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With the silver murders solved and her training as a mage underway, Sunaya figured her life would get easier. But between the Chief Mage's packed schedule and the grunt work demanded of her as an apprentice mage, magic lessons are few and far between. Worse, her apprenticeship leaves little time for her job as an Enforcer, and without bounties Sunaya's money pouch is drying up -- fast.

Even so, when Shiftertown Inspector Boon Lakin asks for Sunaya's help digging deeper into the murder of a fellow Enforcer, Sunaya has no trouble making room in her life to help him. The trail leads them to a series of crimes victimizing shifters for the entertainment of vicious humans. Sunaya and her friends race to identify the perpetrators and free the survivors, and the stakes are heightened when she discovers one of the victims has a connection to her. But if Sunaya is not careful, she may end up a very dead shifter herself...

Bound by Magic Details

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Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

**** 4 Cranky Stars ****

Full disclosure: I didn't read the first book in this series and I probably should have to get a more detailed experience.

In saying that, I could follow and the author did a good job of giving reminders and prompts on who was who and what was important.

Bound by Magic centers on Sunaya who is half shifter and half mage.

Her heritage brings baggage - serious baggage. She is an outsider to both sides of her lineage; an object of suspicion.

The apprentice to the Chief Mage and an enforcer (a type of police-officer-come-bounty-hunter), Naya is as tough as nails, but having difficulty balancing both of her dual roles.

An outstanding case from the past, shifters going missing, and dubious practices come to light, Naya finds herself in the midst of a mystery where the two sides of her nature may, in fact, be a boon and not a bane.

Fast paced and action packed, Walt has built an interesting world that is not too dissimilar to the one we are in, but different enough to be intriguing.

It's a little bit steam-punk, a little bit paranormal, and human enough to keep you turning pages.

With a special thanks to THE Book Club.

Susan Angela Wallace says

I received this as an arc from Jasmine herself in exchange for an honest review.

With her silver murders solved and her training as a mage underway. Sunaya figured her life would get easier.

Wow. Wow. Wow.

Absolutely amazing read.

I loved the story and the characters.

Sunaya will always be my favourite character.

I do hope there is more to come.

I love this series.

This is a must read and I would highly recommend this book.

Definitely worth more than 5 *.

Jay Eats Books says

Spoilers May Follow:

I had SUCH high hopes for Bound by Magic, but it just didn't deliver. Sure, this was a great way to pass time, but there was too much wrong with the book to thoroughly enjoy it. I think most of the issues in the book can be chalked up to lazy story writing.

Naya is supposed to be a strong, competent enforcer, but she just isn't. She's forgetful and downright stupid to the point where she endangers the lives of others. Firstly, she wants to enter an underground fighting ring without backup, endangering her own life and the lives of the people she may have had to fight. Quite frankly, it's stupid, and above all, she was warned that it was dangerous to go alone. But she still did it.

Throughout the novel, Naya is given warnings that the convention Iannis is to attend is going to be attacked (or something of the sort), but she still wishes to keep the information to herself. In fact, it's not necessarily a keep the information to herself type of thing, but rather a she's so forgetful, she'd lose her arm if it wasn't attached to her type of thing. Really. She's that forgetful. I mean, she forgets things minutes after she's told them, which is insane, because she's supposed to be an Enforcer, which is like a detective. Why isn't she taking notes if her memory is that incompetent? Again, lives are put in danger due to her incompetence.

So, it's mostly lazy story writing. The author needed to create a plot, and she did so by making the character incompetent, and the story unfolded in a disastrous manner due to it.

The reason this received three stars is due to the immense potential of the series. However, I highly suggest that Ms. Walt choose better Beta readers and editors. Whoever she has revising her work is almost as incompetent as her protagonist.

3 frustrating stars.

Natasha du Plessis says

Thank you to Jasmine Walt and TBC for the ARC and my chance to review. I did not get to read the first book in the series but it did not distract me from the story. I really enjoyed reading Bound by Magic and could picture many of the scenes in my head. A well written fantasy novel and I look forward to the next book in the series. I think I just have to lay my hands on the first one though. A great read that I would recommend to all fantasy lovers.

