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Fennel and Peree are finally together and safe from the Scourge in the protected village of Koolkuna. But on the day of their partnering ceremony the children of the village are stolen away—Fenn's loyal companion, Kora, among them.

Fenn wants to bring the children home, especially as the villagers seem to blame Peree and her for the tragedy. Only since the death of her own family, she's terrified a wrong move on her part will lead to the loss of others she loves.

Fenn and Peree join a small search party led by rival Kaiya, the one person who stands a chance of finding the children thanks to her mysterious past. As they travel away from the safe waters of Koolkuna and into the Scourge-infested wilds, Fenn endures Kai's scorn, her subtle designs on Peree, and the squabbling of the group. But nothing in her life so far has prepared her for the fierce warrior women who will steal others' children to preserve their own existence—the Fire Sisters.

If Fenn is to survive the threat of the Scourge, rescue the children from the Sisters, and have a hope of making a life with Peree in Koolkuna, she must face her fear of failure and loss and become the leader she's destined to be.

The Fire Sisters Details

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Ranu says

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I loved the previous two books of The Brilliant Darkness series, although, if I had it my way, it would've ended with Book #2, Peree and Fenn happily bonded, with a nice neat epilogue where we get to meet their kids. But unfortunately, since the world actually does NOT happen to be a wish-granting factory, I will have to be satisfied with this thrilling conclusion to a great series.

What I Loved

The characters. SO WELL DEVELOPED. I loved how Fenn changed so much from the first book, becoming a great leader, forging a strong relationship with Peree, and becoming so much stronger as a character. Her leadership skills really show up in this book, and I loved her strength.

Peree, unfortunately, was not very important to this book. I was a teensy bit disappointed because, come one, WE NEED MORE PEREE. But in a way, it was also fabulous because while I really enjoyed the way Peree and Fenn's relationship strengthened their characters, I also love how Fenn began to develop on her own.

Plus, Peree was so sweet and supportive in this book that I can overlook it.

Now, Kai was a character who I really liked finding more about. At first, her constant jealousy, stubbornness and overall unreasonableness (wow, is that actually a word? That wavy red line isn't appearing under it. Must be a word) . But we do get to see her backstory, and although I don't like any more than I did at first, at least a kind of understand her hostility now. Kind of.

The plot. Okay, so like I said, this installment of the series is totally unnecessary. All the conflict that surrounded the first two books was not present in this one, because it was resolved what feels like ages ago in the previous books. The Fire Sisters takes on a completely new plotline, and kind of feels like it was mostly written to find out more about Kai and see more of Fenn's character development rather than extend the plot and conflict of the earlier books.

I didn't like the fact that the plotline was so different, but that didn't stop me from liking the storyline itself.

The Fire Sisters and the action. The Sisters were pretty awesome, and I loved their Amazonian society. They were pretty fierce and stubborn, and I thought this book had a good, balanced action. The Sisters did kind of annoy me with their obstinacy and their absolute refusal to see things in any way except theirs, but they kind of had my respect because they were so strong and THEY HAD A MATRIARCHAL SOCIETY WHICH I HAVE NEVER READ ABOUT.

What Could've Been Better

The romance. Okay, now I'm all for YA books that feature little to no romance, but since both The Scourge and The Defiance were so focused on the romance, I was expecting WAY more Fenn/Peree moments than what I got. I wanted heart-melting scenes that gave me all the feels, just like in the first two books, and all I got was...this. I'm a teeny bit disappointed.

The pacing. I don't what it was about The Fire Sisters, but sometimes I felt that things needed to be moving a little faster than they were. I was slightly bored at places, just waiting for the characters to stop talking so much and do something!

Overall

The Fire Sisters was a satisfying conclusion to The Brilliant Darkness trilogy, and while it wasn't all that I was expecting, I still enjoyed it very much. I loved meeting all the characters again, and while I would have liked a bit more Fenn/Peree, there was still plenty of action and intrigue.

Ari Reavis says

Great ending to the series. Fennel was strong in her own vulnerable way and I loved Peree more and more with each kiss they shared. I didn't like how the issue in this book kind of had an easy fix, but I'm happy everything turned out ok. Kai and Moray got on my damn nerves with their arrogance and selfishness. And of course, I loved the end, or beginning rather, of Fenn and Peree's love story.

Jamie says

I re-read the other two books in the series before I started this one, and I'm glad I did. I think I needed to immerse myself in the world again and re-familiarize myself with the characters before I started this journey.

I liked (i)The Fire Sisters(i). It was a satisfying end to the trilogy, and I'm glad the author took her time to finish the story in a thoughtful and consistent way.

One more thing before I get to the spoilers: I'm not usually one to compare books, but I think this trilogy deserves at least as much love (if not HEAPS more) than (i)The Selection Series(i). Better characters, better story, better writing. Get it together, world.

Ok, on to the spoilers.

