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**HE SAYS . . .**

I, Aidan the Divine, am, well *divine*. My name was given to me by the Dragon Queen herself! I'm a delight! Cheerful. Charming. And a mighty warrior who is extremely handsome with a very large and well-hidden hoard of gold. I am also royal born, despite the fact that most in my family are horrendous beings that don't deserve to live. And yet, Branwen the Awful—a low-born, no less—either tells me to shut up or, worse, ignores me completely.

**SHE SAYS . . .**

I'll admit, I ignore Aidan the Divine because it annoys him. A lot. But, we have so much to do right now, I can't worry about why he keeps staring at me, or why he always sits so close, or why he keeps looking at me like he's thinking about kissing me. We have our nations to save and no time for such bloody foolishness . . . no matter how good Aidan looks or how long his spiked tail is. Because if we're going to win this war before it destroys everything we love, we'll have to face our enemies together, side by side and without distractions. But if we make it out alive, who knows what the future will hold . . .

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(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys\_sidekick says

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Grade: A

Aiden the Divine is just that... divine. A berserker in the Dragon Queen's personal army and a member of the Foulkes de chuid Fehhan, Aiden is gorgeous, charming, humorous, intelligent, and very rich. A royal in his own right, he is ready to allow Branwin the Awful full and unfettered access to his body. But only after she stops laughing.

Branwen (Brannie) the Awful of the Cadwaladr Clan, Captain of the First and Fifteenth Companies of the Dragon Queen's Armies, Colonel of the Ninety-Eighth Regiment of the Southland Armies, daughter of Ghleanna the Decimator and Bram the Merciful (Dragon on Top), has much more important things to tend to other than Aiden the Divine's ego. Like saving a nation from a vengeful God who seeks to destroy them all. Of course, once this war is over and they emerge triumphant, who knows what could happen.

Bring the Heat picks up with Aiden the Divine, whom we first met in Feel the Burn. He has come back to the Southlands and reunited with his beloved Queen, the Mi-runachs, and his best friend, Brannie. He joins Brannie on the field as she leads her companies against some of Chramnesind's zealots. When the mountains become sinkholes due to magic, Aiden rushes to save Branwen from being buried alive and expects some gratitude.

"Aren't you going to thank me?"

"No."

"Not even a thank you kiss?"

"What about a thank you punch to the face?"

"Is that my only option?"

Brannie and Aiden soon find themselves not in the thick of battle as expected but playing babysitter to Brannie's cousin, Keita- the Red Viper of Death and Despair, as she plots, poisons, and pouts her way towards the Eastland dragons. Brannie's not happy to have been pulled from the battlefield and her displeasure has her judging every move Keita makes.

"Oh, Keita."

"What? What is that tone?"

"Why did you kill them? Are you just bored?"

"Of course not."

"If you're that bored, there's a whole battlefield where you can kill to your heart's desire."

“Ugh. Stop, Branwen. I killed those people because they had to die.”

“Because you’re bored? Or do the voices tell you to do things? Evil things?”

G.A. Aiken brings back her irresistibly humorous, snarky, action packed, violent and outrageously larger than life dragons and their human mates in the ninth book of her epic adventure fantasy series-Bring the Heat. Add in the Black Bear Riders of the Midnight Mountains of Despair in the Far Reaches of the Steppes of the Outerplains (God, I love these names) and a comfortable friends to lovers romance and you will be belly laughing till the very last page. Readers who have felt that the last few books haven’t done much to advance the arc will rejoice in the amount of acreage covered in here.

“You went to one of the hells and you came back with an army. That’s impressive.”

The continuously evolving world and multi plotted storyline keeps readers on their toes as Aiken gathers all the loose threads through the series and begins to wrap them up, putting the finishing touches on the larger picture as she brings this particular arc to a climatic finish. I love the massive reunion of characters. Almost everyone we’re ever met in this series makes an appearance as the Southland Empire and their allies all come together to interfere, insult, threaten, offer useless advice, and annoy each other to distraction as they each play their part in the war against Chramnesind. Their antics keep the story moving along at a rapid pace.

“There’s nothing wrong with a little crazy...never forget that. Hold on to that. It may save your life.”

