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Es gibt nur wenige Personen in Gin Blancos Leben, denen sie vollkommen vertraut. Die Zwergin Sophia ist eine von ihnen - und das nicht nur deswegen, weil diese zuverlässig die Leichen entsorgt, die Gin in ihrer Karriere als Auftragskillerin produziert. Da versteht es sich von selbst, dass Gin keine Gnade kennt, als Sophia vor ihren Augen entführt wird. Besonders nicht, wenn der Kidnapper ein bekannter Sadist und Feuermagier ist.

Um Sophia zu retten, kann Gin jede Hilfe gebrauchen, nur ist sie sich nicht sicher, ob Owen Grayson die richtige Unterstützung darstellt. Andererseits hat der einiges bei ihr gutzumachen...

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Amy says

"can they reunite and rekindle their love? Or will the things Gin has been forced to do in her line of work as the deadly assassin the Spider keep them apart forever?"

Since when did Owen have a problem with the nature of her job? That was always Tate's issue, not Owen's.
confused

Sharon ∞☞ is an emotional book junkie ☞∞ says

Trouble always finds Gin or Gin always finds trouble but this time trouble isn't looking for her, but...her family. And Gin won't stand for that.

Well, if this series hasn't proven it, this book surely will because there is no one more "bad@ssier" than Gin. Yes, I know there are a lot of kick@ss chicks out there in UF land but no one gets covered in other people's blood as much as Gin. And it's not as if she likes it...technically, she's not even an assassin for hire anymore but this is who she is. Her family knows it, her friends know it, heck, even most of Ashland knows it. Now she just needs Owen to know it...and accept it.

I love Gin and Owen together but he had a major screw up...understandably, but a screw up all the same and he has to atone for it. We know how much Gin misses him and how much she still cares for him but I was really happy with the way she handled things. And Owen....I was *very* happy with the way he handled things!

As far as the "baddie" goes....he is pure evil but I feel there has almost become this formula for the battle. Gin gets in close, is lucky and kills quite a few henchmen, meets up with the "baddie" but the "baddie" is able to overcome Gin...usually due to Gin using up all her elemental power. (And why doesn't that happen to the "baddie"?) Gin is able to get away, get healed up, rest up and come up with another plan and then the final battle takes place. ~sigh~

Don't get me wrong...I enjoyed all Gin's fights and there are enough different elements to keep it fresh and interesting but...there is a script. I keep hoping Gin is able to do something *more*. We really haven't seen any growth with her elemental powers. I thought the ice scene would increase...something! Or something would come of the rock with her spider rune on it but no, nothing. It's a little disheartening.

I did really enjoy delving into Jo-Jo's and Sophia's backgrounds more. I love the relationship between Gin and the two sisters and to see how it has evolved. My heart really went out to Sophia though.

We didn't get as much Finn in this book and I missed him! It was strange too because the book started out with him. I think we could've used his humor in the story line. It would have been a great defuser. I did like getting more Cooper and definitely more Warren...it made it feel almost like Fletcher was around.

Definitely a great addition to the series and some good ongoing back story with the mysterious M.M. Monroe. I have no idea how thing will go from her but I hope JE mixes things up a bit.

Favorite quotes: (*Slight Spoilers*)

♥ “I want to stay with *you*,” Owen said, his words almost a snarl. “I want to fight with you and be by your side to the end—no matter what that is.”

♥ “I’d do all that and more for you,” he said. “I’d do anything for you, Gin.”

♥ “I love you,” he said. “I will *always* love you. Sometimes it scares me just how much I love you. I will never love anyone the way that I love you.”

♥ “There’s no need for thanks. Family takes care of family. Simple as that.”

Denisa says

3.5

Sooo... Before I started reading this book I told myself "I should take a break from this series, it's beginning to sound the same and I don't appreciate it anymore as much as I should". Guess what I did?!

Yup, that's right! I started the 9th book in the series!

It wasn't the best idea that I've ever had... And guess I ended up not appreciating the book as much as it deserved.

