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**In this action-packed sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *Frostblood*, Ruby must choose between her fiery homeland and the icy king who loves her.**

Against all odds, Ruby has defeated the villainous Frost King and melted his powerful throne. But the bloodthirsty Minax that was trapped inside is now haunting her kingdom and everyone she loves. The answers to its demise may lie to the south in Sudesia, the land of the Firebloods, and a country that holds the secrets to Ruby's powers and past...

Despite warnings from her beloved Arcus, Ruby accompanies a roguish Fireblood named Kai to Sudesia, where she must master her control of fire in a series of trials to gain the trust of the suspicious Fireblood queen. Only then can she hope to access the knowledge that could defeat the rampaging Minax--which grows closer every moment. But as sparks fly in her moments alone with Kai, how can Ruby decide whom to trust? The fate of both kingdoms is now in her hands.

## Fireblood Details

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## From Reader Review Fireblood for online ebook

### Emma says

5 stars holy crap!

I loved this book almost more than the first! The twist was amazing and I just, I can't wait for the next book. ??

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### Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

Stayed up all night reading this and I don't even regret it, it was so good! Full review to come!

EDITED TO ADD FULL REVIEW:

The first book in the Frostblood series completely captivated me. I plowed through it in no time at all. It was completely addicting and hard to put down. I was surprised that this was the author's debut novel and even more surprised that something that seems like it's been done before could so capture my attention and seem new and exciting.

With her sequel Fireblood, she proved that Frostblood was no fluke, this woman can write and weave a story that both seems unique and is completely compelling and once again, hard to put down. I read into the wee hours of the morning to finish this and I don't regret the bags under my eyes or the loss of sleep, not. One. Single. Bit.

I can't even begin to describe how much this series hooked me. The writing, the fast paced story line, the very heart of the characters themselves, all of it. It is just one of those series that you truly need to try and experience for yourself to truly get it and understand how addicting it can be. I seriously can not recommend it enough.

\*ARC provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.\*

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### Caitlin says

This was one of my most anticipated releases and I utterly enjoyed every moment of it and I couldn't be happier! It was just as good as the first one and I cannot wait for the last book in the trilogy next year.

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### Kay Wisteria says

At the end of Fireblood, Arcus has been restored to the crown, the ice throne has been melted, freeing the kings from the Minax, and Ruby has a place in the Frost Court with the king she loves. But nobody will accept a Fireblood in the land of ice, and the Minax is still out in the world, terrorizing and possessing people, spreading its darkness over the land. It seems there's only one thing for Ruby to do--travel to the fiery land of Sudesia where she'll learn more about the curse and the other Minax...and maybe more about herself than she ever could have imagined or even wanted to know.

Once in Sudesia, Ruby must train with Kai, a Fireblood with secrets of his own, to complete trials and become a Fireblood master. I loved seeing Ruby training here! It was so amazing to see her in her natural element of fire. She was able to really grow into herself and become so much stronger and more powerful than she ever was in the previous book while surrounded by all Frostbloods. While her character annoyed me at time in the previous book, I completely loved her here.

The world building is amazing too! I loved getting to see Sudesia, and I could imagine it as this beautiful paradise and I really want to go now! A lot of history and mythology of this world was explored too, more so than in the last book. The gods that seemed more background characters before really came alive, and I was terrified of them!

This book was a lot more original than the last book as well, which is the reason that I enjoyed it a lot more. While Frostblood was packed full of cliches and overused tropes, this one felt a lot more original, and I was kept on my toes guessing what was going to happen the whole way through.

And the ending! What a plot twist ahh I did NOT see it coming and I was so stressed out and scared for Ruby and all the characters all the way through. I need the next book pronto! While the end of Frostblood left me not really needing to read the next book and pretty indifferent, this one is killing me with anxiety!

I loved all the characters at the Fire Court. Some of them seemed to have questionable actions, and some seemed just as cruel as those of the Frost Court, but I felt like they were all complex and real, and I also felt like they all had deeper motives to be uncovered.

With the entire Fire Court, I loved Kai. Of course I loved Kai. He's so flirty and funny and friendly, and I absolutely loved the banter between him and Ruby. With that being said...there's not much of a love triangle in this book. I feel like there is only a love triangle for the sake of having a love triangle, not because Ruby is actually conflicted between the two love interests of anything. Which was extremely annoying because it totally got my hopes up for the guy who I can tell isn't going to win!!! (view spoiler)

4 out of 5 fiery red stars.

