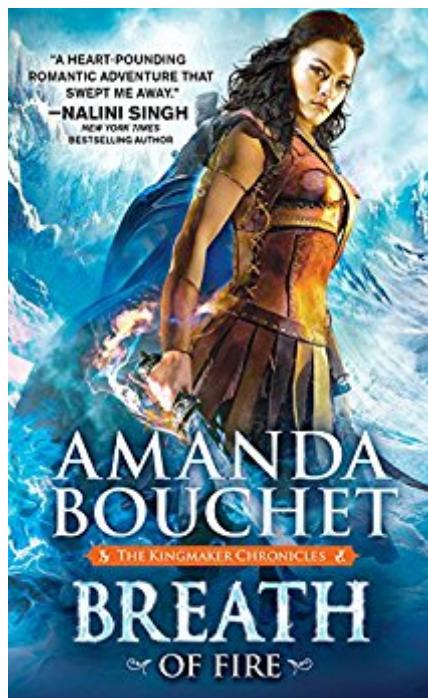


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Customer Reviews

4.5 stars OMG what an exhilarating ride!!!! Amanda Bouchet didn't hold back anything and started immediately where A Promise of Fire ended. And pretty much almost gutted me with anxiety when Griffin found out who Cat really was. And he was PISSED. OMG!!! I only thought no, no, no, please, not Griffin and Cat. But, I should never have doubted the mastermind of Amanda Bouchet. This book was one thrilling rollercoaster ride. Monsters, a vindictive mother, an icy lake, quests, and more monsters. I could barely breath a sigh of relief that Cat and Griffin survived when they were at it again. Aside from all the heroic adventures Cat and Griffin and their team endured and conquered, there was a good amount of relationship building in this book as well. Cat learned to trust herself. But also to trust in family, specifically in Griffin's family, as well as in the Gods, they had a plan and she was the key to it. Cat was very reluctant to acknowledge any ties to a future that had her anywhere close to ruling a kingdom. All she wanted was to be at Griffin's side. Whereas he had very specific ideas of where exactly Cat would be. The dynamic between Griffin and Cat changed. They were more willing to make compromises for each other, to subdue fears and calm souls. Cat understood that some vows were done for her well-being and to soothe Griffin's mind. Every vow was a promise, a promise towards their future together. Griffin made her whole again. He filled those missing pieces, and gave her a family as well. Griffin's vision of one unified kingdom slowly took shape. It was a steep, upward fight. Bloody and vicious. But to get there they had to fight battles, go on quests, and survive everything that was thrown at them. Amanda Bouchet has a knack for writing superb characters. Every single one of Cat and Griffin's family and team, was deeply layered. They had their own story to tell. Some stories were funny others tragic, but none was boring. And so

many questions were still unanswered and leading to more adventures. Even so the book was thrilling and electrifying it also had many funny and sweet moments. Especially Griffin and Cat made me laugh. They had so much chemistry, and sexual spark. But also Cat's relationships with her team and Griffin's sisters were highlights to be cherished during such volatile times. They found time to chat, laugh and work on their friendships. Built on it until it was so deeply rooted that nothing could have broken it. One of the things I loved most about this series is the connection to greek mythology. As a teenager I devoured books about greek mythology. Stories about heroic characters, going on unbelievable taunting quests. Fighting monsters and fickle gods. How unpredictable the outcome was because of the interference of those gods. Their animosity toward each other. One god killing the son of another god just to irritate them. Humans were playthings. Replaceable. One flick and they were gone. I was fascinated by it.:-) The only thing that I could lament about is the length of the fighting scenes. Some went on and on and on, and I lost track a little. (:Having to wait an ENTIRE year for book 3 is killing me.:-)

I didn't know what to expect from the sequel, however, was not disappointed. Sometimes they lose their momentum with the second story however that is not the case here. The story continues right where the first book left off, with more development of the heroine and her background, magical abilities, and real purpose for being (destiny) as well and fun and interesting adventure with her Beta Team. We got to know more characters in her world and without still knowing where we're going, end up at a place by the end of the book with real anticipation for the story and ending that is surely coming in the third and final book. The emotional growth between the heroine and the hero is very well done, realistic and moves along nicely. Still fun with good humor and having an idea, finally, of where this story is going is not in any way disappointing as I am only looking forward to the adventures waiting for them before the final culmination and showdown with someone I won't spoil for you. Can NOT wait for January and the publication of the third book in this trilogy.

The first book of this series was excellent. But this book left me with mixed feelings. However, I did keep coming it back to it, wanting to know what happens next. The beginning with a wholesale destruction of an entire bedroom followed by a long, and I mean long, makeup sex scene left me a little cold. I prefer my books around PG with some R elements. This is R for sex, violence, and language. So I figured that in a post 50-Shades-of-Grey world, I'd go with the flow. The action part of the story did resume after that, and it kept my interest. This book is essentially a road-story in an interesting fantasy world of Gods, mythical creatures, and medieval rulers. The characters go from

A to B to C, each with its own challenges (get the yellow fleece, get the centaur like animals to guard your borders, etc). The characters do evolve, including the secondary characters. The Olympian myths are interesting, and there are scenes using this that are mesmerizing. I wanted to cry when Cat sees her sister across the river. The final quarter of the book is a series of Hunger Games-like battles with lots of Olympic mythical creatures and various of magics and mages. This book's greatest flaw is that it's like four inches of icing on a cupcake when 2.5 would do: there's always a little bit too much, whether it is sex, violence, or plot twists. I found myself skimming from time to time to get to a part I liked better. But there would be a series of scenes that I just dove into and indulged in the excitement and adventure. I do hate that the ending won't show up for another six-seven months (early 2018). I am looking forward to it, but I am afraid that the author won't be able to capture the magic that was in the first book of this series.

Breath of Fire deserves a 10 Star rating! Griffin and Cat's magical quest to unite the realms and change the world continues in a fantastical fashion. It's an exciting, jaw dropping and heart stopping journey as they fight the living dead, brave the Ice Plains and caves, battle magical creatures, compete in the death defying Agon games and seize control of another adversarial realm. Certainly an easy task as long as they trust in the God's and heed their needs. Several secrets, backroom deals and underhanded schemes are revealed and another piece of the puzzle surrounding Cat's mother is exposed. Two realms united and one more to go. I'm looking forward to King Griffin and Queen Catalia's final battle in the next installment. I truly hope this series continues past 3 books.

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