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Once upon a time, the wizard's apprentice Sam of Wilds got his happily ever after in the arms of his cornerstone, Knight Commander Ryan Foxheart. A year has passed, and while Sam's been captured five or six more times since then, things are pretty great. His parents are happy, Gary and Tiggy still eat sass for breakfast, Randall is somehow alive despite being older than the gods, the King rules with a gentle hand, Kevin the dragon is as gross as ever, Morgan sighs a lot, Ryan continues to be dashing and immaculate, and Sam is close to convincing Prince Justin they will be best friends forever.

Life is good.

Until it's not.

Because Vadoma, the leader of the Gypsy clan and Sam's grandmother, has come to the City of Lockes with a dire prophecy written in the stars: a man of shadows is rising and will consume the world unless Sam faces his destiny and gathers the five dragons of Verania at his side.

And she brings along her second-in-command, a man named Ruv.

Ruv, who Vadoma says is Sam's true cornerstone.

The first book in the DESTINY FUCK YEAH! Trilogy (because sometimes, having a destiny is the stupidest thing ever).

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Wendy says

I have said it before and I am saying it again... TJ Klune must possess some kind of magic himself. Once again he has left me in awe...

I have re-read "The Lightning Struck Heart" over and over again...I will continue to do so in the future because it never fails to put a smile on my face. It is the funniest book I have ever read and for those of you who haven't read it yet...

Please go do it now, you will thank me later.

This book is one of the 3 books that will follow my favorite group of merry men from "The Lightning Struck Heart".So don't expect any closure at the end...it isn't happening.

I won't go into the storyline too much in this review. I think it's best to just go in blind and enjoy everything for yourself.

All you really need to know is that all our favorites are back together again. Sam, Ryan, Gary, Tiggy, and Kevin are going on a new adventure and this time they will be joined by someone else...

Vadoma, gypsy leader, and Sam's grandmother has paid the castle a little visit. She brings with her a prophecy that was written in the stars and Sam's true cornerstone...Ruv. I admit I was a bit worried when I read the blurb. I wanted to know who this Ruv was...

And smash him like Tiggy would do.

No worries though...Ryan is still fine as ever. He is Dashing and Immaculate (capitalized so it's true) after all, so how could Sam ever replace him. It was funny watching him fall over himself with jealousy though...

He really used his posing skills in this book.

Now Sam and his friends have to get ready because Sam has a destiny to fulfill.

This book was funny as hell, but it had a bit more of a serious tone than "The Lightning Struck Heart". This is because the stakes in this book are much higher.

It doesn't end in a major cliffhanger, but a small one. This is after all only the start of the "*DESTINY FUCK YEAH! Trilogy*".

(because sometimes, having a destiny is the stupidest thing ever) <3

This review has been posted on Dirty Books Obsession Dirty Books Obsession

Chelsea says

4.5 hearts!

“Fuck dragons,” Gary said. “You’ve got a destiny of dick ahead of you.”

Look, if you're reading this book it's means you've already read the first book and most likely freakin loved it! (If you haven't, well go read the first book!). The story is so riveting, I thought it'd take ages to read a book this long but I was glued to the friendship, love, humor and adventure on each page!

I adore these characters and want them tattooed all over my body, like every where! Kevin would approve!

“And then there’s Kevin. Who is also a dragon.”

“Kevin,” I snorted, trying to cover my unease. “If you could even call him that. He’s more like a perverted lizard with wings.”

This group is broken, quirky and fiercely loyal and I love them.

I am soooooooo super dooper scared to continue this series though! Things were said that make me worry... I mean we all know TJ Klune has no problem writing heart shattering stories and quite frankly I'm a little (lot) scared.... But for now I adored this book and I loved seeing Ryan and Sam together *heart eyes*.

“We’re probably about to see unnecessary displays of testosterone,” Gary said. “And it’s going to be *glorious*.”

I wondered what the hell they were talking about until Ryan muttered, “He could have at least put on more clothes before coming in. And why can’t he walk like a normal person? Is he trying to have sex with the air? Who does that?”

Read this series! So wonderful!

