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## From Reader Review Out of the Pit for online ebook

### Felicitia says

Holy crap. I just found the cutest couple of the month... probably year. Or forever?

I totally understand if you guys, at least some of you, would feel that this novel is too cheesy for your taste. I got to tell you in advance that there *will* be lots of kisses, lots of affection, and lots of love confession in this book. You guys who hate that kind of things would not like this book. This could be a little too-much-romance-blargh for some of you. Me? well, I *love* this book. Everything about it. I thought Paige and Jonathan was super cute. I just can't believe tho, that a teenage boy , Jonathan, could have that kind of devotion. But then, this is a novel, anything could happen.

Paige is not exactly the kind of heroine that I would love, I didn't love her by the end of book one, and I never thought I would love her by the end of book two, but I do. She cries and everything, and not once, but she's also not weepy. She fights, even though she's not that good at it. I don't know why... I just love her as she is. Jonathan... I love Jhonny even from the start. He's like the sweetest and cutest guy ever. *love* the romance. I *live* for it.

Two thumbs up for the writing style! love the first person. When the conflict happens (the romance conflict) my heart practically broke for her, I connected well with Paige, the narrator.

Overall, there's only one word I would say to describe my feelings for this book: LOVE (in caps)

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### Jonathan says

I received this book from publisher Curiosity Quills. The cover is much better than the first book and I really liked it. The author had me captivated from beginning to end. I just wish the third book was out so I could find out what happens next. Highly recommend the series. Well done to the author for another great novel.

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### Diane Lynch says

The Five, also known as the Quinae Praesidia (Five Protectors), journey to Moab, Utah. They need to regroup and develop their powers with help of their mentor, Joe.

Paige is on a quest to discover a cure for Johnathan's lycanthropy. Meanwhile, she has caught the attention of an Incubus.

I love that Paige is self-sacrificing. She will do anything to help Johnathan. It was interesting to read about their relationship. They learn a lot about each other and undergo numerous emotions toward each other.

I like how the Five have become like a family in such a short time. It is understandable with everything they have endured together.

I especially enjoyed the introduction of Imp, Surpy. He reminded me of a more mischievous, Doby, from Harry Potter. I loved his little battle of wits with Seth. It definitely added a humor element to the story.

Holli Anderson did an excellent job of including a lot of information and sub stories to this novel while keeping I believable. The more I learn about the characters the more invested I feel.

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### **Kristen says**

Fantastic continuation of the Five series. The Five find themselves in even deeper troubles this time around. From a very persistent Incubus to a couple of old foes from the first book, this one will keep you flipping pages! Excellent YA fantasy, Holli Anderson has written another gem!

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### **Shelby \*trains flying monkeys\* says**

Did I just read the same author as the first book??

This book starts off with Paige fighting against a incubus..(yes I now know what that is too). Pretty entertaining. This book moves smoothly. The only thing I think this book could have done without is the stupid love angle. I don't think every book needs it and this one gets distracted by it. Yes it's a PG version but dang. I just wanted to smash their smooching heads together.

This book would have actually gotten a 4 star from me if it hadn't had so much teenage angst love stuff. YUCK.

There is much going on with demons and boogers getting the smack down. Loved those parts.

There is one character in this book I completely went fangirl over. Surpy!! He reminds me of this guy..and I love him.

I think the ages of 11-13 year old girls are gonna flip over this series.

*I recieved an ARC copy of this book from the publisher Curiosity Quills. Thank you.*

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### **Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says**

Leave your disbelief at the Door, once again; you're not going to need it where you're going. Leaping in where the first installment (THE FIVE: OUT OF THE DARK) ended, we find the tension ratcheted up, the romance deepening, new characters added and old ones subtracted. The danger is more intense, the rewards of success so much greater--the cost of failure that much worse. I don't know how many more installments are yet to come; I don't know where the precious FIVE are headed next, but I know this: on their journey, I'll be going along.

## **Kasey Cocoa says**

Very well written and edited. My YA son absolutely loves this series and gives high praise to the second installment. Again we have character development with well fleshed out individuals who face insurmountable odds. Each encounter is rich with detail and page-turning excitement. His only complaint is a few moments in the book with uneven flow to the story, but is quick to point out that it does not detract from the overall quality of the book. I received an evaluation copy in exchange for an honest review. These are our opinions and may not mirror your own. We received no compensation beyond the free copy. Read more reviews, author interviews and enter giveaways on my blog.

