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Lexi didn't set out to steal a god's ring, but when a magic artifact starts trying to talk to you, what's a girl supposed to do? She's always had the ability to talk to animals, but this new development amps up the crazy. Now she's afraid her power is out of control and she's losing her mind.

The only person who could possibly reassure her that she's not going mad is her mother, who has always refused to discuss the source of Lexi's strange ability. Now that the jewellery is getting chatty, maybe she'll finally spill the beans.

Unfortunately, going home means a trip back to the human territories, and Lexi only just made it out of there alive last time. She's hoping for a quick visit, but with a god hellbent on retrieving the ring and a fireshaper she might have accidentally betrayed on her tail, life is about to get horribly complicated—for her and everyone she cares about.

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From Reader Review Murdered Gods for online ebook

Autumn says

can't say i love the characters, but I'm intrigued by the world... hoping the characters evolve more so I can enjoy more

Montzalee Wittmann says

Murdered Gods is book two by Marina Finlayson and narrated by Hollie Jackson. Our gal now goes looking for the mother who kicked her out to ask her questions only to find herself in the middle of trouble. Shadow shifters are capturing gods for their power but they need the ring our gal has on her finger! Super exciting! Narration was spot on!!!

Cindy says

Couldn't put it down

I couldn't put this one down. I just had to know what was going on with the gods and I hoped I would find out what is going on with her memories. There have been lots of hints about gods being sacrificed but I wanted to finally know how it happens. Just horrible.

Lexi gets pulled into the human One Worlders unknowingly and has lost her past. Another mystery about herself to solve. Its just nuts. Thank goodness Jake is still around trying to make things right. He still thinks the worst of her too easily but hopefully that changes now that she has proved herself.

I do wonder if Syl will stick around though since she keeps getting hurt and doesn't seem to be happy with Lexi.

Ashley Dawn says

This was a wild ride. Lexi has decided that maybe not ALL shapers are as bad as she thought. That being said, when you take a ring that was in the possession of one and he was just starting to trust you, well that doesn't really help build his trust. Seeking answers brings her more questions than answers.

Is she a member of this new group she met and just forgot? Are they who she hopes they are or who Jake says they are? Confusion and hope tangle in her. Nothing from her past is as she remembers. Her new friends may not be friends at all and Jake may never trust her again.

It was a 4/5 for me. I am truly enjoying these books.

Pauline Ross says

Marina Finlayson is one of my all-time favourite authors. Her stories just seem to resonate with me, and I've

enjoyed every single thing she's written. Which makes it more than a little nerve-wracking whenever I pick up a new book - will this be the one that falls flat on its face? Well, no is the answer, not by a long shot.

In the previous book, Lexi got into a whole heap of trouble over a stolen ring with magical powers, although with a hot fireshaper around, there were some compensations, too. But the ring's doing some odd things, and Lexi's own ability is unusual too. Controlling animals seems pretty tame when you're surrounded by shifters in a world ruled by powerful shapers, but where did that ability come from? Lexi decides to go back home to the human territories to ask the one person who knows - her mum.

Accompanied only by her faithful pal Syl, a cat shifter who refuses to take human form, Lexi heads off on what should be a simple journey. But that's not going to happen, right? With some really, really angry people on her tail and a lot of mysterious goings on back home, the story sucked me in big time, and I just couldn't put it down. I'm not going to say any more because - spoilers! But you can be sure that there's a ton of action, lots of neat twists and a glorious punch-the-air moment when the cavalry arrives (in a most unlikely shape!).

Be warned, however, that some of the big questions raised in this book remain unresolved. There's no cliffhanger, as such, but there are definitely unfinished aspects left for the next book. I can't wait! Five stars.

Pauline says

Feeling a strange connection to a magical artifact, Lexi Jardine decides to head back to the city where she was raised and ask her mum some big questions. But for some reason the house she grew up in has a different woman living there, and the cafe she worked at has a different owner. And apparently these people have all been there for many, many years. Is she going crazy?

Meanwhile she stumbles across another person who can communicate with animals. Maybe she's not so alone in her magic after all?

I actually really enjoyed the set up here. The bizarre memory thing is intriguing, and the living gods concept adds an interesting angle.