See our super dooper unicorn group review at the blog,

Meags says

4.5 Stars

A Destiny of Dragons is just as impressive in scope and as side-splittingly hilarious as its predecessor, but with an even more pronounced sense of epic-ness, if that’s at all possible.

In this sequel to The Lightning-Struck Heart, Sam of Wilds and his remarkable gang of misfit friends are all here and accounted for, this time facing challenges far greater and more life threatening than anything they’ve encountered before.

Some seriously problematic and potentially horrific prophesied shit is going down in the land of Verania and, as no surprise to absolutely anyone, Sam finds himself smack-dab in the middle of everything...again.

The drastic events that are about to unfold are no laughing matter, yet, thankfully, Sam and his friends remain as sassy and sharp-tongued as ever, keeping up with their highly amusing and never-endingly inappropriate banter, and generally making me snort-laugh at every ridiculous turn. These scenes of pure comedic magic, which Klune so effortlessly fancies up for his reader's pleasure, are so perfectly laced throughout the story. In a way, these lighter (certainly more humorous) moments work as mood stabilizers, balancing the mounting intensity of the high-stakes drama with some much needed comic relief.

Sam is truly one of the most lovable "chosen one" characters I've ever had the pleasure of reading, but I think it's the ensemble cast in general that really makes me love every minute of this reading experience. Every single character is so well-developed and so uniquely memorable that it doesn't matter who is sharing page time with Sam at any given moment – they all hold their own in splendid fashion. I find myself constantly at war with my own feelings regarding who is my ultimate favourite character in this series because so many are worthy of this title, I have no doubt. (But between you and me, it's Gary! Of course it's Gary!!!!)

As always, Klune's writing quality is beyond impressive; the story itself is developing into a fantasy-epic that is quite literally awe-inspiring.

I can't wait to see what happens next for Sam of Wilds and his dearest friends.

Audio Edition:

I can't even with my words right now.

I'll just use some (in)appropriate GIFs to express my feelings for Michael Lesley's audio performance instead.

Firstly, Lesley's vocal characterizations and his delivery!?!...

The fact that Lesley can pull off this many distinct and often extremely complex voices, delivering Klune's lightning-quick dialogue to perfection (which often features long-running scenes with multiple characters rambling at once)... SWEET MOLASSES!! It's just...

Thirdly, I spent most of my time doing this...

(Seriously, Gary and Tiggy are EVERYTHING!)

Lastly, and most simply put...

Jilly says

The sassiness starts even before the book starts. The dedication in this book:

"For my eighth-grade creative writing teacher who told me that my stories would never amount to anything.

Suck it.

Well, that starts things off on the right note! How could this book be anything less than magic after an opening like that?

The story starts when Sam's grandmother comes to town. She hasn't seen Sam's parents since she banished his mother for marrying outside the clan, and let's just say that her feelings towards her son-in-law haven't warmed up:

(grandma) turned her disdainful gaze to my father. "Still here, I see. You got fat. You like processed meats, fat man? Probably put them in your fat mouth."

Ah, so that's where all that sass comes from.

Grandma Delightful wants to take Sam away to her lands because of a prophecy. Also, she has a man for him. A man who doesn't ever seem to wear shirts. Sam's boyfriend, Ryan, is not a fan:

"Does he always have to be shirtless?" Ryan asked. "Does he own shirts? I can give him one of mine. Probably would be too big on him. Because I'm bigger than he is. So, my shirts would be too."

Poor Ryan. I know another book character who had a guy trying to steal his girlfriend who didn't like wearing shirts either.

Aaaand, that's about the only thing these two books have in common.

Sam doesn't want to go and fulfill his destiny because of some stupid prophecy, but he has to. So starts the new Sam, Ryan, Gary (the gay unicorn), Tiggy (the half-giant), and Kevin (the dragon) adventure. As most of their adventures go, there are plenty of crazy situations, lots of sex, and so much sass that you will be drowning in it.

(Shirtless Guy): "The gods must have a sense of humor if they put the fate of the world on your shoulders."

(Sam): "I don't know if you're complimenting us or insulting us," I said slowly. "If it's an insult, fuck you. If not, thanks, that's a very nice thing to say."