I thought Moray and his lovesick brother deserved a little more exposition at the end there. They just kind of went along with Fenn's plan- which is totally great- but I would have loved a little more information as to why. How could they just leave the person they both came to retrieve (as pigheaded and determined as they are)? Also, I thought that at some point we were going to hear about how Moray was in love with Fennel all this time, because in his own twisted half five-year-old half frat-boy way, he totally acted like it. I guess I am supposed to attribute his latest words and actions to her remarkable leadership skills, but it felt different to me. Also, his name makes me want to make up new verses to "That's Amore." Ahem. "When you're thrown in a pit and you can't exit it, that'sa Moray. When you're crushed to the ground and you can't make a sound, that'sa Moray." I digress.

I have to admit that I scoffed at first when Fennel, the BLIND girl, volunteered to go on a rescue mission to uncharted territory and everyone was totally okay with it. Nobody said "You will slow us down!" or, "Why should you go? None of your relatives were taken" or, "Those trained assassins will totally kill you. I care

about you, you shouldn't go." I thought she might have to weigh the pros and cons of going, or maybe convince others. But hey, this is fiction and we have to suspend our disbelief a little. I love that our heroine is a blind girl, so I can give a little license.

I also have to admit that I just KNEW that our heroes inside the compound were going to use that wasp venom against the Fire Sisters in some way. I thought it was such an obvious choice. In my eyes it was the gun introduced in act one that must be fired by the end of the play. As the story went on I thought that maybe it would be more unexpected than I anticipated: that a sympathetic Sister would use it against her own to help Fenn and her posse escape. Nope. They set the wasps free instead. Huh. I have to say, there were a lot of things in the book I didn't expect. But I'm sad that nobody even thought to use that mind control business against the Sisters in the plot to escape. Especially when they stumbled upon the hive. Oh well, it all turned out for the best.

One more little gripe: I'm a little disappointed at the lack of communication between Fennel and Peree about Kai. I think Fenn should have said "This bothers me. Show me you respect me please by trying to stay away from this girl who is throwing herself at you." And it would have been nice if Peree didn't get himself into situations where Kai could "make her intentions known" and go to her side when she was very obviously flirting with him. I get that they are confident in each other's love, but come on! Respect.

All said, this was a great story and a fun read. I totally recommend the whole trilogy. And I want my friends to read it so I can talk about it with an actual human. Get on it!

Penny Bowden says

So good I bought the 2nd and 3rd ones!

I got the first book free on BookBub or FreeBooksy - can't exactly remember which! - and read it in one sitting. I then bought the next 2 as I NEEDED to know what happened to all the characters, some lovable, some horrible, some who started horrible then ended up (almost) lovable! Very well written, so much so that I felt totally immersed in the stories, as if I was actually there. I will have to read more of this author's writings.

Kelly says

I don't like endings of a series. It is always bittersweet.

I loved watching Fenn grow and develop as a leader. I really appreciated A G Henley putting a less than perfect person (as we all are) as the main character and that she finds that someone loves her just the way she is. Fenn also gains respect from others and is very loving and helpful and overcomes a lot on a journey being blind.

Peree is just as wonderful loving Fenn and respecting her. He is extremely gentle with her and allows her to be herself and grow. I found myself teary eyed at the end.

This book is a great ending with lots of action, heartache, growing and lots of finding the best in every situation and overcoming so much adversity and situations. Made me think a lot!

Ashley Leonard says

I love love love this series and The Fire Sisters was a perfect way to end them (with tears in my eyes might I add). AG Henley is an extremely mature and accomplished writer. Her characters are well developed and somehow contain a tangible reality and flaws to them. The plot isn't lacking either with more movement and adventure than I thought could happen realistically in the number of pages. The love story isn't one of fairy tales or overly sappy but is genuine and true. This series is hands down one of my top three favorites of all time. I've recommended them to numerous friends, all who have raved about them as much as I have. The author really strikes a cord with me somehow and I don't think it's just my personality or interests. Looking forward to more stories from you, AG Henley!

Jennifer says

I was eagerly anticipating the finale of this series. Maybe it was the hype or the sheer anticipation of it, but this book fell flat for me. While I found the first two books of this series interesting and page turning, I had a hard time finishing this one. The plot was too simple and boring. The first person pov grated on my nerves. Fennel sounded especially whiny and needy in this book. The drama/angst was a mere side note and merely added for the sake of it. It didn't really add any substance to the story. I find the premise of this book silly. A blind girl going on a rescue trip? Maybe too much time had passed between reading the second and third installment. I wish I like it more and had nicer things to say.

Ellie Wyatt says

a good ending to the series. and i totally want to be a fire sister.

Abby says

This is the last book in a trilogy. The author left room for more books, as this is a world that can be revisited easily. This is a young-adult series that is generally well-written (a few errors could have been picked up by a copywriter or a proofreader; for example, "I could care less," and the improper use of the word "nocturnal").

An enjoyable, light read with decent world-building.

