of sincere emotions.

The plot's entertaining and dynamic, with amazing twists- especially at the end. The end of this book makes us want more, and I can tell you, I can't wait to read the sequel!

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### **Deborah says**

After Glory St Pierre takes possession of an odd vase with mechanical gears, she lands herself with an unexpected slave – a genie. Irving Amir hates being called a genie – he's a djinn – and he's none too fond of the human race either, letting no time pass before he makes Glory aware of this fact.

Well Glory can give as good as she gets, and although her djinn is hotter-than-hot sex-on-legs, she isn't about to let him treat her like a piece of dirt.

So starts a fiery relationship, with layers of secrets that pop out at unexpected turns, keeping this story twisting and turning and always entertaining. The dialogue is snarky and fun, the action fast, and the

characters have a depth and realism that draws you in and pulls you along.

I did have a few niggles: when Irving takes Glory back home to the kingdom of Shrinelyn, the descriptions seem to be straight out of the Arabian Nights – I'd have liked a little innovation. Admittedly once they venture into the countryside it's there, in the amazing fun Steampunk thread that winds through the tale, but for me, the palace was a tad predictable, and the sex came over a bit like a nod to Fifty Shades. I was also not overly comfortable with Glory's lack of any reaction to a society chock full of servants who seem to be treated as no more than slaves.

And why on earth did Irving arm her with a sabre that she can't use, when his armoury is full of weapons she could just point and fire?

Those points aside, I really enjoyed this – until I reached the end.

Gahhhh!!! Yet another of those INFURIATING cliff hanger endings!

I thought I was safe as this is novella, or at best, short novel length. I did not expect to find it only a part of a longer story. I might read the next, because I really liked the characters and the unusual plot, but then again, I might not, because I find this type of ending to be such a turn off.

To be fair to the author, and the fact that there do seem to be readers out there who don't mind this type of episodic instalment, I've rated the book without taking this into account. But if, like me, you find cliff hangers to be extremely annoying, then beware.

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