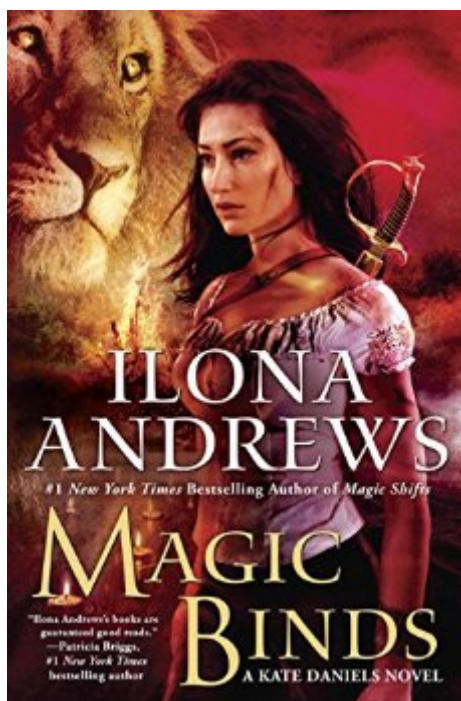


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Magic Binds (Kate Daniels)



Synopsis

The new, a heart-stopping * novel in the New York Times bestselling series that a defines urban fantasy. * * * Mercenary Kate Daniels knows all too well that magic in post-Shift Atlanta is a dangerous business. But nothing she's faced could have prepared her for this... Kate and the former Beast Lord Curran Lennart are finally making their relationship official. But there are some steep obstacles standing in the way of their walk to the altar... Kate's father, Roland, has kidnapped the demigod Saiman and is slowly bleeding him dry in his never-ending bid for power. A Witch Oracle has predicted that if Kate marries the man she loves, Atlanta will burn and she will lose him forever. And the only person Kate can ask for help is long dead. The odds are impossible. The future is grim. But Kate Daniels has never been one to play by the rules... *Fresh Fiction

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Customer Reviews

Magic Binds, the ninth (and apparently second-to-last) installment of Ilona Andrews's Kate Daniels series is quite possibly this author's best work to date. At this point, it's very difficult

to separate, compare or evaluate each individual book, but Magic Binds challenges our beloved characters in all new ways and adds a lot to the already spectacular characterization. The sheer quality of these books sets them apart from anything even remotely similar. Kate is pushed to her limits in Magic Binds, not just by her father, but by her magic as well. More than any other book in the series, this one centers on characterization and shades of gray within Kate's family. With her father so close, a constant threat on the borders of Atlanta, Kate's power is developing rapidly. Each day she discovers some new ability and it's affecting her in ways none of us could have predicted. As Curran at one point says, Kate is the least power-hungry person he knows, but power corrupts even if you never wanted it in the first place. For those of you who were wondering about Christopher and his origins, answers are finally here! We get to learn his history, how his mind came to be broken and why he attached himself to Kate and her people. Aside from discovering his past, we finally scratch the surface of his relationship with Barabas, which seems to be very complex. This was something I've been wondering about for quite a while and although there's still some room for speculation, we now have a much clearer picture. As the end approaches, the pressure on Kate is growing, the need to fight her own blood inside and out is becoming ever stronger. Everything she does reveals more truths about her father and the more she knows, the more she's determined to stop him.

My head is still trying to grasp all the things that happened in this book and more importantly the question of "What happens next?" As for the question, I don't know and trying to guess what the authors will come up with would be the textbook definition of "exercise in futility". OK, to get things started and to raise the stress level of the reader, we get an oracle who sees all kinds of horrible things in Kate's future and almost no way to avoid them which sets this book off on a series of small adventures leading up to a middle sized adventure which leads to an epic battle, so what could we add? Did you forget the wedding? Yes, the wedding which they choose the most unlikely priest who has never been asked to do a wedding and becomes a "wedding planner" and he and others pursue Kate all through the book to add some serious humor to a very stressful story. It is things like this that make this book rise above almost every other series in this genre, they can make you laugh at the best and worst times. Let's not forget about Roland, the loving Father and homicidal megalomaniac that has been the monster since book 1 pretty much but has become a mixed bag over the last few books. Is he the horrible monster or just a misunderstood psychopath? Well, you get a lot more information in this book and just when you think you know all the answers The Andrews Mafia give it a twist to make you run for your Advil. We do get a LOT more history of

Roland in this book than we have in this whole series up until now.

Heckfire!!! What did I just read? I never saw any of this coming, not even a little bit. And yet? It made complete sense too. This is book 9 in the Kate Daniels series, and be ready for it, because I am going to gush and spoilers for earlier in the series may occur and if you haven't read the series it is going to be pure gibberish (it's book 9, what do you expect?). Kate Daniels rocks out with her socks out...or on as the case may be...in a tutu. We've seen Kate grow from a low-lying no-name merc, to a POWER. She's made friends and enemies. Just, aargh, I don't even know how to express all the things that make me love this series. But I love it so. The night I was reading it someone asked me what I was reading and I TRIED to explain it. But trying to express into words what makes me so enthralled with this series proved pretty much impossible and devolved into something that probably resembled the kind of embarrassing spectacle that was once associated with Bieber fans. My love for this series is vast, I walk in this world in my head and it is a mythology that makes sense to me. So this book in particular? Leading up to it we have seen how the structure of the people in Kate's life have shifted, it was moving toward something. But that structure is pretty effing clear now. War is coming and alliances are and will be tested. Christopher, the broken man, the apparent deus ex machina that I thought was there to show who Kate really was, to set her apart from her father, yeah, he turned out to be pretty ever-loving important. He hurts my heart, but I think he's going to get better now. And I can't wait to see how his story shakes out. Roman the Dark Vohlv is freaking adorable.

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