Even so, I love this series! I really like that Gin is still the badass assassin that I got to know and adore. Now we even get to see her torture people (bad ones, of course)!

As most of you know, I really enjoy badass, ruthless, sarcastic characters and an interesting, fast-paced story. And this one definitely had those!

I'd still recommend this series, although I'd suggest not reading the books one after the other (the repetitions get a bit annoying and you start taking the characters for granted, forgetting how rare it is to find something like this).

Beth says

The tenuous relationship between Gin and Owen is about to be put to the test when an old enemy resurfaces threatening the family Gin’s built. Racing against the clock, Gin must save Sophia from a pair of fire elementals. A pair of elementals that combined power create a greater threat than Mab.

With her emotions still raw from the rejection of Owen, Gin traverses her feelings for those she loves including Owen. But when the only way for her love ones to survive is by her sacrificing herself will she regret the choices she’s made?

I completely loved the insight we gain into Sophia and Jo-Jo via association. Revealing the devastating mystery of Sophia's past, we reface the torture and torment that created the sisters we’ve come to love.

I really enjoyed this story and am a faithfully following fan of this series. I had a hard time reconciling Owens betrayal. Yes, I think it's a betrayal since he broke all his promises not to ever judge Gin.

I am looking forward to MM Monroe's reveal! Estep keeps wet our appetite for this illusive possible foe.

Jennifer Estep once again has created a heart pounding tale that has us routing for the gourmet cooking assassin. This non-stop adventure pulls you in and keeps you riveted to the pages till the very end...making you anticipate what's to come.

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Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

Reviewed by: Rabid Reads

There's only a handful of series' where I will literally count the days between releases and *Elemental Assassin* is one of them. Gin kicks this installment off in true Spider style with blood on her hands and a body to dispose of. In *Heart of Venom* we finally see Blanco's cool, patient demeanor slip only to be replaced by an emotional, risk-taking one which is incredibly dangerous in her line of work but also an as-of-yet unexplored side of her character. It's personal this time around; you don't mess with Gin Blanco's friends and expect to live.

Part of the reason why Gin's been so successful in her career as a hired gun is in large part thanks to her ability to shelve her emotions while on a job. She does her homework, waits for the perfect shot and then makes her getaway. Granted, even the best laid plans tend to blow up in her face but regardless of the outcome, she always goes in with a cool head. Not this time. Blanco just reacts. Her friend is threatened and she goes barreling into an impossible situation guns blazing with no regard for her survival. The fact that Gin favors fire power over her trademark blades in this installment further reinforces her fragile emotional state by demonstrating her willingness to throw caution into the wind and let stealth be damned. The Spider is s-c-a-r-y when she's mad; I pity the fool who incurred her wrath!

Sophia's always been a bit of a mystery; she doesn't talk much and is a pro at body disposal. The Deveraux sisters are an integral part of this series so I was thrilled at the prospect of learning more about one of my two

favourite dwarves. We finally uncover the whys behind her goth wardrobe and her knack for getting rid of corpses. As anticipated, her reasons are even more disturbing than I could have possibly imagined. There's a nice little flashback to a scene that showcases the earlier stages of Sophia's friendship with Gin that took on a whole new meaning given the current circumstances. It was a fun extra and got me psyched for the next novel where we get to go back in time and witness the making of the assassin, *The Spider*. Fletcher's also still ever present in this series and I couldn't help but get a little teary eyed when Gin finds his file on Grimes. I'm hoping for more of him in the next installment as well.

Now to the crux of the matter, the question that everyone's been asking me since I read this book; what's the 4-1-1 on Owen? As the blurb suggests, there is progress on that front and I was satisfied with the way Estep attempted to redeem his character. Grayson *really* messed up, his heartfelt apology and actions speak volumes but the road to forgiveness is long and I approve of Gin's caution where he's concerned. As much as I love him and want them to get their HEA, I'm happy that Blanco didn't completely succumb to his boyish charm. *Heart of Venom* is definitely a turning point in their relationship and I think that readers will be appeased by this installment.