So. Much. Sass.

Book Roast says

DNFed at 50%

I had such a great time with the first book but I think the novelty wore off and it didn't offer anything extra. It started to be draining if nothing else and after a pause I just found myself not really caring. Maybe it's the mood, who knows! Hope others enjoyed this :)

T.J. says

Updated 11/17/17:

Just in time for the release of the next book in the series, *The Consumption of Magic*, the audiobook for *A Destiny of Dragons*, narrated by Michael Lesley, is now available!

Audible: <https://goo.gl/YWLu9K>

Enjoy!

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Ariana says

Reread March 2018.

And every single word of my original review stands.
(and Zero is just a stroke of genius!)

“You have a destiny Sam.”

Yeap. That sentence kind of sums this book up.

Sam isn't simply a wizard's apprentice who gets to live his HEA with his “strong and brave, dashing and immaculate” Knight Commander. No, the universe has got much bigger plans for him. Plans, he really really doesn't want to have a part in.

Then ancient secrets are revealed, trust is broken and old friendships are challenged. On top of all that, Sam's

very grumpy, hard-ass gypsy grandma, Vadoma, turns up, “bad-touching” him galore and making him go through some pretty horrendous visions.

As much as Sam may be kicking and screaming and mostly avoiding the subject, for ...

“Fate’s a strange thing with a sense of humour most can’t understand.” ...,

it is hard for him to turn his back on his destiny. (Pssst, I’m only whispering that last word in case he hears it!)

So, in short – Sam has got work to do and he has to grow up a little bit. I loved seeing the extent of his power, the first chapter (The Bird) being one my most favourite things in the book. It is poetic and beautiful and awesome and left me with a big round “ohhhh, so lovely” on my lips.

I also adored the depth of character and soul Sam shows throughout.

“It’s not how wishing works. If we got everything we ever wished for, we wouldn’t have the capacity to be thankful for things we’d already been given. I’ve got so much already. I don’t want to lose sight of why it’s important.”

I revelled in how he surprises people with his innate goodness, his warm heart and fierce loyalty to those he loves, again and again. Sam is the epitome of the ‘reluctant hero’, but a hero he is.

Hmm, that sounds all VERY serious and ‘adventury’ and scary (and yes, in some parts it is!) - so what about the humour? I mean. TJ Klune????!!!

You need not fret. It is all there. I think the main theme of the humour in this book is ...

“We never stay on topic.”

“We” meaning Sam’s ever flippant friends: Gary, Tiggy and Kevin. Despite the darker undercurrents, the humour is as OTT, ridiculous and outrageous as in the first book. I’d recommend it as a guidebook for the use of sexual innuendos and puns, actually. However, if you are easily upset by never getting to the end of a conversation (well, you do eventually, a long long time after....) this might annoy you.

References to ‘certain’ films also made me chuckle:

“Sam, Sam, Sam, Sam. Don’t you see? No. I am your father.”

“You’re a wizard, Sam!”

Other highlights:

Ryan and Ruv.

“To a wizard, the cornerstone is the most precious thing in the word.”

And that’s what Ryan is to Sam.: **S.H. + R.F. = TRUELOVE 4EVA *G*** Boy, these two guys are SOLID in this book, (even if Ryan feels threatened by Ruv)

“...Ryan was enough because he was there. He kept me away from the dark. He led me towards the light.”

But Vadoma insists that Ruv is Sam's real cornerstone. Ruv, who is hot, and cool, and strong and wears no blooming clothes most of the time showing off his perfect body. Jealous Ryan is precious, it really is brilliant, and cute and heart-warming, and utterly hilarious.

I totally loved Ruv, even though he was put into the spot as Ryan's competition. I have a feeling that he will be important in the future. Sam might need him.

Zero, the sand dragon

Who else would think of a "teenage Emo dragon" than TJ Klune? What a brilliant character! And his behaviour really had me laugh out loud. LOVED Sam's final conversation with him, highlighting Sam's leadership qualities.

the light and dark

No doubt, there is a cloud of doom rapidly developing over Verania. One that threatens everyone, but in particular those Sam loves. A gauntlet of war is thrown at his feet ...