“That’s really sweet. But we both know I’m way more crazy than a little crazy.”

Friends to lovers is a favorite trope of mine and Aiken perfects it with this couple. I absolutely loved Brannie and Aiden. Intelligent, witty, and loyal, these two are born warrior protectors. Some readers may be disappointed to see this couple isn’t as volatile as some of the other couples; therefore creating a more laid back and slow burning romance. Delightful banter and steamy sex scenes further solidifies this couple’s compatibility as they accept their attraction and act on it without a lot conflict, fuss, or drama.

“No f\*cking as dragons. I totally understand it...like prostitutes that won’t kiss their clients.”

“Are you calling me a whore?”

“No. Do you want me to? I’ve known a few she-dragons who liked that sort of-”

“No. I don’t want you to.”

“Oh. All right. But what a dirty...and naughty?”

“Yeah, that’s all right.”

Bring the Heat is the book that fans have been waiting for and everything you could wish for in a fantasy romance adventure. If you enjoy outrageous characters, comical narrative and hilarious unpredictable scenarios, then look no further than G.A. Aiken’s Dragon Kin.

## Corina BookTwinsReviews says

Weekend is almost here - and we have a new release giveaway on FB and Bring the Heat is one of the books you could win here is the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/permalink.ph...>



Fantasy and shapeshifter - there is NOTHING better - except if the shifters are DRAGONS. :D

If you never read any of GA Aiken's dragon books you MISSED OUT!!! Badly!!!

This series is an epic showdown of huge proportions. From the very first book, it's been a steady build up. Book 9 Bring the Heat had a satisfying and bloody battle at the end that made me smiling crazily.

After so many years, and so many books, this series has been a fabulous preoccupation for me. Every time I read a GA Aiken book I'm usually cackling like a crazy person. Chuckling and laughing out loud and whenever I close a book I wish I had the next one already in my hands.

I love fantasy, but what I love even more are characters that are complex and fucking hilarious. And this author has this skill down pat. Not only can she write the funniest and most unique personalities, she is a master storyteller. In 9 books, this world of hers has thrilled, captivated and fascinated me in such a long-lasting way not very authors are able to do.

Of course through the years I have loved some characters more than others, and I wished she would give Annwyl the Bloody and Dagmar Reinholdt more books and scenes. I can never get enough of either. And now their kids are as enthralling as their parents. I hope she'll continue writing, there are so many more stories to tell.

Bring the Heat (Dragon Kin #9) by G.A. Aiken was exactly as I hoped. The story continued in a complex and multistory arc that kept me glued to the seat but also had my head spinning at times - the good way.

In my opinion Aidan and Branwen's love story was sweet, a slow burn and fitting to their characters, but it wasn't what kept me as enthralled as I was. The continuing story arc and the never ending cameos of beloved characters was what I loved about this book the most. If I had a say in it, I would ask the author to give some of the old characters a second book, or just use main characters that we all love and adore before adding more and more new players to the story.

At the end, all of the characters from the former books were fighting this war, and I don't really need to meet any more new characters to make this story even more interesting than it already is. I want to read more about the people that have been already introduced. I noticed that I can remember best the characters from the first 6 books. I have the deepest connection to Annwyl, Dagmar, Izzy, the twins, and Keita and wish to read more of them instead of adding new people to the plot line.

But nevertheless, I can't get enough of this series, and never will. And it sounds like she is not done with the dragons yet which makes me VERY happy!!!

I love her writing style and whatever she writes even as her alter ego Shelley Laurenston, I will be reading

it. :D

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## **Ivy Deluca says**

4.75 Stars

An exciting addition to this series, I devoured this book quickly and happily. I have to say that this is NOT a standalone, and I think this would be difficult for anyone to follow without knowing the history. The series has been building towards a confrontation between Salebiri, the God Chramnesind and the Mad Queen of Garbhan Isle, Cadwaladys and the House of Gwalchmai fab Gwyar and the battle finally comes to a rousing conclusion here (with a hint of things to come). All of the series favorites are involved in this one and all the ongoing plot points worked seamlessly to give me a fantastic, exciting tale.