Heart of Venom exposes a different side of Gin, which after 9 installments is a feat in itself. I loved watching The Spider wreak havoc on her enemies in the name of friendship and family. Seeing Sophia, an incredibly resilient character, brought to her knees by her past was as emotional as it was enlightening. I've spent two books waiting to witness Owen's fight to win back the love of his life and he does not disappoint. Jennifer Estep and Gin Blanco are a winning combination that never gets old; all hail The Spider!

Douglas Meeks says

Well I had to really sit down and examine this whole story to decide if it was going to be a 4 or 5 star review since Gin does what she does best, leave bodies in her wake. I guess it depends on what you measure this book against ...

The problem is that the plots are beginning to start to look a lot alike and that cools my enthusiasm a bit with this series, not to mention the fact that the next book is a prequel (UGH).

The premise here is we get to revisit a story that was told to readers early in this series about why Sophia is the way she is (raspy voice and all) and it seems the villain for that story (Grimes) has come back to town to finish what he started with Sophia. Obviously, that puts him on a collision course with Gin which is pretty much a fatal flaw in any plan.

While Grimes is a pretty good bad guy, his sister Hazel is powerful and a truly vicious nutjob did I mention they both are Fire elementals, not a good thing for Gin. They manage to kidnap Sophia but before the fun starts, Sophia will have a very bad time which will motivate Gin into a true rage which to "revenge junkies" like me, that means good times ahead.

If you have read this series you can guess the general outline for the rest of this part of the plot and its ultimate conclusion BUT the romance with Owen is one of the sides of this story that is NOT predictable and it adds a bit more flavor to this story than usual.

I do enjoy that we get to see a lot more of Jo-Jo and Sophia, but we also get some visits from others characters from past books that enlivens this book for me since up until now we only got to see pieces of

Copper, Phillip and to some extent even Owen were more 2 dimensional but this book fleshes them out a bit (as did the novella preceding this novel Kiss of Venom).

If there was any real disappointment it was the lack of Finn in this story since I always enjoy his self serving banter but he does play a part in this novel, just not as large a part as we are used to seeing.

The other disappointment is that the overarching story of MM Monroe is almost not moved at all, in fact other than a mention they could have left it out for all purposes, they drop hints of some future conflict but that is pretty meaningless at this stage and since the next book is the "prequel" then we are not going to see any resolution for that story until sometime later in 2014.

Bottom Line: It was a Elemental Assassin novel, lots of people cross Gin, lots of people die. She is tough but still loves Owen, she would die for the people she loves but usually those "other" people get to do the dying. So rather than judge this book against other books that are not as good, I have to say 4.5 Stars because at the end of the day, I love to see bad guys get justice and nobody serves it up better than Gin.

DaniiWho says

4.5

Das Buch hat mich nicht enttäuscht. Man fliegt nur so durch die Seiten und fiebert wirklich mit Gin und ihren Freunden mit.

Ich freu mich auf das nächste Abenteuer!

Kajol says

ZOMG, I AM SO EXCITED I CAN'T EVEN-

Whoa, whoa, whoa- now wait just a minute.

"Meanwhile, the rocky romance between Gin and Owen reaches a turning point—can they reunite and rekindle their love? Or will the things Gin has been forced to do in her line of work as the deadly assassin the Spider keep them apart forever?"

UHH.

Are you, like, saying Owen and Gin are having differences even after the 8th book that's gonna be released in late March in freakin' 2013?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

I-I thought you were going to make them happy again, Jennifer. I thought you were going to make things okay.

Gin is supposed to be awesome.

Owen is supposed to be awesome.

They are supposed to be awesome together.

purses lips

I don't see any problem.

So, my question is- What the fuck is *happening*?