"He (Ryan) is your heart. And I will rip it still beating from your chest."

"I promise you this, Sam. Stand in my way and I will take it all from you. I am coming, and there is nothing you can do to stop me."

Darn. That threat is hanging over Sam like Damocles's sword. And what bloody chance has he got when he has THIS at the back of his mind...

"I have awoken, O human child. In this forest deep, in the dark of the wild. And I have seen what is in your heart. Take heed of my warning: you are not ready!"

Does that make you feel bloody uneasy for the future of these guys? It certainly worked for me! Just as well we get snippets of hope thrown along the way:

"You can change the future, Sam. No matter what anyone else says, nothing is set in stone. You are your own destiny."

Well, let's hope so. I am certainly dying for the next book already. I am so rooting for Sam and his 'family'.

You. The dragon. The unicorn and the giant. The knight. The gods must have a sense of humour if they put the fate of the world on your shoulders."

And a lot of trust that they can do it. (I hope!)

Highly recommended!

? Todd says

I truly loved every page of this story, but I admit that I went into it expecting the same **over-the-top comedic punch to the face** that T.J. delivered in "**The Lightning-Struck Heart.**"

However, this story showed **a lot more restraint** with those punches. It was almost as if the fists had uncurled and turned into much more gentle, **tickling fingers**, instead, dug firmly into my sides.

Yes, **I laughed, snorted and giggled** (*shut up, I was still totally manly about it!*) through all 400 pages, as evident in the ***33* updates** (*wow, that's a fucking lot, right?*) that I posted while reading.

And for each update I did post, there were **at least 3 *more*** that I wanted to put up, but I was attempting to hold back a bit, to not give anything critical away. Insanely hard, let me tell you. The struggle was REAL, people!

This story **didn't have quite the same carefree feel** as TLSH. After all, there was the return of a centuries old evil looking to **burn the entire world to a cinder**.

In lieu of a quest to save one person from one dragon, like last time, Sam must come to terms with, and **face his Destiny** to gather the five remaining dragons of Verania and save his people and, most importantly, **save those he loves**.

With so much more at stake here than in the previous book, that necessitated **a more serious tone** to the story; however, it never felt like a 'downer' book.

Sam was still Sam, irreverent as ever. **Ryan** was still dashing and immaculate. **Gary** was still a glittery Diva Bitch Princess, capitalized, of course. And the rest of the cast **rolled their eyes a lot** and just went along with the weirdness. And what's not to love about all of that?

Sam faces challenge after challenge, coming out on top for the most part, but not entirely, as **the second half of this tale will be told in the next book**. Plus, **the Big Bad is a real asshole**, so zero way was he going down in only 400 pages. Nope.

And **GURL! There was this one part with the sand mermaids**, where (view spoiler) and (view spoiler) almost (view spoiler) and **I nearly shit myself!**

Of all the new characters introduced in Destiny, **my very favorite by far was Zero, the 1,400 year old 'Emo' dragon**.

"Everything sucks, life is pain, you don't even know me, so why are you still here? Stop talking already, jeez! Get out of my room, like, NOW!"

God, he was awesome and I'm praying that he plays a very large part in the books yet to come. T.J. totally had **fourteen (hundred) year old adolescent angst** down when writing Zero, let me tell you.

But **Ryan** was extremely entertaining in this story, too. Sam's possibly evil, very manipulative **grandmother**, Vadoma, brings Sam a ***new* cornerstone**. Ruv, who is hot and sexy and wears very few clothes. And Ryan, no, he's having none of that. NONE.

And it's fucking glorious to watch the **jealousy boil and bubble over**. *rubs-hands-together*.

"Does he always have to be shirtless?" Ryan asked. "Does he own shirts? I can give him one of mine. Probably would be too big on him. Because I'm bigger than he is. So my shirts would be too."

"It's embarrassing to witness, isn't it?" Gary said to Tiggy.

"No self-awareness," Tiggy agreed.

I really enjoyed "A Destiny of Dragons", which was more of a slow simmering giggle-fest vs. the all out snort-fest in "The Lightning-Struck Heart." **TLSH was still my favorite**, but zero way would I feel any justification in penalizing Destiny rating-wise, just because it's **not* exactly like TLSH*.