Unfortunately, that can't really cover for some other quite poorly constructed sections. The 'lucky coincidences' are rampant, and certain abilities only seem to come into use when they're most needed.

Once again, I feel like Marina Finlayson would have benefited from a solid editor to work with her on the entire series. It feels like a series of events strung together, rather than a living, breathing world, and the characters feel more like caricatures rather than real people.

2.5 stars rounded up to 3, because I did like it better than the previous book.

Cheri says

Lexi's story continues

Marina Finlayson continues Lexi's story in Murdered God's and the action and mystery escalates from almost

the very first chapter. Lexi is in search of her mother to find answers to her unusual ability to communicate and even direct the action of animals. She takes the ring she has stolen with her and leaves Jake really angry and hurt. A bit disappointing that there is less focus on Lexi and her quest to discover the secrets of her abilities but plan to continue to read the next book in this series.

Kat says

Short Read

I think it took me forty-five minutes to read this. Um, I've never been the novella reader. It's a solid plot with solid characters, but it's missing some complexity.

Mary Catelli says

Book #2. Spoilers ahead for Stolen Magic.

Like, it opens with Lexi having a drink with Hades.

Shortly thereafter, she flees with the ring, despite an attempt by Cerebus to block the road. And she tries to track down her mother to get an answer out of her. Only to find that her life in her hometown seems to have been erased. She knows no one.

When someone seems to recognize her odd power over animals, she leaps at the chance.

Intrigue follows. Including accusations from Jake, death, prisoners, life at a luxurious manor, collars, a flute, power, and more.

Mara says

As I said with book one, it's a fresh, if not solid, world building. It has one glaring problem, now crystal clear: even if it's not offered as such, it's a serial rather than a series. These books read as episode one, episode two... rather than book one and book two.

There's quite a difference, and it's not only length, but depth.

I was eager to read this book (and I liked it), but at this point I'm not sure if I'll keep reading.

Rowenna Smith says

A fun set of books to read!

I've now read the first two books in this series. They are both easy to read. Meaning that the words flow easily and the plot is interesting and fun. There are a few typos/wrong word, but they weren't too distracting. Warning though, each book is a bit of a cliffhanger. That's the only reason I gave them 4 stars. I really recommend the books in this series. It's an interesting world she has created. I'm looking forward to the next

one and I plan to read others by this author.

Dene Kelly says

Great characters and twists, engaging and well written

Interesting twists on themes of fantasy, magic and mythology with likable characters that have depth and charisma. Kept me engaged. Romance without being hit over the head with it. I do hate how so many writers treat women as though we have the same reaction to men's bodies as men have to woman. Women are not physically turned on by visual looks the way men are but authors unfailingly act as though women swoon at a nicely shaped ass.

Jessica says

Honestly, with this book. i really didn't like it much as to the fact that Lexi was in my mind stupid and idiot at the best of times. I felt like slapping her and telling her to trust Jake. I hope that the third book that might be coming within three weeks to a month is better then this book.

Kelly says

Enough's enough, and Lexi's gotta get out of dodge and go find mom to have a chat about her powers and her past. Unfortunately, she's gotta get past Cerberus first - it seems that more than one person doesn't think a visit to mommy-dearest is the best idea... so clearly, that's exactly what Lexi should double-down on. Only once she gets back to where she grew up, nothing's quite right, and a lot of things are very wrong.

This is a good follow-up to *Stolen Magic*; it largely picks up where the first book left off, and runs with the questions both raised and hinted at in the first book. While what Lexi is slowly becomes more and more obvious, it's not done in a way that has you screaming at the character out of frustration or refusal to see what's in front of them, but in a way that lets you feel for Lexi, while also feeling a little anxious for Lexi, as you begin to put things together she hasn't figured out yet.

The main characters haven't changed much from the first book, meaning you're mostly engaging with Lexi again - and Finlayson's talent may just lie in the fact that even though her characters do stupid things, you can see how they made the choices to get where they're going -and you care about where they end up.

BookJunkie777 says

Some very interesting revelations occur in this second book in the *Shadows of the Immortals* series. Greek mythology weasels it's way into this story as Lexi finds herself in perilous situations (yes, plural). Action packed with likable characters. My only gripe is that the main character, Lexi, makes some very questionable decisions that'll left me throwing my hands up in the air and saying out loud "seriously?"