Robin (Bridge Four) says

This is one of the better books of the series. It is more emotional because the person in trouble is Sophia. She already went through a brutal abduction and has been one of Gin's closest friends since book 1 so when her former captor Harley Grimes decides it is time to take her back and kidnaps Sophia again I was completely invested.

The good part is there is a lot going on and this story is action packed. It is also good that we get quite a bit of time with Owen and Gin so they can sort out the big elephant standing between them. Harley Grimes and his sister really are some sort of twisted duo and as villains they are totally easy to hate. Finding out more of Sophia's story and what she went through the first time she was abducted by Harley as well as some of the emotional scars it left really hits deep down and I thought that her character probably has the most depth of any in this series to date.

I still have issues with this series though. I can't listen to the audio because there is so much repetition throughout the book that it is at the point of being ridiculous and I usually need to eyeskim through quite a few spots. I also really hate the rape culture in this entire series. It seems like every bad guy (except for in one book and that was probably because the bad guy was a bad girl) is focused on raping Gin, a friend of Gin's or just any female in general. Really is that the only thing on any bad guys mind...run some guns...rape a coed, make some moonshine...rape a hiker. Even though we never read a scene where the rape actually happens it is mentioned all the time. Every bad guy and his henchmen are guilty of rape. Even when the main bad was Mab Monroe all of her henchmen were guilty of rape and she didn't care...wtf. I just wish the author would maybe explore a new way to try and build tension in her series.

Still I was happy with the resolution of the emotional arc between Owen and Gin and think it played out in a pretty organic way that made sense. Owen definitely proves that he will always be there for Gin no matter what it costs him in the future.

Because of those things mentioned this is still on the bottom of my UF series list but I do love the group I'm reading this series with and they make it all the more enjoyable.

So if you are looking for a great UF to read I'd start with a few others before this one.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

So glad things seem more...normal in this one. I love this rag tag group of friends and it's so nice to see more of them and especially nice to get this background on Sophia who has always been a sort of mystery since the series began. Absolutely loved all that happened in this!

Choko says

*** 4.35 ***

A buddy read with my Bloodthirsty assassins in training at BB&B.

What a wonderful addition to this progressively better series! I have been very pleased with the last couple of books. They have brought the adrenaline levels up and action has taken a more personal slant.

Since our retired assassin withdrawal from the game, it has been open season on her head and anyone who wants to prove their worth and make a name as the new bad ass in town, has attempted to shorten Gin's life span as to none... She imagined retirement as running her restaurant, being bored, taking classes in the community college, eating and reading books... What she got is a life as a target for thugs and assassins, her loved ones being endangered because of the association with her, and having to practice her profession, only doing it for free and with limited resources... Being an infamous and publicly known persona is not something Gin is enjoying.

It was very surprising to Gin that when a girl night at the spa with mimosas and bonbons turned into a shootout and kidnapping, she was not the one who was targeted. After all, by now the daily attempts on her life have become second nature to her and she deals with them in a calm, collected, and cold-hearted manner. The fact that this time the bad guys went after her beloved dwarf sisters and she gets to see them hurt, vulnerable, and diminished, brings a whole new side of her character forth. Gin lets her fears, emotions, love and protectiveness rule her, pushing the calm and calculating parts of her back and throwing herself in the fight heart first... Not always the smart thing to do, but definitely the more compelling actions to read. She is so emotional and determined, that even when we know she is doing things wrong, when her actions are doomed to failure, and when only the miracle of writing saves her life, we are there with her every step of the way!!! She is flawed, she lets her fears overwhelm her, and awakened insecurities make her do rash and dangerous things, and we get her more than ever before, because she cares about her family and friends just like we do.

Sophia and Jo-Jo were wonderful and heartbreaking! I wanted to tackle - hug Sophia several times, despite knowing that would not be advisable, even if possible:-) Jo-Jo is the sweetest mother substitute a girl could ever hope for and I am so happy she is getting some play with Cooper, who is another lovable character. Now we need to find a good man or woman for Sophia, because she needs her own happily ever after.