So as the book playfully points out:

"I didn't do it this time," Kevin said, head stuck through an open window. "It would have felt a little repetitious. Lord knows people hate repetition." He frowned. "But then they'll also complain when something wasn't exactly the same as it was before. I really don't get humans."

So yes, this was **different**. But also partially **the same**, too. And completely **100% worthy of my full 5-star rating**.

My ARC copy of the book was provided by the publisher in exchange for a fair, unbiased review.

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Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Audiobook narration: 5 stars

Book + narration: 3 stars

Book by itself: (you don't want to know...)

Yes, I know, you don't even have to tell me! Amidst the sea of 5-star reviews, my pouty, downer review sort of... sucks.

I absolutely adore T.J. Klune, and I've never given him less than 3.5 stars (rounded up), so this is a departure for me. However, I almost DNFed A Destiny of Dragons (confession: I super-speeded through the end because I was *over* it by then), and there is just no way I can muster up enthusiasm for this story. However, **I really feel guilty about not liking this one**. I'm a bit melancholy because I hate when I don't like a book from an author that I really, really love.

I want to talk about the narration first because that was a highlight for me. **Michael Lesley really gave it his all again with his reading of the story**, and I went gaga for his voices, especially those for the side characters. I loved Gary, Tiggy, Zero, and Kevin, and their voices were so unique and special. Michael Lesley really had to juggle about 20 balls at once with this story, and he rose to the task admirably. He is for sure the reason I got as far as I did before fatigue set in.

Now, it's hard for me to articulate why the story bugged me so much. I was less bothered by The Lightning-Struck Heart, though I wasn't a huge fan, to be sure. However, **A Destiny of Dragons just irked me**.

Sam of Wilds and his super special, special life got on my nerves. Yes, we know everyone loves him and

thinks he is adorable even when he blurts things out and does stupid things... yes, he is strong and powerful and does no wrong... gah! I think I just wanted him to be more... real, less cartoony-levels of "everyone loves me." Yes, dark and scary things happen to Sam in the story, but he, as a character, just got under my skin in a bad way.

I also was surprised by the more serious tone of this one. I was expecting something like the first, which was over-the-top, but fun, but *A Destiny of Dragons* is much darker. And when the banter was there, it mostly felt forced to me. There were a few genuinely funny moments, but I never laughed out loud. Also, some of the running gags from the first book (how Sam wants to bone Ryan all the time, Sam correcting Ryan's cursing, and Kevin's sexual...everything) also felt a little stale at this point.

But mostly, the book felt really, really long. I was making up excuses to not listen by the last 25%, as I just couldn't keep my interest up, and I found myself not caring where the story went. **At nearly 17 hours long**, the book felt way, way too long for the amount of content. It felt like sidebar after sidebar, and I grew impatient with the story, overall.

Yes, I'm the lone negative voice out here, which probably means that it's probably a matter of chemistry between me and *A Destiny of Dragons*, but I feel confident in my decision to end the series at this point. There are many, many other T.J. Klune books that I adore, and I'd much rather spend my time re-reading those.

Copy provided in exchange for an honest review

Jewel says

4.5 Stars

The *Lightning-Struck Heart* was often compared to *The Princess Bride* (but more gay), and it was that. *A Destiny of Dragons*, though, reminded me a lot more of *The Lord of the Rings*, but funnier (and, ya know, more gay), and to me, anyway, more down to earth. While this series is, so far, Sam's Hero's Journey (it's capitalized, so you know it's a thing), the story doesn't take itself too too seriously. And I loved it. TJ, TJ, TJ -- you need to write faster!

A Destiny of Dragons is delightful. And ridiculous. And wonderful. In all the best of ways. Sam, Ryan, Gary, Tiggy and Kevin are more than the best of friends. They're family. They're like the Fellowship of the Ring, without a ring, volcanoes and that creepy evil eye. But they don't need those things. They have a quest of their own -- a destiny, if you will.

“When the time comes, he will call upon my brethren five. He will allow their voices to be heard. The white. The fire. The two-snow.” The dragon wrinkled its nose in disgust. “The... Kevin.”