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## **Lisa says**

I jumped straight from reading book 1 in this series, Five out of the Dark, and into this book. If you read my review previously on the first book, you will know that I gave it a four star review as I thought it was a slow starter, but I loved it by the end. And now I am happy to give this instalment a 5 star review! Something I really dislike when I read a series is when the next book comes along and half of it is spent going over everything from the previous book. No problems here! Out of the Pit jumps straight into the story where Out of the Dark leaves off. At the end of the last book, Paige has made a deal with a demon, she has cured Johnathan of his werewolf like curse, but in return she has been made blind, and living in a world of darkness. As well as dealing with that, the Five are still in the throes of a war with Brone, the head teacher in disguise from Out of the Dark, as well as throwing a whole heap of other things at them. I loved the addition of learning more about Alec into this story, finding out about his parents, and his history, and the added parts of the story they added made me feel like I was getting to know more of the characters better as well as Paige. There are so many cool mythical creatures to feast upon and the magic is great too! There are so many twists and turns there is never a dull moment in these books. Ups and downs, highs and lows, laughter and tears keep coming in abundance and create something exciting to read about on every page, and there is never a dull moment to be seen. I loved getting lost in the world of the Five and look forward to reading the next instalment.

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## **Sarah-Jayne Briggs says**

(I received a free copy of this book from Curiosity Quills Press in exchange for a review).

(This review may contain spoilers).

I did like this book quite a bit more than the first one. With the characters and relationships already established, I found it much easier to care about things like the romance between Paige and Johnathan.

I was quite impressed with how well Paige's blindness came across. I think that writing a character who's missing a sense (especially in first person) is quite difficult and I didn't notice any occasions where the author slipped up and wrote something Paige shouldn't have been able to know.

I was quite intrigued about what was revealed in regards to Alec. I'm a bit wary of him, though - I felt he was abusing his powers a bit throughout the book. Although I liked some of the things with him, that did make

him somewhat less sympathetic.

I liked the different types of creatures that there were and there were some parts of the book that made me smile. The banter between the characters came across really well and I particularly liked the Imp.

I think Halli was probably my favourite character in this book. I did like Paige a bit more, but I also felt that she was beginning to approach the line of ridiculously over-powered. It was fine when they each had their own talent... and then Paige suddenly has a second one.

It was interesting to learn about the first Five and I would have liked a bit more background. I think it would be quite interesting to read a prequel to these, with some of the previous Five's stories.

This book ended on something of a cliffhanger and I'd really like to read the next book in the series. When it comes out, I'll definitely look at getting it.

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### **Renaë Metz says**

Another great book in this amazing series. I loved the first book and loved this one even more. This book caught my attention for the beginning and I could not put it down. I loved the romance, suspense, and the twist through out the whole book. And the ending has me wanting more. I can't wait for the next book

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### **Elle Klass says**

Five Out of the Pit by Holli Anderson is a first class sequel. The Five with their parental figure Joe jump into new adventures, meeting enemies whilst their old enemies lurk in the shadows. As part of their training they've learned new spells, healing, fighting skills along with the ability to portal or travel quickly to any destination in which they have previously been. The saga begins where Out of the Dark left off. Paige is blind and they have travelled with Joe their guardian to Moab, Utah, where they have made a home within the rocks. No time is wasted in this sequel as suspense and action move right in as Paige is tormented by an incubus, a creature of incomprehensible sexual attraction whom has an odd connection to one of The Five. It is this connection that lands them a new home and sends them spiraling into another adventure which terminates with a bombshell leaving the reader hankering for the next novel in the series.

Holli's vivid imagination makes this book a playful, humorous, and a suspenseful read. She adds just enough details to leave the reader hanging on each word and unable to put the book down. She captures the essence of the teenage spirit through their dialogue, thoughts, actions and wittiness of the characters bringing them to life. The creatures she constructs I found myself cringing at their ugliness and chuckling at her use of descriptive language as she does an incredible job giving them flavor and soul. There are some new beasts such as an imp, the incubus as well as demons from their past, and a few types of creatures The Five were unable to identify, although colorful descriptions are provided. The playful tone of Five Out of the Pit makes it an entertaining read that you don't want to miss.

Five Out of the Pit is a clever young adult novel that is truly fun for all ages.

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## Isis says

I'd like to thank Curiosity Quills Press for the copy of this e-book in exchange for an honest review. The fact that this was free in no way impacts the integrity of my review.

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He was interrupted by the Demon's laughter. "I shall return to this realm a short time hence. Along with a multitude of Demons and Fae."

"What are you talking about?" Joe asked.

"He's just stalling," Seth hissed.

"Believe what you will, young Quinaie Praesidia."

"How do you plan to return?" Joe persisted.