I am very happy to report that all the guys reported for duty in this volume. Fin is still the coolest and we need more of his antics. Cooper is learning new tricks. Philip made a cameo, and bunch of giants got slaughtered again - I am starting to get the feeling that the author has some issues and prejudices toward their race, since in 9 books she has singlehandedly killed hundreds of them...

The ladies were all stellar, with the dwarf sisters being in the spotlight, while Bria and Roseline did the strong and supportive very well.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this action packed and emotional story. A solid addition to the series and definitely worth the time! I can't wait to continue with the series...

I wish you all Happy Reading and may your books never disappoint!!!

Anna (Bobs Her Hair) says

4 Stars – And the Elemental Assassin Series Rocks Again!

Fletcher Lane, father figure and assassin mentor, took young Gin into his home after fire elemental Mab Monroe killed Gin's family. Elemental sisters Jo-Jo and Sophia Deveraux are also part of the adopted family. Silent Goth sister Sophia is Gin's aka the Spider's one person clean-up crew after each bloody mission, and Jo-Jo is Gin's healer. This time the sisters need Gin, and the Spider never turns her back on people in need, especially those she considers family.

What makes *Heart of Venom* such pleasurable reading experience is that the Elemental Assassin series returns to its roots as an action-packed urban fantasy. Fletcher Lane's murder in *Spider's Bite* (book one) added emotional intensity to Gin's vendetta, making her more than a killing machine. She's an assassin with a worthy cause. This time, Sophia's past is revealed. It's what has been long suspected, with added details to make it horrifying.

The loss of villain Mab Monroe left this series in need of a big bad villain. Each book that has followed the Mab storyline has had its villain, but no one long-term to roll tension into the next story. The drama with Owen distracted and irked some fans, but this time the romantic sub-plot is not the focus, which allows readers back on board for another kick butt ride with the Spider...and what a ride! There's plenty of emotion when the Deveraux sisters are seen at their most vulnerable. They've been Gin's strongest back-up team from the beginning of the series. This time their past returns to haunt them and rip them apart. Finally, the reader sees a different side to the formidable sisters.

Heart of Venom returns the focus of the series to Gin, the assassin. She's a wrecking ball to any villain's pipe dream of power. She takes her blows, sacrifices, and slashes viciously through her enemies – guts, throats, and all! Fans will also be pleased by the resolution of an ongoing story thread. There are also hints of something big and bad coming into Ashland...maybe by the next book.

Digital RC courtesy of Pocket Books via Edelweiss

Maria Dimitrova says

Buddy read with the assassin loving bloodthirsty posse over at BB&B

I finished this book a few days ago but RL interfered so I had to postpone writing a review. This let me pay attention to something that I usually miss when I read on my Kindle - the cover. It's perfect! But you have to have read the book to appreciate it. It's a scene from the book that was never really shown but it was talked about. It symbolises Gin's fear. And it's perfect for the book because this was a book about Gin's fears. It was about one of her fears coming to life. For the first time since we met Gin in *Spider's Bite* we see the

emotional side of her. This time she's not the cool and collected killer. We see her filled with fear and hate and murderous rage. Not even when dealing with her nemesis Mab Monroe did Gin show so much raw emotion. This part captured me. Because the rest has become pretty standard. Don't get me wrong I love Gin and company but some of the plot devices are getting old. A change of pace was needed and this switch from coldhearted to boiling fury did wonders for this series.

Another thing that made this book really good was the villain. In this case there were two of them, though one of them Grimes was the main bad guy. Maybe it's the fact that he wasn't after Gin but rather Sophia and to an extent Jo-Jo that made the difference. Having people hate and want/try to kill/hurt Gin is pretty standard these days. She's always been the focus of attention and having the spotlight shine on another was a great idea. And because it's the Devaraux sisters it made it that much more personal. Because I love the dwarf sisters. And seeing them hurt was like a knife to the back. Learning more about their past and how they met Fletcher and thus being part of Gin's and our lives is something I've wanted for quite some time. Talking about Fletcher I'm still unsure as to why he didn't (view spoiler). It would have solved the problem nicely. And I'm sure he could have found one in Ashland. It's not as if people there are concerned about laws and stuff.