And Sam hates it. He doesn't feel ready to do something so important. For the fate of the whole world to be in his hands. What's a young wizard (apprentice) to do? Sam is impulsive and has an amazing sense of adventure -- when it is **his** choice. He doesn't like to think in terms of 'destiny' and 'fate'.

“I’m a little lost,” I told them. “Maybe more than I think I am. I don’t... I knew my place. I knew what was expected of me. Do this, Sam. Learn this, Sam. I’m going to monologue at your face after I’ve captured you for some stupid reason, Sam. There was good. And there was evil. And nothing in between. I am a good guy. I know I am. And I try to do what’s right. Always. Even if it hurts.” I sighed. “Why does this all feel so wrong, then?”

Like *The Lightning-Struck Heart*, the banter is so wonderfully over the top. I think I highlighted half the book. And I laughed and was sometimes sad, but mostly not. I do have a feeling, though, that we're in for some serious tears in one or both of the next two books. Just...a feeling.

Sam can be so ridiculous in his lack of planning and foresight that it's a wonder he has managed to survive to adulthood. And the mouth on that boy could make a sailor blush, though he could use some tutoring in 'dirty-talk'.

“Yeah, well, maybe you shouldn’t be so good at eating my ear.”

“Eating your ear. Gods, Sam, way to make that sound erotic.”

“I didn’t know we were going for erotic. I can do that if you like. I’ve been practicing. Oh, side of beef, put your mouth hole back on my hearing hole and eat it out. That’s the ticket.”

He leaned back, face twisted up in a grimace. “Mouth hole?”

I shrugged. “My erotic writings are intended for a specific audience.”

“A dead one?”

But then sometimes, Sam is so damn wise (hmmm...Samwise....) When asked what it feels like to be in love, he said:

“Well. I guess it’s... it’s the moment, you know, when you wake up first in the morning. You open your eyes and your thoughts are muddled. You’re still partly asleep and you’re warm and don’t want to move, but you know you have to get up anyway. So you stretch and it feels good, but your arm hits something next to you and you look over and... there he is. Still asleep. And it’s the first clear thought you have, and you think, Hello. Hello there. Hi. I’m so glad you’re here. I’m so glad you’re next to me. And then for some reason, he must feel you watching him, because he wakes up too, you know? And he’s blinking and looks all soft and beautiful and then he sees you and he smiles. Like all it takes for him to be the happiest he’s ever been is to see you there. Next to him. That’s... that’s what’s so great about it. That’s what it feels like.”

And I melted a little.

But nothing is ever easy, is it? Sam and Ryan? Oh, they're solid. TJ, as promised, did not muck with their HEA. Even still, though, there was enough reality to make my heart clench, at times, and when I would find myself holding my breath, I'd have to remind myself just to breathe. Just breathe.

So, what's *A Destiny of Dragons* about? It's about adventure. Dragons. Gypsies (along with a little bit of bad touch). Ancient prophecies. Faith. Love. Friendship. Family. Because what good is it to save the world, if you don't have the ones you love with you when you do it? I would also be remiss if I didn't mention monologuing villains and hilarious references to Trump. Because this is TJ Klune, after all.

A Destiny of Dragons does end on a touch of a cliffie, but it wasn't brutal (thank FSM for that!). The story is obviously not finished, though, and I can't wait until we have more.

And, Sam, you should tell them.

ARC of A Destiny of Dragons was generously provided by the publisher, in exchange for an honest review.

Maria ♦ *Steamy Reads Blog* ♦ says

➡ Honestly... honestly I've never thought that a gay unicorn could make me cry... from laughter, mostly. These characters T.J. Klune created are completely obnoxious but I ended up falling in love with all of them.