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### **Suzanne says**

You know how when you love characters in a book so much that you just hope someone stirs up some s\*\*t so you can get another book or two out of the series? These are those type of characters! I love them! I remember when I read Frostblood I was skeptic because of some mixed reviews but that has never stopped me from reading a book so I dove in...and I really really liked it! This one was even better in my opinion. I started it last night after I finished Warcross and had half it read before bed when I only planned on reading a couple chapters before bed.

Overall, better than the first (which I enjoyed immensely) and with awesome characters to read about; even the bad ones!

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### **Dana Kenedy (Dana and the Books) says**

3.75/5: This review can also be found on my blog, Dana and the Books.

Sequels can be a tricky thing to get right. You have to recreate the magic of the first book, yet make sure the second book shines on its own.

Thankfully, *Fireblood* is a worthy sequel. Actually, I thought it was better than *Frostblood*. It's fun and easy to read. The perfect combination when all you want to do is escape in a book!

Yes, *Frostblood* wasn't the most original of stories, and *Fireblood* follows suit. It definitely follows the YA Fantasy formula with some cliches thrown in:

Ruby has to compete in trials  
Love triangle  
Royalty from neighbouring country  
A few others, but spoilers!

But honestly? I'm fine with all that as long as it's done well. The cliches make sense in the story. They don't feel as though they're included *Just Because* - they all contribute to the larger plot.

In my review for *Frostblood*, I mentioned the romance between Ruby and Arcus didn't do anything for me and would have been better had it been left out. To me, Arcus was the weakest part of book one. I felt like he was included purely as a convenient love interest and let's be real, he was kinda a dick. After reading *Fireblood*, I still dislike Arcus. However, now we get Kai! I think it's absolutely safe to say I'm Team Kai. The scenes between him and Ruby didn't feel contrived or forced like they did with Arcus. I don't think they'll be the endgame, but one can dream!

Circling back to the trials: I personally loved that plot line! Competitions are always such a blast - especially in fantasy books.

Overall, *Fireblood* surpasses *Frostblood* in quality. It's tighter, well paced, and addictive. If you enjoyed the first book, or even moderately enjoyed it, you'll want to pick this one up. If the trend continues then *Nightblood* may end up being the best of the bunch!

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## Lauren says

LOLOLOL NOPE.

Explain to me how one guy can be 'the love of her life' and called 'beloved' while 'sparks fly' with another one. I just can't with this nonsense. \*insert major eye roll\*

This is exactly why I don't usually read a book without carefully researching what's to come. Looks like I'm still being burned.

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## Lara (Bookish\_turtle) says

Okay. Where to start? Let me begin this review with a paragraph summarising my overall feelings:

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So, yes. That is how I felt. I will now attempt to translate, but I am very emotional right now, so consider yourselves warned.

Okay. It was awesome! <3<3<3 The plot was absolutely incredible. Plot twists, plot twists everywhere! The character development was awesome and the new history you find out about Frostbloods, Firebloods and Nightbloods was really fascinating and well done. I would say that the sequel lived up to it's predecessor. With one exception...

(view spoiler) Sorry about that rant. Moving on...

Much of the criticism that Frostblood received was because it seemed cliché and generic. So if you disliked Frostblood for those reasons, I think you will like Fireblood a lot better. It is very different, unique, and has several plot twists to keep you on the edge of your seat. Personally however, I was perfectly happy with my cliché storyline and super cute couple from the first book. So I was very disappointed in Fireblood (to say the least) with the (view spoiler)

The Minax definitely deserves a mention. This creature of darkness definitely has the desired creepy effect in the book. The idea of this dark magic develops a lot from the first novel where the idea is introduced. In Fireblood, we get to see a lot more about the origins of the world's magic from legends and stories being passed down, as well as various books. It was wonderful to understand more about how the magic worked, and the Minax in particular.

It was also interesting to meet other Firebloods. They are practically non-existent in the first book (for evident reasons), but it was really interesting to get to understand how the society of Firebloods in Sudesia functions, and how they differ from the Frostbloods in Tempesia. It also allowed you to better understand the nature of their conflict and how the events of the first book came about.