I was overjoyed when we got the old cool and drool worthy Owen back. He seems to have worked over his problems with himself and Gin's actions and he's back full swing. I hope that after this they can move forward on a more solid ground and built something better. Because they're really cute together :)

A few words about Gin's extended family. Roslyn stole the show from the rest of the supporting characters this time with her super cool behaviour at the beginning and the way she didn't ask questions and jumped straight in. Gin's lucky to have people like her on her side. Cooper is getting more page time and I really like him with Jo-Jo. I hope he keeps being a recurring character and getting to know him better in the following books. Now we need someone for Sophia. Maybe that strange coroner guy?

Ferdy says

Random thoughts:

-*Heart of Venom* was mostly disappointing.

-Ever since Mab was killed off, things have gone downhill. The series has become the typical "case-of-the-week" type plots which I find really boring.

-I did enjoy finding out a little more of Jo-Jo and Sophia's history, their relationship was great.

-The bad guys were the same old, same old. And the plot and action were unbelievably predictable. I wanted twists and turns but I got nothing.

-The recapping annoyed me. I didn't need a mini synopsis of every past event, and every secondary character — it added nothing to the story.

-I disliked that most of the book happened over 2 days. I hate books like that because there's little chance for any believable character/relationship development.

-Gin's martyr act has gotten really tiresome. She blamed herself for any bad thing that happened — if someone so much as tripped over Gin thought it was her fault.

It was so annoying how she blamed herself for Sophia being kidnapped. The silly cow felt guilty that she let the bad guys take Sophia even though she, her sister and Jo-Jo were surrounded by armed man. There was NO WAY Gin could have stopped the kidnapping without killing herself, her sister and Jo-Jo but the idiot still acted like she failed Sophia. She didn't, she did all she could! I can't stand Gin's martyr ways - I'm sure she wasn't this bad earlier on in the series.

Also, Gin then blamed herself for the bad guy who was already obsessed with Sophia becoming obsessed with her again. It was ridiculous. Gin took any bad situation and twisted things around and acted like she was at fault. It was so frustrating to read about.

-I'm getting bored with Gin taking all the risks while the people that supposedly love her hide and watch her get almost killed. It's only when she's at the edge of death when they deign to take the risk to help her... Otherwise they're cool with her being tortured and close to death.

-Gin's thoughts and dialogue were sometimes really cheesy.

-Gin drawled, quipped and murmured a lot.

-I HATED Owen. He was so lame and self-pitying. The fact that he was stupid enough to fall for evul Salina made him seem dumb and idiotic. I used to think he was smart but he's actually a right thicko. And thicko's don't make good heroes.

-Apparently Owen never stopped loving Gin. Really? Because I've seen no evidence of that. I actually doubt that he ever loved her at all. How could he have loved her if he never told her that he was engaged or that Salina was the love of his life? How could he have loved Gin when he cheated on her? How could he have loved her when he repeatedly put Salina before her? How could he have loved her when he barely blinked an eye when he thought she was dead?

And in *Heart of Venom* he left her to fight a few dozen guys alone. Did he offer to take her place? No. He left her at the mercy of a bunch of sadistic rapists and then he took his sweet time getting back to help her. Yet I'm somehow meant to believe he loves Gin so much. I don't think so.

-I was annoyed with how Gin kept banging on about how much she loved Owen. It made her seem pathetic... It was even more pathetic because it was obvious that Owen felt nothing for her in comparison to what she felt for him. It was like Owen was just settling for Gin because 1. Salina was dead and 2. He didn't know what else to do.

Owen half-heartedly saying he loved Gin and supported her wasn't enough to make me believe in his feelings. His actions and behaviour didn't support his declaration of love. The numerous times he let her down showed how little she meant to him.