➡ I don't even think this particular series can be classified in any one category... It has fantasy, humor, and romance all in one. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who enjoys M/M. This second installment sure did bring some extra steam to satisfy those who might be curious about how a certain wizard behaves in the bedroom. lol

➡ Long story short, if you like dragons, prophecies, magical shit and over the top but so so funny humor then check this series out. Also, I have to recommend the audiobook. If you can listen to it instead of reading, DO IT. Because I don't think I've ever heard a more talented narrator in my life. My hands are itching to get my paws on the third audiobook in the series. Hurry up! *growls*

BWT (Belen) says

ETA for audiobook 11/20/2017

While I was reading the book I kept picturing in my head how it was going to sound when it came out on audio. I didn't even come close. **Michael Lesley blew my expectations out of the water and does another fantastic job! He continues to prove just how perfectly cast he was for this series.**

The narration isn't flawless. There are some changes to some of the character voices – for example Kevin's voice is not so deep and the echo is a little less pronounced as well because of different software than what was used in TLSH and I thought Randall's voice is a little more accented than it was in TLSH as well.

through the veil and ascended to the beyond. Randall is almost seven centuries old. Morgan almost three. Their cornerstones. They... learned from them what they could. They loved them deep in their hearts. And then the time came in which they had to say goodbye. Because cornerstones are just a beginning, Sam. They build you toward becoming what you're supposed to be. And then you have to let them go. And when they don't have magic in their veins, when they're ordinary, you will lose them sooner."

Regardless of the weight of all that, **the story is very funny, and quite thoughtful**, but not as tears-triggering as *The Lightning-Struck Heart* was. There was no Wookiee cry face for me here (and I'm actually quite thankful for that, really, T.J. - *thank you*). Usually when there was a moment when feelings could have rushed forward, something would happen that was more humorous to tamp that down.

And then—

"Nope," Gary said. "Fuck no. Fuck this whole thing. Fuck you. Fuck them. Fuck this place. Gary out."

Obviously it's only the start of the journey - there's more to come...more battles to be fought, more lives to be saved in *The Consumption of Magic*, and *A Wish Upon the Stars*.

*"I have awoken, O human child. In this forest deep, in the dark of the wild. And I have seen what is in your heart. Take heed of my warning: **you are not ready.**"*

"A warning. All of you will not survive until the end. There will be loss, Sam. And it will burn like nothing has ever burned before. You must remember to keep to the light, even when the dark begins to curl around your feet."

TJ has hinted in several FB and blog posts that someone important in this might not make it out alive, so I am trying to prepare for that to possibly go down.

"Sam," he said quietly. "What are you going to do?"

When I spoke, my voice was strong, more so than I expected it to be. "I've got a douchebag monologuing villain whose ass I need to kick, a kingdom to save, and a godsdamned destiny of dragons to face. You can sure as shit bet I'm going to do everything I have to."

Bottom line is I loved it. Also...Not going to lie, I basically played this in my mind with Michael Lesley's character voices the entire time. I honestly can't wait to hear his Zero voice. But I digress.

So to recap: Sam has a Destiny, he has the weight of the world on his shoulders, but he has his friends at his back and is ready to kick ass. **A terrific start to the DESTINY FUCK YEAH! Trilogy.**

Prophecies, no matter who they come from, no matter what they say, are never written in stone. You can change the future, Sam. No matter what anyone else says, nothing is set in stone. You are your own destiny.

NOTE: This is not a standalone - do not attempt to read this without first reading *The Lightning-Struck Heart*.

4.75 Stars

Advanced Review Galley copy of A Destiny of Dragons provided by Dreamspinner Press in exchange of an honest review.

This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.

Len Evans Jr says

This second book in the series continues SAM AND COMPANY'S ADVENTURES (all caps mean that's now a thing). This book was in every way just as hilarious as the first... just as suspenseful and just as much of a joy to read. Not too mention I definitely want to be part of a SAM AND RYAN SANDWICH (all caps again you get it). T.J. Klune is just masterful in his writing, the humor, the world-building, the character development (Gary), and the wanting to smack someone upside their authorish (is that even a word) head sometimes. This book was one I mostly LOVED (99.99999999% of the time), hated (almost never but possibly once or maybe for a split second, never a full one) and absolutely NEVER felt amibiguous about. All in all this book pretty much encompassed every emotion know to man in varying yet unequal portions that made me laugh, cry, and yes yell at my Kindle, and want to curse like Sam (not like Ryan he nevers gets to use the good words or if he does Sam always calls him on it (he is a KNIGHT after all and supposed to PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW... NOT). OK enough of this I NEED (yeah like don't have a choice) to get to reading book 3 like yesterday so I'm ending this RAVING (like a madman) review!