Okay, protagonists. My favourite section!

Ruby is so great in this book! She becomes a really strong, independent female protagonist which most people love. I was happy with her in the first book, but it was really nice to see how she grew after all that she had seen.

Arcus! My most precious cinnamon roll of all cinnamon rolls! He is my most favourite male character out of any book I can recall reading in the history of forever! He is so fierce and determined and wants the best for his people as he looks after the kingdom, but the way he looks after Ruby. ASDFGSDFHKSJDFL! Sorry, I love him so much and don't know how to put that into words. Arcus forever!

Brother Thistle is not really a main character, or particularly key to the plot in any way, but he's just great. A shout-out to brother Thistle for being reasonable, logical and an all-round great character all the way through the series even when everybody else was running around like headless chickens trying to solve all the world's problems at once.

Look, if you've been reading my spoiler tags, you've probably guessed my feelings about Kai long ago. But, if you want more, click here -> -> ->(view spoiler).

But despite my rants, this was a really, really, great book.

I was terrified at what Elly Blake would do to my poor heart (and my precious characters) and VERY stressed about what would happen, but I can reassure y'all that it was an exceptional book, definitely worth your while. I can not wait until June for the next one. JUNE! I am very grateful that they are not spread further apart. Three books released in two years is awesome. I just don't know how I will wait until then. It feels like so long away...

Can't wait for Nightblood! My cinnamon rolls need a happy ending. Ideally there will be a few chapters at the end after all the conflict is resolved with just Ruby and Arcus being a cute couple without anything getting in the way. I know it's unrealistic, but a girl can always dream!

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## Joshua Gabriel (???) says

*Fear of my fire had ruled me when I'd had no control over it. Darkness, like fire, was a gift I could master.*  
—Ruby

When I read *Frostblood* last November, I didn't enjoy it that much. I only gave it three stars mainly because it didn't bring something new to the table. Still, the ending was such a cliffhanger that I became invested enough to continue the series. With that in mind, I am happy to say that my optimism paid off; *Fireblood* is one of the best sequels I've ever read.

Looking at the preemptive "reviews" of this book, it's clear that many readers are worried about the state of Ruby and Arcus's relationship. After all, the summary insinuates that a new boy named Kai will come in between our two lovebirds. Hahaha. I myself was so excited to read this book because I shipped Ruby and Arcus so hard. I don't want to spoil anyone, so all I can say is that by the end of the book, Ruby is...not confused. :)

Although romance is a significant aspect of *Fireblood*, it is predominantly about Ruby finding a way to destroy the Minax, which has been wrecking havoc in Tempesia. Surprisingly, the answer to her prayers can be found in Sudesia, her mother's homeland. Essentially, the plot of this sequel is undeniably rich and fast-paced, and it will most likely make you fly through the pages.

For me, reading this book was like eating a stack of Pringles. I couldn't get enough of it because my interest in the protagonists never wavered. I loved Ruby's inspiring fortitude, Arcus's charming "coldness," and even Kai's flirtatious audacity. The interactions between these characters were evocative and well-written. I was also very entertained by the expansion of the world's mythology, which we didn't get in the first book.

I obviously enjoyed this book a lot, but I couldn't give it five stars because like its predecessor, it featured a number of YA fantasy tropes that made me feel a little jaded. To give you some hints, one trope has something to do with a certain character's true identity. The other one has something to do with matrimony. :3

Nevertheless, *Fireblood* is leagues away from *Frostblood*. If you also disliked the latter, I encourage you to give the series a second chance. I certainly don't regret my decision, so I hope that you will feel the same way. I can't wait to read the third (and possibly last) book, *Nightblood*.

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## nick says

## UPDATE AFTER READING

OK so it really wasn't a love triangle. The synopsis is very bait-y, in my opinion, and makes it seem like the relationship between Kai and Ruby goes beyond friendship. It doesn't. Ruby is still devoted to Arcus despite the distance between the two.

Anyways, this one lacked the spark of the first book in general. A lot happens, plot-wise, but I missed some of the character interactions from the first book. I'll be reading the finale to wrap up the series for sure though!

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Why must this have a love triangle? The romance in the first book was so good.

