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Gamer and sorceress Jade Crow's psychotic ex-boyfriend shows up for a final showdown, and nothing in Wylde will ever be the same.

Heartache Details

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From Reader Review Heartache for online ebook

Beth says

OMG -- the cliffhanger of all cliffhanger ending. DAMmit.

Jim Stojkov says

Another nice novella

I really love Annie's writing, her style and her humor. I'm hooked on the series. But, I gave this story 3 stars because almost all of the books in this series are novellas. They are not full books, but they are charging full book price. Great for the author but really screwing the readers. Each of these books are about 1/3 of normal novel length. Good short stories, but could either be fleshed out more or combined.

This novella in particular doesn't even leave on a cliffhanger so much as completely ending the story right at the climax. I have a couple of other complaints but i'll keep them to myself.

Mary says

These are clever and geeky. <3

Rakki says

As depressing as Game of Thrones

My problem with this book is the lack of an ending. There is no resolution of any kind. The story just stops. This book is so very dark. It feels like each page is more depressing than the last. There is no hope, no victory thats hidden and hinted at. The most likely outcome is worse than if the bad guy wins outright. This is supposed to be book 5. Feels like book 1. Jade is pretty much useless in this story which just makes it all worse. This is one of the rare times I feel like my \$ was stolen. Maybe book 6 gives some form of closure but its not here. Normal cliffhanger endings arent as bogus as this one.

Mark Powell says

Wow just wow

Man that was good, why did it have to end, and now I have to wait for the next one.

If you'd already read the other 4, just skip the reviews and read the book. Go, and read now.

Go on.

Dora J says

Though I really do like the story this particular book/novella left off with as if it was in the middle of the book. There wasn't even a full story arch to it like there had been with the others. As much as I had looked forward to the installment it left me wishing I had just waited to read it when the next one came out. There was also a lack of proofreading that needed done but got neglected.

Overall it is a good story. For those who are looking to read it, my recommendation is to wait for the next one to come out first. That way it would be less of a drop off and wait with it.

Αταλ?ντη Ευριπ?δου says

I was expecting this to be the big throw down, but it mostly felt like a filler. Samir as a character makes absolutely no sense to me. He is evil with evil plans and full of evil evilness but there was no purpose behind what he did, his actions were almost random. Overall, not a bad novella, but a somewhat lazy one, in my opinion. I trully hope the next book in the series will be better.

Karsyn says

ARGH that ending!!

This series is so enjoyable and really gaining speed. Gotta dive into the next one now!

Kim Power says

Heartache and not much else

I was so looking forward to this novel as I expected it to be the climax of the series. Instead, it ends on an appalling cliff hanger in the middle of the ultimate battle with Samir. There was no character development in this novel, just murder and mayhem with no outcome. I found it extremely unsatisfying and it does smack of drawing out the series for the sake of \$\$\$\$. I will buy the next one because I need to find out what happened, but if there is another cliff hanger, I won't be buying another one.

Natalie says

Here's the rub.

I was expecting some sort of conclusion and instead was left with an insane cliffhanger.

So not cool.

Samir has finally decided to show himself. He comes to the Wylde with evil in his heart and some dark plans.

Jade is desperately looking for ways to save herself and her friends. She refuses to watch them all die again.

The story flies by with Bellet's usually brisk storytelling. Usually I don't mind this manner of writing, but there was something missing this time. Possibly because everything heated up so quickly and when it was at the climactic fever pitch we were left with a non-ending.

It was fairly obvious where the story was headed and this installation cast even more foreshadowing. I was really excited about that and will now have to wait until June to see it all play out.

I am exceedingly displeased.

(view spoiler)

Bookmom says

Jade knew this day was coming and she's been practicing magic like crazy. The sorcerer she'd escaped from so long ago has found her and is having fun tormenting and killing the people around her. Jade wants nothing more than for the people she cares for to leave town and let her fight Samir by herself, but hey, her friends have other ideas.

I'm really torn on this 5th book. The writing is good as are the situations, tension and actions. Samir makes an even scarier threat than I imagined he would. Jade pulls some new interesting tricks out of a hat, but the way she does it doesn't come across so much like a Mary Sue. And all of the characters we've come to care about are on hand and affected by the happenings. So I'd give this 4 stars for that aspect of the book.