Estep did a great job of showing how much Gin loved Owen but she did a terrible job of showing Owen's so called love for Gin.

-I like when there's romance in a book but I don't need a lot of it... But what I do need is the romance to be believable, no matter how big or small it is. If I don't believe in the heroine or hero's love for each other then it vastly decreases my enjoyment of a book/series.

The romance in this series used to be good, but it turned into utter rubbish. I'd rather Owen just die, and there be no more 'romance' in the series - I don't think Estep is good at writing romance. All of her series' have awful romance/heroes, her books would be much better without any love interests at all.

-Loved Sophia, Finn, Roslyn, Philip and Jo-Jo.

-I still hated hypocrite Bria (even though she wasn't in this that much). I can't accept her character after she was such a mean, judgmental cow to Gin yet was all lovey-dovey with Finn. How was she cool with sleeping with and falling for Finn and his criminal ways yet be disgusted with Gin's criminal ways? Why has this

never been addressed? Gin should bring it up and ask her why she was such a hypocrite.

-I want something different and exciting to happen. Like Gin going full on crazy or evil for some reason or another, and her friends and family having to save her.

-Disappointed that there was nothing about the new Monroe.

All in all, I wasn't impressed. I think the next book is meant to be a kind of prequel of sorts but I don't think it'll offer much to the series as a whole. There's already been LOADS of scenes and mentions of Gin's training and her younger years - I feel as if I already know as much as I need to. I doubt *The Spider* will add anything to Gin's character or the series in general. The most it'll do is introduce us to a lame baddie from Gin's past who Gin will no doubt kill.

**ARC from Edelweiss.

Jo says

*Like I had told Finn, my plan was simple.
Save Sophia. Kill Grimes. Stab to death anyone who got in my way.*

This book was AMAZING! Definitely my favorite in this series so far. It was a rollercoaster ride of emotions and action packed with the most evil villains yet.

*Grimes won't let Sophia go a second time. And he doesn't deserve to live after what he's done to her and so many others over the years. Finish what I started. Kill him, Gin. For Sophia, for Jo-Jo—and for me too.
Be careful.
Love,
Fletcher*

The dwarfs Sophia and Jo-Jo are among my favorite characters, and Sophia has been a mystery since the first book. Here and there we have been given glimpses of her tragic history, but in this book we learn everything, because Sophia and Jo-Jo must face their greatest nightmare who has come back to reclaim what he considers his. And for Gin this is very personal, because Sophia and Jo-Jo are her family, and no one messes with her family.

I can't even begin to describe everything I felt while reading this book. Most of it was scorching ANGER at the villains Grimes and his sister Hazel, and the awful things they did to others. And my heart just broke seeing the fear that Jo-Jo and Sophia felt when they were confronted by their biggest fear – losing Sophia to those monsters again.

Gin truly shined in this book, how hard she fought to save Sophia, and her determination to end Grimes and Hazel forever, just made me love her even more. And I especially appreciated that Owen was there to support her and to help her. I have missed this Owen, who seems to have lost himself in the last few books, and seeing him back to his old self was wonderful.

“Because that's the kind of person you are, Gin. You take care of the people you love, no matter what. I think that's the thing that I love the most about you.”

I have loved Gin and Owen together since the first moment Owen was introduced to us, and the last few

books have been quite emotional, seeing Owen unable to handle everything that happened. I was very happy that with this book he tried so hard to fix that which he had broken. Their relationship still has a long way to go, but knowing that it will only get stronger and better makes every heartbreaking moment of before worthwhile.

It seems that Mab's heir, MM Monroe, is going to be the new future villain, and the bit we got to learn about this person made me think that Gin might just have a war on her hands soon.

As always I loved all the characters in this book, and I loved that Cooper and Warren made bigger appearances. I have come to love this series, and our Wednesday buddy read is definitely the highlight of my week.

This series just continues to get better with every book, and it's one of my favorite UF. Highly recommended.