I AM NOT A HAPPY CAMPER after reading that summary. :( :( :(

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## Crazy4Books says

I love it when I find YA Scifi/Fantasy books by Canadian authors, especially when the concept is this fun. In this series there's huge divide between the two elemental groups; Frostbloods and Firebloods. After being at war for so long most of them have learned to hate each other. Our main character, a Fireblood named Ruby lives in the Frostblood Kingdom where shes hunted for her gift and unable to make it to the Fireblood Kingdom since the borders have closed. She must keep her gift hidden or risk death.

I love elemental magic and the author did such a great job creating a fascinating and unique mythology that really gives life to this world. Despite having such a developed fantasy world, the writing was easy to get into. The quick pace was exactly what I needed at the time and it wasn't too fast where I felt like other elements were lacking. I enjoyed getting to explore Sudesia and its culture. I also thought the Fireblood master trials were entertaining and intense to read about. I loved the bigger plot with the Minax and the prophecies.

Theres a love triangle in this book, but I personally don't mind them. I know lots of people don't like them, but I've always believed it's possible for some people to love more than one person. Just like Arcus in the first book, it took me a while to warm up to Kai. I don't usually like bossy men but his cocky attitude grew on me. I was still rooting for Arcus and felt so bad for him. I didn't expect the Fireblood Queen to be so ruthless, but I ended up really liking her Consort. Ruby was a captivating protagonist. She's smart, strong and independent.

I liked that this story had more than one twist. I saw some of the twists coming, especially if there was some foreshadowing before hand. I didn't predict them all though and I still enjoyed the outcome when I did. I can't wait to see what will happen in the next book. I think this series would be perfect for fantasy beginners, or if you're like me and want a quick fantasy that doesn't lack any world building or character development. Those kinds of books are rare in my opinion, but tend to be the ones I enjoy the most. Not to mention the covers are amazing.

\*received for honest review consideration\*

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## **Ben Alderson says**

Really enjoyed this sequel!  
Review coming on YT!

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## **Nasom says**

### **Full Review**

Love triangle and cliches aside, I really enjoyed this

### **What I liked**

- Whereas the first book was all about Frost, this was all about fire. I enjoyed reading about Ruby's journey to self discovery. She is finally in a place that doesn't see her as the enemy, and she gets to master her fire powers and find out more information about the land that her mother was from.
- I liked the mystery element in this. In the first book, there was a clear sense of who the evil person or entity was but in this, everyone just seemed suspicious to me. I didn't know who was good and who was pretending to be good.
- There is also a suspense plot: Ruby is on a mission to destroy a dark entity called the Minax and to do so, she has to sneak around and lie to people because she doesn't really trust them. The whole sneaking around thing made the book interesting and it kinda made me anxious lol.
- There was a plot-twist that I didn't see coming so that was good!
- I Love Arcus so much!! and Ruby + Arcus. They would literally do anything for each other (especially Arcus to Ruby). Arcus calling Ruby 'his home' was just too cute ?♥?

### **What I didn't like**

- The love triangle. To fair, it wasn't as bad as others, I just don't like triangles. I Ship Ruby with Arcus so much that I wasn't pleased with the introduction of Kai. Good news is that it was handled somewhat properly.
  - This book had a heavy case of special girl syndrome! If Ruby becomes any more special, she would be a literal unicorn.
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## **Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says**

I loved it as much as I did FROSTBLOOD. =>

Ruby is a member of King Arcus court after defeating the old crazy king. But the Minax is still loose on the world and Ruby must find it and destroy it or it's going to keep killing more people.

Meanwhile, a whole bunch of jerks don't like Ruby around and want to take out Arcus because they are evil and all of that. Then they are stupid enough to stage an attack (fail) and this introduces Ruby to Kai, another Fireblood. What? And then Ruby sails off and tries to win over the Fireblood Queen and such, ends up in some trials and some crazy stuff happens with the Minax AGAIN. Can we not get rid of that thing -er-things.

Like I said, I really enjoyed this book and I'm hoping we will have happy endings in the last book, I think it will be the last book. Anyway, happy endings or I'm going to throw things =)

Happy Reading!

Mel ♥

MY BLOG: Melissa Martin's Reading List

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### **Brittney ~ Reverie and Ink says**

Okay, am I the only one that kinda hopes for a love triangle? LOL I am so here for the drama of it all.

I know, I know. I'm the worst.

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