"You shall know the hour is at hand when the heavens gather blackness and all the elements combine to protect the way. The very jaws of Hell shall gape open its mouth wide after The Five. You should all be very afraid." It laughed its Demonic laugh, rows of teeth dripping green saliva that hissed as it hit the floor.

Book two picks up roughly where book one ended, with the "The Five," or their more formal name, "Quinae Praesidia—the Five Protectors," together and training with their teacher. Paige had cured Johnathan from the infection he obtained from the bite of a changeling. But the cure came at a steep cost. And now Jonathan was on his own quest to reverse what had been done to Paige, regardless of the cost. The trainer they had acquired in the first book was more than frustrated with Paige, what she'd done, and now with Jonathan. The entire group received a lecture on the dangers of any of them repeating anything even remotely similar to what Paige did. And yet Johnathan was still as determined as ever to do whatever it took to return Paige to her original condition.

Once again this book is from Paige's point of view, giving us interesting insight into the mind of a sixteen year old girl. A sixteen year old girl who is very much in love. Ever since battling the evil sorcerer to a draw,

they've been doing everything they can to prepare for the promised rematch. Since the sorcerer after them travels from place to place by using tree roots and other vegetation, destroying it in the process, the group stayed to exposed areas as much as possible. Areas lacking vegetation, such as the high desert in Utah. And because their magic interferes with electrical systems they must walk to their intended destination, giving them plenty of time to practice what they know and learn new spells.

Paige seems to be a lightning rod for trouble though, as she finds herself being targeted by an old, very powerful, Incubus. She is able to resist it by picturing Johnathan's face, but it knows many ways to seduce. Johnathan goes off the deep end upon hearing this, preparing for all out war that he intends to end with very dead Incubus. Johnathan struggles with the few images he saw of Paige kissing the Incubus while struggling under its spell. In a misguided effort to help Alec ends up causing further damage, sending Paige into her own jealous rage, creating issues for the entire group. And just when they need to be at the top of their game. They inadvertently learn something surprising information about Alec (that was foreshadowed in book one if you were paying attention). Information that could be great, or could spell disaster - and only time will tell.

Throughout the book there are battles of will and magic that test the bonds of trust and friendship. But the Five manage to overcome everything thrown their way. At least they do until the final battle, the one the Demon had mysteriously referred to. That tests them to their very limits and beyond. The ending of the book is both sweet and bittersweet, and rife with cliffhanger suspense. This sequel will likely keep most readers attention, even with the romance being more front and center stage. As a gross generalization, there is plenty of action and exploding, slimy things to appeal to the boys, and sweet and tender romantic moments for the girls. Ms. Anderson does an excellent job of balancing the needs of her diverse audience throughout the entire book, maintaining steady pacing, spot-on dialogue, and staying true to the overall arc of the story for the entire book.

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### **Liz Barnsley says**

So onto the second instalment, and I have very deliberately only put a small synopsis so as not to give away anything from Book One – this time I was definitely hooked it has to be said. In a lot of ways this one was better than the first, most likely because the author has done a terrific job with character development – and this one is much darker in tone as the story and the protagonists grow up.

The world building in this one is also superior, and the other worldly aspects and the mythology is explored more – some of the creatures (Imp, ha!) are amazingly clever and very well imagined. I also loved Paige and how she dealt with the hand that was dealt her in “Dark” – and her developing relationships. The “Love” angle always to be found in this genre is well established into the tale, if perhaps slightly too much for my personal tastes – but the target audience will love it, there is a lot here that teenagers will relate to and be able to get behind.

Overall then, an excellent “Part Two” and with the ending as it was I can’t wait for more – and if the author again takes the quality up a notch in Book 3 then we are looking at a very interesting series to keep an eye on.

Happy Reading Folks!

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### **Carrie says**

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Wow! With such a solid first installment, I had high hopes for this second book in the series and it really exceeded my expectations.

We're still with the Five, training and making their way to where they're needed. The training has really ramped up and each member is coming into their powers. Sadly, Paige is still in the same state we saw at the end of the last book. She and John are also filled with oodles of YA angsty goodness. There's your typical "incubus forced me to kiss him" and "I just want to get my sight back" arguments that your normal teenagers have (right?).

This book was an awesome combination of action, story, heart, drama, and romance jammed into a sort of sci-fi book. I'm loving each and every character in these books more and more with each passing page. While we don't get a nice, neat ending, we certainly get a great one. I can't wait to sink my teeth into the next book!

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### **Diane says**

Another great installment of the series. I loved it. Great plot. I highly recommend this one. I look forward to reading more of Holli's books.

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