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New world order, new job, new mission.

As the first Justice of the Arcana Council in two hundred years, Tarot-reading Sara Wilde is tasked with taking out the most dangerous magic-wielding criminals on the planet. Her first assignment? A killer known only as the Red King, who's systematically picking off the world's most gifted magicians in the rollicking streets and storied canals of Venice, Italy, on the eve of Carnevale.

Amidst the festival's music, masks, and brightly colored costumes, Sara must unravel the truth about a brutal murderer from Venice's own murky past, navigate the twisting political currents of magicians who seek to rival her own Council, and keep one costume change ahead of a conjurer whose lethal spells could end Justice--permanently. Good thing the diabolically sexy and deeply powerful Magician of the Arcana Council has Sara's back...if only he didn't hold so much of her heart as well.

The canals of Venice will run with blood when you deal in The Red King.

The Red King Details

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Teri says

What a wonderful start to a new series. Wilde has a new position and if the learning curve doesn't get her there are plenty of things in line for her to worry about. Venice is the place to be during carnival and if she can catch the Red King she may save lives as well. There's plenty of action and twist as she investigates, learns about her powers, gets history lesson and tries to stay alive. Nikki is amazing and love the two of them together. This is a great story and I love everything about it and can't wait for more.

Helen Wawrejko says

In her newly elevated to position of Justice of the Arcana council, Sara (and Nikki) are sent to Venice to the annual gathering of the worlds magicians. Dark practitioner magic from centuries ago is making a comeback with the deaths of magicians. As Sara delves deeper into the mystery of the deaths, and the identity of The Red King, the connected of the world got an upgrade to their magic she couldn't have imagined. Great mystery, not an inkling of the identity til the very end. Nice cameo's of the Arcana council. Super start to the series, loved it. And we got Nikki...yes!

Linda Levine says

It was so much fun to see Sara and Nikki out on an adventure. I have missed them together like this since the original series ended and we just get brief inclusions in the new series.

I really liked seeing Venice thru Sara's eyes. This is a great story with lots of action and adventure. She is on a mission to protect the magical community from a major threat. There are many twists and the ending surprised me. It really brought me back to what made the original series so special and a must read for me.

I am voluntarily reviewing a copy I received.

Judi S. says

I have been extolling the virtues of the Immortal Vegas series and Jenn Stark's ability to create a whole new way of looking at the UF world ever since I first found it . When I thought it was ending I was heartbroken. So finding out Sara was alive and well just living in a new role, the one as Justice on the Arcana Council, it was like Christmas morning and my birthday all rolled up into one.

Sara is back. She's Justice now. And her powers are not just enhanced, but different. Her job is to bring to Justice those Connecteds who have done wrong and/or get Justice for those who have had wrong done to them. With Gamon as Judgment the Connecteds around the world would soon learn to, well, at least be apprehensive of the two of them being around. Gamon is no wilting flower to be observed and discarded. She's dangerous in the most intense ways possible. And while Sara is still adjusting to her new role, she'll get it soon enough with a little help from Armaeus. And she'll be her usual force to be respected.

Watching Armaeus and Sara together is a treat. They really are in love, but she's not the type to swoon and he's not the type to be all roses and sweet words all the time. Regardless of whether they are entrenched in love or work, the two are so good together. I have to admit it, these two are my favorite UF couple. So watching them travel about administering Justice, or just being together, is going to be one of my favorite pastimes.

I don't like to give away plots so I avoid giving out spoilers. That being said, The Red King is a great start to Sara's new career, and going to Venice an apropos place to start. New people are introduced. Old friends are present. Nikki of course is there, right next to Sara where she seems to truly belong. Kreios is still hanging around on the periphery making his presence known. A couple other Arcana Council members also show up. This series, I believe, is going to be more about the Arcana Council and less about Sara saving the Connected children. It's a new path for Sara, and I'm so very glad Jenn Stark is carrying on her story.

So Very Well Done, Jenn Stark!

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher. This doesn't affect the content of my review. And because I truly support the authors I admire so much, I also bought a copy.

Shelley says

Source Author

Genre Urban Fantasy

Rating 4.0

Thoughts

The Red King is the first installment in author Jenn Stark's Wilde Justice series. If you are new to this world, let me set you on the right path. Wilde Justice is actually a spin-off from the authors Immortal Vegas series. In fact, this book picks up shortly after the ending of Wilde Fire. You don't necessarily have to have read the previous series, but it never hurts. Plus, if you have read the previous series, you will immediately identify all of the major players in this new series.

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Edeena Cross says

If you loved the Immortal Vegas series where we first met Sara, and are enjoying the Demon Enforcer series that follows, then you will LOVE this new Wilde Justice series!

Get ye to the bookseller of your choice and preorder or one-click this book, because you won't regret it!

Terre says

Jenn Stark always delivers with action, quirky to-die-for villains, amazing situations and a heroine you've got to root for and love.

Cheryl says

For the new series, I give this book a 10 star rating! An awesome book and a new venue for Sara. We have an very interesting story with plot twists! I saw one coming but missed another! Sara and Nikki Dawes are still together but now Sara is a Justice on the Council! Her first real case is a real dwoosy! She is asked by someone for help which necessitates her going to Venice. Such an interesting place to be during an upcoming magic celebration! Some old things have cropped up involving drugs and a past / ancient butcher. People are dying but some will be saved.