Michael Long says

In this final book in the Brilliant Darkness series, it opens with Fenn and Peree about to get married, and then everything goes wrong. The children of Koolkuna are stolen away by the Fire Sisters, a group of females who live in a mountain fortress. Fenn, Peree, Kai, and others leave on a journey to go get the children back.

This was a real page turner and easy read for me. There was so much I loved about this book: Fenn's growth as a leader, Kai's secrets and eventual heroism and friendship, the journey through forest and tree tops, the challenge Fenn's group presented to the Fire Sisters, the plans to escape with the children, and more. There is so much tied back to the first two books where we see familiar characters and then see them grow into something great. And of course the mythology continues...the sickness, the runa, and even an underground society (though we don't see much of them). There were so many great themes here... what it means to be a leader, what friendship is all about, and what family would sacrifice for their loved ones, what the Fire Sisters must confront with a changing world.

This was a great conclusion for me and I really enjoyed it. My only gripe is that this is the end...I really wished the world was explored in more books...like will the world ever be free of the sickness and rebuild, what will happen to the sick ones, more about the underground people, what the future of the Fire Sisters is like, etc. But I'm so glad I got to read this and it is one of my new favorites. This review was originally posted on MichaelSciFan

Candy Cassin says

Wow! What an ending to a fabulous series! It has been quite an exciting ride in the Brilliant Darkness series with the main characters facing many obstacles and dangers. The Fire Sisters is no exception! A.G. Henley has brought us another riveting chapter in this dystopian tale. I was on the edge of my seat waiting to see what happened next! I started reading and I just couldn't put it down. The Fire Sisters brings us excitement, love, doubt, danger and so much more! Oh, and there are zombies, but they are not your run of the mill zombies. So I would recommend this book even to readers who do not care for zombies.

I just love how this story goes to show that there is more to people than meets the eye and there is more than one way to solve a problem. I am glad that not all the characters are easy to figure out as well. Some had me guessing the whole time.

A.G. Henley brings the story to life through her words and made me feel like I was there. There was just enough detail to paint a clear picture of it all and to draw me into their world. I feel The Fire Sisters is a must read, but if you haven't read the rest of the series start with book 1 The Scourge. I can't wait to see what she comes up with next.

Fennel and Peree big day has finally arrived, but before they can finish their partnering ceremony tragedy strikes! The children have been stolen away by a fierce group called The Fire Sisters! Now the search is on. They must now travel into the dangerous unknown to retrieve their treasured guru (children) before it is too late. They run into trouble along the way and find help in the most unlikely places. Sacrifices will have to be made and lines will be crossed. Will they find the children in time? Will Fennel and Peree ever get their happily ever after? Or is it The End?

Tammy says

The final book picked up the pace again. We are back with the Fire Sisters. Fenn and Peree's ceremony is interrupted by the taking of the children by the Fire Sisters. They follow them back to the Cloister. I am amazed at how Fenn gets about walking, climbing, and such with no eye sight. I would be terrified. We see Alev again as well as some of the other Sisters. Learning more about their group in this book helped me understand them better. The book concludes the story quite well and I enjoyed it. I received an ebook copy of the book for an honest review.

Karen says

And it is done! I have officially finished this fantastic series!

Wow, I have loved this series from the start, there was so much going on in one novel. And it just keeps building and building to the end! I'm so happy to have finished but why does it feel so incomplete?

As we read in the previous novel, we are left with a cliffhanger! Thankfully it starts off right where we left off. Before the highly anticipated wedding occurs the children are kidnapped by the Fire Sisters. Rapid questions and demands occur as soon as this happens. Who are the Fire Sisters, why do they want the children, why didn't the children scream, where are they taking them, will they ever return, who will find them in time, or will they perish away? So many unanswered questions, so the suspense is major in this novel!

But thanks to the previous novella, "The Gatherer" we get a glimpse of who the Fire Sisters are and what happened to Kai when she was with them.

So, Kai is their only hope to rescue the children but she is feared by most of her community. Fenn wants to take action in making decisions, but every decision she has made, has lead to a loved one being hurt and lost to her. She cannot afford to lose Peree or anyone else. But as desperate times are lived, she must be the leader she is known to be, but will she have the strength to do it ?

In this journey, we go with Fenn and watch her fears with her, her determination to do what is right for all, her jealousy for Kai's obvious flirtation with Peree, her anger, stubbornness, gentleness, insecurities, it's a roller coaster ride of emotions for Fenn. Yet it was all execute well and I loved every moment that was shared and expressed.

I just really wish there was more to this series, will there be another novel ? We will have to wish for it, hopefully. I mean what happens to Frost and her baby, who does she stay with? What happens to the Fire Sisters, to Alev?

The story feels so right yet so incomplete at the same time. Nevertheless, I loved this series! Loved it and I cannot wait to read more of this author!

Received a copy from the author herself, in exchange for an honest review, thank you!

Rometta says

Great ending. Love the series could not put the books down I wanted to keep reading.

Brandi says

This was more like 3.5 but I rounded up since I like this series. I thought this book was lacking in adventure. It was wrapped up nicely with a little bow.