C. Erani Kole says

This is like a 4.79 for me. I want to give it a solid 5 stars but I'm such an impatient person, I found myself skimming to all the parts with either Sunaya and Iannis or Sunaya and the core bits of the investigation she was doing. Don't worry! I read it again because the fourth book isn't out, yet (I kinda read it all and then had to stop, think about what to do with my life, then read back to all the things I skimmed).

While entertaining and awesome, this really felt more like a filler to the bigger plan at hand. You know, the episodes with really cute or cool sub-stories that have something to do with the main plot, but not REALLY? It's all about Iannis and Sunaya, you know? So her side story of an epic plot line of evil proportions was good, but in the end, it's all about romance or the main plot for me, and the main plot mainly revolves around what Iannis really is and what Sunaya will make of herself in the big scheme of things (the rebellion, the horrid current rulers, the judgments and fears, I could go on).

Needless to say, this was a very good read. AMAZING if my fangirl self can come out to say. I liked the detective work we had to go through, and I figured it out when they visited the bank and officiated my assumptions. It was a good one! Sunaya was as stubborn and impatient as ever but she is slowly learning to curb her hit-first-question-later mentality, and we can appreciate that type of development in a character. I liked the way things were going with her other friends and people. Noria and Com took a bit of a backseat this time but they were still welcomed on the pages. If I had to point out a bad thing, it'd be the way it ended. Once again, she was in a rough situation because of her rashness, and Iannis had to come and save her. Again. I love being rescued as much as the next girl, but damn, it rang with the first book's ending just a little too much for me. Doesn't mean I didn't enjoy the massive save, though. It was awesome. XD

This is a definite recommended read, but if you're impatient like me, I won't lie: you could skip this and not miss anything majorly crucial, though you would miss Iannis/Sunaya time, and that, my friend, is something that I couldn't miss.

Airwreckah says

Great! But so short! I want more! Cant wait for the next one....

Sean Talbot says

I did a beta read on this and found it very interesting and had so much to give.

the book is about a shifter who is also a mage. something that seems so unique as the species don't seem to mix much.

the main character is tough as nails and a gifted bounty hunter. it was a shock seeing that this chatacter was so versatile and strong.

the author has a way of making you feel like you are part of the world and part of thr characters very life

Montzalee Wittmann says

Bound by Magic (The Baine Chronicles #2) by Jasmine Walt continues this awesome series. In this book, shifters are going missing. She is also starting her apprenticeship with the Chef Mage. She also comes close to death, again. It gets very exciting....lots of fun, suspense filled, wonderful read!

Selina Trafford says

I received this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review and I can say hand in heart i loved this book as much as the first although it could be read as a stand alone. I'm desperately awaiting the third book now to see how Sunayas life changes and she comes to terms with her feelings Iannis and the fact she is a shifter, mage hybrid.

Jennifer says

Kick ass strong female character I enjoyed this book a lot and I'm looking forward to the next one! I did have a bit of a problem with Naya keeping some things to herself when she should have shared them I hope this doesn't become a continuing problem. I also would love to get a more in depth on the characters and more info on the mages. I feel like it revolves a lot around solving one crime when I want a bit more world building just because I find it really interesting. Overall great read!

?Ruth? says

This series continues to hold my attention and has actually exceeded my expectations. Had the main protagonist been a little more palatable and the writing contained a little less angst, I might have increased my rating to 3.5 stars.

Megpie says

Omfg. Really? Realllllllyyyy?

Ugh, I'm so annoyed.

The first book in this series I thought was a little slow, but I really liked the characters and the world the author had created- it was setting the stage to what I thought was going to be a pretty good series.

However, Bound by Magic has me convinced that's not going to happen.

We pick up one month later from where we ended in book one. Sunaya is still training as the apprentice to the Chief Mage and learning how to use her magic. Between training and working when she can for the Enforcers Guild she is now working for the Mage's Guild as well, and bitches about it through the whole book.

Okay, here's my first issue with this sequel....

It's practically book one written all over again.

Seriously.

The plot is pretty much the same. Nothing happens. Sunaya runs around town working a case (pretty much the exact same case again) missing shifters, a drug making them go crazy, and trying to find out info about the mysterious "bad guy" the Benefactor. She drives to Com's shop, talks to him and Noria, goes talk to Lakin, goes to the Enforcers Guild to get more info, talks to more people, then goes to the Palace. . . rinse and repeat the next day. And all of it getting increasingly boring as the story went on.