The romance is still there but a bit subdued! Meet Mrs. French and what I would call the lost boys. All lot has changed since the influx of magic of which many lives were changed. Some were not changed as they would like and so the story begins! There are surprises for Sara and new ways for her to travel. I love the book and the beginning of a new series and look forward to the next book to be released!

Devin says

Having Sara be elevated to the Justice of the Arcana Council was a stroke of genius on Jenn Stark's part. The path of the character can go anywhere now. We still get to discover her powers, but what I liked most about the book was that Sara got back to basics. She got back to what we first were introduced to her...reading her tarot cards to find out answers and possible outcomes. The action is again non-stop, the plot keeps you guessing. The characters and the new characters are so interesting. Their stories add to the main story. I don't want to tell you about the book because you can read that in the blurb about what the book is about. I will tell you that even if you have not read the first series about Sara (shame on you, you don't know what you are missing), you can read this one and still really love the book. Can't wait till the next one comes out. Just so you all know: I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher. This doesn't affect the content of my review. I am seriously considering just buying the next however many books because all I do is gush about Jenn Stark's writing and characters. I love them that much.

Jenn Stark says

So excited for the launch of The Red King on Oct. 10!

This book is a little different than Sara Wilde books of the past, with a full-out mystery for Sara to solve, but I was thrilled to have her explore the gorgeous world of Venice at Carnevale, and to figure out the ups and downs of her new role as Justice! I will be doing some fun launch giveaways so stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the launch date.

Larryhill says

The Red King is a whodunit whose prime sleuth is Lady Justice herself. That is, Sara Wilde in her new role as Justice of the Arcana Council. This is the first entry in a new series, "Wilde Justice", by Jenn Stark.

When Sara collars a couple of two-bit drug pushers, she's tracking the distribution of a new, far more powerful 'technochemical' - a drug meant to enhance the inherent magical abilities of the connected. The top of that distribution pyramid appears to be someone styled as the "Red King", who may or may not be related to a certain gastronomie in old Venice. Off, then, to that watery city for Sara and her flamboyant sidekick Nikki.

The story picks up shortly after the Immortal Vegas series ends, as Justice Sara tries to settle into her new job. It brings with it new-employee hassles that will be familiar to every newbie, if said newbie was employed by the Arcana Council.

Author Jenn Stark starts off with a bang but gets tangled in the hazard of every series writer as she chews pages trying to bring the new reader up to speed in her world. Once past that, the story tempo improves. Throughout the book several characters from the Immortal Vegas series show up in cameo, providing a degree of continuity. They play a smaller role but are well-placed to move the story along.

Gone, for instance, is much (not all) of the emotional byplay among principals of the earlier series. On the other hand, Nikki carries forward her Nikkiness, and the author's voice for the character is always consistent and fun.

As the story moves to Venice it takes shape and momentum. While the ending is in small ways foreshadowed, Stark takes us to a rousing finale worthy of any of the Wilde series. It may not be the blockbuster of Getting Wilde (the first entry in Immortal Vegas), where everything is new and, well, wild. But it will satisfy those who thought the end of that series came too soon and have pined for more.

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Maggie Elizondo says

I loved the book. Sara is great as Justice, its what she was made for. The exotic location of Venice at Carnavale with all the magicians getting together to form alliances and she had to look for the Red King which I did not see it coming who he was.

I loved Sara and the Magician been together. And of course Nikki.

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Kimberly Martin says

I read one book in the Immortal Vegas series, and I was hooked. When I finished the series, I felt that familiar deflated feeling. Believe me, I was satisfied with the ending, but I just didn't want to give up the characters because I enjoyed Sara and her Magician so much. I missed Nikki's fabulousness, friendship and humor. I just needed to give myself time for the Arcana Council to fade a bit before starting to read Sara's journey from artifact hunter to Justice again.

I couldn't believe it. Sara's back! The Red King is everything I hoped it would be. Sara visits an exotic location and finds herself surrounded by the glamour of Venice, Carnevale and Nikki. Of course, when Sara arrives, the Connected start dying, and she must act as detective and Justice to discover the supposed culprit

known as the Red King.

I started reading, and I couldn't stop. And yes, the Council does make appearance. What would the story be without a hint of Esme, irritated with Sara as usual, the Devil, the incorrigible flirt, and the enigmatic, Armaeus? In my opinion, there can never be enough, Armaeus.

The best part is that the author, Jenn Stark, is soliciting locations for another book featuring Sara Wilde. YES! This isn't the end! I know that The Red King just came out, but I can't wait for Sara's next adventure.

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Tracy says

Sara Wilde is back serving up Justice!

I loved the interaction between Justice Sara and Judgement Gamon. Sara has a big heart and sees the best in everyone where Gamon has thicker skin and is cynical.

I enjoyed the setting in Venice.

The plot was good and Nikki had me laughing out loud a lot.

I look forward to the next book.

Love this series!!

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Kelly says

Absolutely positively loved LOVED this book! I was completely Captivated and now really want to go to Venice and experience it and Carnevale. I loved the ongoing look into Sara and the magician and Nikki is as enjoyable as ever. Truly a very well written book. Can't wait for the next installment!

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