But this appears to be a 2-book story and we're left in a place guaranteed to make you want to get the next book to see just how she's going to defeat this guy; which I would imagine would have to be wrapped up in the next book coming out in June. It's rather frustrating since the prior books each carried the back story along while wrapping up the immediate threat being faced.

I'm wondering if a reader of this series waited, if these apparently last 2 books in the series wouldn't be released as 1 book in the future.

Anthea says

Dang epic cliffhanger...

I am enjoying this series, although the books are very short with one heck of a cliffhanger at the end of this one which hasn't happened with the previous books, grrr.

The spelling mistakes and grammar errors in the ebooks also irked me somewhat, double grrr.

Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Jade Crow is waiting for the other shoe to drop on her. Jade is sick of waiting for Samir to strike. But when an unexpected snow storm starts calling people Jade feels needs protecting. Jade starts to worry something bad is going to happen very soon. Jade wasn't prepared for Samir to nonchalantly walk into her store like he owned the place. Samir has known where Jade been for the last five years. Samir is interested in Jade since her power appears to have gained in the last few months. Jade is unsure what to make of the revelations Samir puts before her. Will Jade the final showdown with Samir? Will those that Jade cares about be harmed? Your answers await you in Heartache.

This series keeps getting better with each book. The characters and story are really growing and changing through out the whole book. I'm enjoying this series very much. Looking forward to my next adventure in this series.

XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

To the Silly People who rated this low only because of the cliffhanger ending:

Besides, if you think this is a cliffhanger from hell, wait till you read Dreamfever. You probably won't survive that one. **Not that I'd want you to die or anything**. Just think of it as a friendly warning. **You're welcome**.

Okay, I'm still in "my reviews keep getting shorter as this series keeps getting cooler" mode, so **let's cut the crap**, shall we? Well if you asked nicely I guess I could do an **amazing recap of all the amazing instalments** in this series. It wouldn't take much of your time. Only about a day or two, you know. No? Are you sure? It really would be no problem for me. At all. **Still not interested?** Well I guess it's back to cutting the crap then. Oh well.

This is your last chance, are you really sure about this? Like, really really REALLY sure? OH FINE. Just trying to be helpful here, no need to get so violent. Sheesh, you people are unbelievable ~~most times~~ sometimes.

So what you have to do now is take the combined awesomeness of **Jade Crow 1-2-3-4** (view spoiler), and add:

- **Psycho ex-lover** smackdown, part 1
- **Sword shoes** (think shoes dropping + sword of Damocles)
- **3-in-1 goddesses**. These ancient deities here give the word multitasking a whole new meaning.
- **Super-cool, awesomesauce fights**.
- **Trading hearts**. Not in a creepy mushy/lovey-dovey way, thankfully enough. We're talking about actual, bloody hearts here. Because, yes, there is a God, and yes, He loves me.
- **Break my heart**, why don't you? So cruel, Annie Bellet. And so cool.
- **? I believe I can fly ?**
- **Mind-Tess** (I know you have no idea what this means, but you can only blame yourselves here. Is it my

fault if you're so clueless you haven't read this series yet? Didn't think so. So stop complaining)

● **Voldemort** references

And because I'm in a good mood today, I'll throw in a Awesome Jade Crow Awesome Quote (AJDAQ™), free of charge:

“Control-Z, motherfucker.”

Short and to the point. **Damn, damn, damn**, I love this girl SO MUCH.

And that's pretty much it. See? I told you I'd get this over with in no time.

?? **And the moral of this non-review is:** addicted to this series I might be. Soldier on I shall.

- ↘ Book 1: Justice Calling ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 2: Murder of Crows ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 3: Pack Of Lies ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 4: Hunting Season ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 6: Thicker than Blood ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 7: Magic to the Bone ★★★★★
- ↘ Book 7.5: Harper's Tale: Tribes - *to be published 2017*
- ↘ Book 8: Dungeon Crawl ★★★

Debbie Gascoyne says

Gah. You begin to feel exploited when it seems this novella is short for the sake of having a wolloping cliffhanger and making us wait for the next one. Of course I'll read the next one, but am beginning to feel cynical about any expectations of a conclusion.