The only thing that took a teeny, tiny, itty, bitty bit off the rating for me was the romance (aka the thing that brings me to the yard, every time). While I like Brannie and Aiden, and their relationship was fun, you could honestly take it out of the equation and this book would have functioned just as well. It didn't feel essential, and while I liked the characters I wasn't completely bowled over by them either.

Having said that, if you love this series I would highly recommend picking up this book. If you haven't read the series but you love fantasy series with lots of humor and action-adventure and intricate familial relationships, I'd also encourage you to pick this up...after you start at the beginning.

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## **Tanya Urban Fantasy Freak says**

## **Beth says**

A.D.D. at its finest! Reading *Bring the Heat* is like a boot camp work out, it gets your blood pumping, pulse pounding and heart racing with its intense action, steamy romances and white finger reading...I can't put them down.

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## **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

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BRING THE HEAT definitely lived up to my expectations. I just can't seem to get enough of this series!

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## **Talltree says**

4 stars for the action and for how so many characters are woven in seamlessly;  
but 1 or maybe 2 stars for the romance - bcos it was such a teensy part of the story:(

An overall 3 stars.

## edge of bubble says

ARC provided by NetGalley *I've decided that I'm stable enough to handle rejection and tried NetGalley for the first time =p Annd the crazy kind people gave me free books! \*happy dance\**

**Multiple tentacles snaked out from between her legs and out her back, shooting across the room and impaling the guards in their chests —near their hearts but not through them.**

Is it any wonder why I loved this book after that quote?!

*especially those murderous ones made of shit and mud*

I adore this author's humour and characters, even though, they turned a bit repetitive lately. The feeling of deja vu of a deja vu, and the disappointing fast motion end to the plot line that's been building for the last few books are the reasons for the missing stars. The rest is all shit and chuckles...

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## Esra says

It's Aidan the Divine and Branwen The Awful's story but there's two side story of keita searching for ren and lord salebri ,Chramnesind's priests and zealots war between dragons and annwly. So there's too much going on , not much time for romance between aidan and branwen . This book is lack of some romance really but so much fun and jokes and moments to crack up . I'm in love with all these dragons and their crazy family. I can't think a life without them . I can read to the age of 80 and still can laughing out loud for every line. I love new characters like ren and his mom and siblings . Everyone torture their most loved ones just for shits and giggles :D I wonder what the hell brigida was thinking choosing that boy as an apprentice. She's the real enemy now , or what. So exciting :D Can't wait for the next one.

<http://readerchronicles.blogspot.com....>

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## Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

I kind of liked this...kind of didn't...

I'm feeling lazy so I am going to list my mixed up thoughts about this book in a list:

1. The romance was mainly background stuff. Which, is fine as long as the story is strong enough to hold my attention...
2. ...the story wasn't that strong. It didn't really hold my attention. It was spread over too many characters and although what was happening was important it wasn't necessarily interesting.
3. I loved seeing all the characters from the previous books. It's fun to revisit characters you know and love. However, it was only quick shallow visits, so although it was nice, it was ultimately unsatisfying.

Overall thoughts:

I thought this book was okay, not my favourite book in the series, I just didn't feel like there was much to really delve in to. The romance was light touch, the story didn't give you much to hang on to, I just felt there wasn't much to be drawn in by.

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### **Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says**

*This series needs to be read in order.*

Oh the joy of returning to the *Dragon Kin* series. I love these hilarious and bloodthirsty dragons and characters along with their fierce loyalty and unconditional love. The books tend to be over the top and ruthless, but so much fun!

It took me a moment to get on the same page. Several years have passed from *Feel the Burn* to *Bring the Heat* and I had to remember what was happening. The big war that the series has been building up to is now going to go down. The Zealots have made their move.

The romance between Brannie and Aiden doesn't start right away. Ya, there is something there, but they don't see it until later and then things heat up quickly.

The banter is phenomenal; between all the characters. It's one thing that I have come to love and enjoy about this series is that it's present throughout the books. I also have come to love how Aiken writes strong and independent heroines who are also quite ruthless.

I was surprised to get a lot of Keita. Well not surprised that she shows up like other previous characters, but that she plays a big part in this book. Keita and Briannie are cousins. It was fun and made me laugh watching these two fight with each other.