Christelle says

I will never forget how much I enjoyed the fantasy tale (for adult only !!) that The Lightning-Struck Heart was. So much laugh and so many feels brought by a cast of crazy but oh so engaging characters, Sam the Wizard (OK, apprentice !!), Ryan the dashing knight, Tiggy the incredible Hulk half giant, Gavin the Unicorn PG18, scratched that, PG 30 and Kevin the perv dragon.

So, all of them are still together, still talking non-sense, still making me laugh while sometimes scarring me for life (I don't think I will ever be at ease while having my eyebrows waxed), but also so fiercely loyal and ready to fight for each other, for the life of the King of Verania and for the life of the Kingdom. And this time, the threat is getting darker and larger with an enemy looming around and so close to home, literally and figuratively speaking. I won't go any further to avoid any spoiler.

I'm among the majority of readers : this is an epic and hilarious read, with a craziness that leaves me exhausted in the best way : TJ Klune masters OTT like nobody else. But in this book, there is also a layer of seriousness that I didn't expect and totally gut me (in the best way...I think !?!) as Sam realizes that there is no such thing as a "for-ever" in his relationship with Ryan. How heartbreaking it was to see him fight when his love and friends are threatened in the desert. Conclusion, don't mess with Sam, he might be young, an apprentice, a magnet for disasters but he is a force to reckon with.

Add to that all the references regarding betrayal, racism, ostracism, love and friendship and it makes this book so much more than just a funny fairy tale.

Among all the recurring characters and additional ones, special thumbs up for Tiggy, with his big heart and fierce loyalty for his friends, and Zero, the Dragon teenager with his unexpected maturity.

Book one led the ground for knowing all the characters and book two led the ground for an ominous and poignant battle to come. I'm so looking forward to see where all this will lead, but I have the feeling it's

going to hurt before it gets better.

Highly recommended !! No, let me capitalize that to make it true : HIGHLY recommended !!

Renée says

Spoiler-free review:

~4.5 stars~

If you asked me what my favorite MM romance book is, I would say, without hesitation, The Lightning-Struck Heart. If a book can make me both 1) laugh out loud with the banter and 2) make me cry because of *feelings* (I'm a cold-hearted bitch who doesn't cry), it's doubtful that book will **not** be a 4-5 star read. TLSH delivered more lolz and wookie cry face moments than any book out there, at this point in time. It's been out for two years, and I've read it six times. **SIX.**

I even bought the paperback, which I don't actually read, but to be a tangible representation for me of my favorite of the genre (the only other paperbacks I own are ICoS and the Captive Prince Trilogy).

And then the bastard made me wait **two years** for the next book. Cuz he's mean. Or, you know, cuz he was writing other great books, but.....semantics.

TJ had a lot to say about Book 2 (and the whole series) in his recent blog post.

And I'm not going to tell you a whole lot about Book 2. Let the magic unfold for itself.

We still have Knight Commander Ryan Foxheart, the dreamiest dream to have ever been dreamed.

And Sam, the most endearing wizard's apprentice of all time.

"I might have written an ode to his penis in iambic pentameter that goes on for forty-seven stanzas."

Gary is there with his sass and Unicorn Rage. Tiggy is still there to smash things. Kevin is still there to make everything inappropriate.

TJ said he wouldn't fuck with Ryan and Sam's HEA. I believed him. And he didn't. (Ryan's jealousy is a thing to behold, though, let me tell you).

This book was about Sam's realization of his Destiny. And how much he says "Fuck that!" in the face of it.

There are more journeys. There is more OTT ridiculousness.

This book did not bring the Wookie Cry Face. There were still some feelz though. It just didn't rip the heart from my chest - thanks for the break, TJ.

It was immensely fun, and the Donald Trump jokes were epic.

I liked it a little less than book 1, which, you know, is hard to come close to. But my favorite story continues....on a minor cliffie.....onto Book 3 later this year.