Excuse me while I take a nap.

I even skimmed a paragraph or two here and there.

Absolutely nothing happened to advance the plot or story.

The (only) thing that held my interest was the Chief Mage Iannis and we hardly seen him. His scenes with Sunaya were my favorite, the few there were. The power and mystery surrounding him and the fact he knows Sunaya's real father really kept me interested in the story. And yet we got NOT ONE mention of who her father is or anything relating to Iannis. His and Sunaya's relationship didn't progress at all. Which frickin' sucks. At this point the possibility of Iannis and Sunaya together is the only thing keeping me (maybe) continuing this series.

Another thing that pissed me off to high heaven is Sunaya being a complete idiot in this one. I think all the magic lessons have fried her brain because she acted like she didn't even have one. She would find out something REALLY REALLY REALLY important and just forget to mention it to anyone, like it was no big deal, which of course could've prevented a lot of shit.

Like forgetting important details about her and Lakin's case...

I winced. "I kind of forgot about the counterfeit stuff after we watched all those shifters nearly kill each other yesterday," I admitted.

How Sunaya solves any cases being so absent minded is beyond me.

Of course that wasn't the only time either.

When that cliffhanger happened? It was so frickin' predictable. Sunaya finds out EARLY ON in the story from her cousin that the resistance is planning something bad for Iannis when he leaves for his conference, which he is leaving any day now. She thinks to herself, I need to tell him.... and yet she never does. It never once crosses her mind. SHE FORGETS. Like she forgets to brush her teeth or forgets she left a frickin jacket at work. She. Just. Forgets.

How do you forget to tell the man you have feelings for that he's about to be killed/kidnapped/seriously hurt?!

She's even in front of him and is so drunk on her lust for him that she thinks to herself,

I had a feeling there was something I was supposed to be telling him, something important, but my brain was too overwhelmed to tell me what.

..... But the words, whatever they had been, dried on my tongue, and I swallowed. "Thank you," I said quietly, looking away. I jumped to my feet, releasing his hand as I did so. "I have to go now. Goodnight."

And then when she finally thinks to warn him... it's too late.

Smh.

At this point I'm not sure if I'll continue the series when book three comes out, it's still up in the air. Yeah the writing is good but the actual plot sucks, I needed something to keep me on the edge of my seat. Give me some suspense or plot twists, or drama or action or romance or SOMETHING. That's all I need.... something, but I just didn't get it with this installment.

Nolene Driscoll says

I received an ARC of this book via The Book Club in return for an honest review.

This is the second book in the series I have read and eagerly awaited its publication. I was not disappointed. Sunaya is now an apprentice mage juggling her lessons under with the Chief Mage and responsibilities of an apprentice with working as an Enforcer to help pay the bills.

Sunaya is drawn into an investigation of missing shifters, one of who is her cousin. Why are young shifters suddenly disappearing and what is the link between the disappearances and the bank loans? She is also working alongside the Chief Mage to thwart the actions of the Benefactor. A well written fantasy novel full of action and adventure and the possibility of romance perhaps even a romantic triangle.

At the end of the book I am still left hanging with questions unanswered which has certainly whetted my appetite for book three. Who is the Benefactor? What are Iannis and Fenris hiding? Who is Sunaya's father? What more adventures/investigations are in store for Sunaya. The list goes on.

I eagerly await book three.

Chelle says

3.5 stars

Jasmine Walt's series is definitely getting better as it goes on, I liked this second book even more.

It's a very rich and quite peculiar (in a good way!) world that the author has created! Really unique. I liked how she moved the story on and how the characters are developing.

Sunaya has a lot going for her she's funky, strong and multi dimensional, very easy to like.

Thanks to the author and TBC for an ARC in return for an honest review.

Louise Koeleman says

Jasmine Walt succeed to draw us again into the magical world she created in the second book of the Baine Chronicles, Bound by Magic. We meet Sunaya again where she is frustrated with her lack of finances and feeling out of touch with her shifter community. When the chance come to help solving the murder of a fellow enforcer, she uncovers more than she could foreseen. Would she come unscathed out of this predicament to live and fight another day? Thank you for keeping me entranced and wanting for more. Five star from me and thank you Jasmine and TBC for the chance to read it.