**Bring the Heat** brings us romance, the war, and it's politics. This novel defiantly lived up to my expectations.

**Rated: 4 Stars**

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### **Marta Cox says**

Oh the joy that is picking up a Dragon Kin book cannot be overemphasised. These larger than life bloodthirsty characters are simply hilarious but watch out because they are fiercely loyal even if admittedly at times act quite insane!

The Zealots are getting ever more bold and closing in on the Dragons of the Southlands and as this story begins a select few are chosen to travel to the Eastlands seeking aid from the Empress Xinya . Amongst them are Keita royal princess and notorious poisoner, Branwen a fierce soldier and three of the Dragon Queens chosen Mi-runach. Two of the Mi-Runach might be lumbering brutes but Aidan is most charming and used to behaving diplomatically no matter what the provocation. He will need to keep a clear head as Brannie and Keita constantly clash whilst searching for the missing Ren who just happens to be the favourite son of the Empress who believed he was safe within the Southlands. The war is coming to ahead and allies are precious but with Gods meddling who will rise victorious?

This series is simply amazing and I really think to get the best out of it you should read the books in order. This book particularly wraps up an arc that's been pulling the last few books together and speaking of together this story is very much an ensemble piece. We have multiple directions to follow with characters from previous books and it's a real pleasure seeing how everything connects. Not everything is as it seems though so do keep reading until the end as ooh this author really does know how to keep her readers excited! This isn't a criticism but I do feel I should mention the romance between Aiden and Brannie as it's quite different to the couples who featured in the first books. Initially quite tame and more a case of wham bam thank you Dragon and I missed the passion that I associate with these Dragons. However the lack of angst and feuding between the couple meant the author could concentrate on the rest of her story with so many threads and different tangents.

This book just like the rest of the series is full of laugh out loud moments as these insanely fierce characters pit themselves against not just enemies but their own kin! Never a dull moment as they are bold, brash and bloodthirsty! Another solidly entertaining story and I honestly wish I could have read it slower as now I have to wait to see what the Dragon Kin will get up to next.

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

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## **Beth says**

*Bring the Heat* is a fabulously fun adventure.

The true genius that is G.A. Aiken's imagination boggles my mind. She manages to provide a non-stop, action packed adventure that is raw and gritty but infuses it with a huge shot of humor. All the while making the completely fictional and off the wall characters relatable, lovable and humanized!

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## Jane E says

I need a special star rating for Dragonkin books, because I love them. Compared to other books I have read lately, a total 5. As part of the series it gets a 3.

Why?

Well, it just isn't quite as fun or gripping as other books in the series. Which is to say, it is still more fun and gripping than 99.9% of books out there. The problem is that Branwen and Aiden just fell a little flat for me. I think partly because I have loved the last few books so much. I adore Rhona and Vigholf. The Daughters of the Steppes are fab. There just wasn't all that much chemistry. Which is a shame, because in the previous books Branwen and Aiden had lots. Also, I hate to say this, but it was a bit samey. Yet another secret mission, Annwyl disappeared (which was actually very entertaining), Dagmar back at the castle doing what?

I wonder if she will write anymore? This story arc has ended with this book. She stopped writing the Pride series, and moved to Call of the Crows, and is writing a new series about honey badgers. I could understand why. 9 books is a lot. All the main, original characters we met have been pretty well covered. The next set would have to be about the next generation. The Twins and Rhi must be in their mid to late 30's now? 18 when they left home, 10 years training, 2 years approx. with Brigda, and this book 7 winters later. That could be interesting if she retired the 'older' characters and went in a new direction. But who knows what she'll do. And I'll probably never get my Meinhard book.

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Pre-release comment

Aidan and Branwen. Been waiting for them since Branwen ripped the shell of the sand dragon. I have really enjoyed the last two books, and I am hoping this one will not be the let down that Eibhear and Izzy were. Don't get me wrong it was a good book, but I guess I had expectations. And I have expectations for this book, so I am crossing my fingers.

Still waiting for the quiet and shy Meinhard to fall in love - maybe Agrappina? Even a short story for Meinhard. One of the House of Penderyn girls - Addolgar's daughter? That would be funny. How would he cope with the a family full of the strongest female dragons in the southlands?

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