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Burn (The Breathless Trilogy Book 3)



Synopsis

One woman changes everything a man has ever known about dominance and desire in the final scintillating novel in the Breathless trilogy. When it comes to sex, Ash McIntyre has always explored his wilder side—extreme and uncompromising. He demands control. And he prefers women who want it like that. Even the women he's shared with his best friend, Jace. But Jace is involved with a woman he has no intention of sharing. And now even Gabe has settled into a relationship with a woman who gives him everything he needs, leaving Ash feeling restless and unfulfilled. Then Ash meets Josie, who seems immune to his charms and his wealth. Intrigued, he begins a relentless pursuit, determined she won't be the one who got away. He never imagined the one woman to tell him no would be the only woman who'd ever drive him to the edge of desire.

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Customer Reviews

Ash McIntyre is rich, arrogant, controlling and devastatingly handsome (we know this basically from the first two books..RUSH & FEVER). He can have his pick of women and regularly does. But then

he meets Josie Carlisle and he's suddenly done womanizing. She's all he can see. He's obsessed with her. He never thought it would happen, but he's fallen completely and unapologetically in love with her. Character description of Josie Carlisle is so weak, it's practically nonexistent. She doesn't have much of a personality so one must wonder WHAT Ash sees in her, other than her beauty. (Maybe it's her unassuming vulnerability). The story moves EXTREMELY fast with cheesy, sappy dialogue and long, confusing lectures from Ash. The first 20 chapters is nothing but sex scene after sex scene (after sex scene..yawn). Literally no plot...no substance. Please don't get me wrong, I enjoy erotic sex scenes. But please...incorporate a plot into the story for heaven's sake! Of the three best friends & business partners.. (Gabe, Jace & Ash), Ash is described as the most "edgy & rough" when it comes to kinky sex. Yet the first time he begins to get down and kinky with Josie, he's at a complete loss as to what to do. Completely unprepared. (confused much??) The best part of this story, once again, is "girl's night out"... Cute, fun dialogue. But seriously...that's it! The story simply doesn't go anywhere until chapter 28.....and only then does it pick up the pace and begin to be somewhat good. FINALLY...something other than sex happens. Sorry Ms. Banks...but you cranked out garbage this time.

This is the third in the Breathless Banks trilogy and the title does the story well. Burn baby, burn! Ash is now the third wheel as Gabe is about to marry Mia and Jace is fully into Bethany. Of course this creates a vacuum in Ash's life that is immediately filled. No surprise. Otherwise, what the heck are we doing here? The object of Ash's attraction is in the beginning just that. Almost an object, Josie fascinates Ash in his instant chemical attraction to her that is nearly combustible. Buckle up 'cause this is going to begin to move fast and steady as Ash removes every road block from getting the girl. Ash is demanding and commanding. Relentless, and as timing is everything arrives on Josie's doorstep after she's been man-handled by the wrong man. The alpha way Ash collects her and then takes her back to his place, caring for her is all-consuming. When they hold back the first night that only pulls the tension so tight it will have the reader flipping pages to find out WHEN. Oh yes...the author played her hand with aplomb. The sex is stellar as is the usual form in any novel by Maya Banks. No complaints. Ever. I think, for me, the issues that I had were the way Josie just fit in with the rest of the crew. Too easy. Too fast. Ash goes through a tussle with his jackweed family. We expected that since book 1. And then the other shoe drops. Josie gains access to a storage closet and boy what a discovery. The fall out was equally well planned. Step A, Step B, followed by Step C. Perfect puzzle pieces...or are they? At this level of writing, I expect more than a cookie-cutter type of romance. I adore the writing style of Ms. Banks in so far as seduction and molten attraction. The

type of love that goes the distance. I hope in the future, when a series is produced, there is a variation amongst the books. I had this same issue with the Highlander series which I bought into two of the stories. Same situation here. Please Ms. Banks give us what we want. You are at the pinnacle of your writing career and, therefore, we expect for big bucks, we get big stories! Thank you.

I don't know how to feel about this book right now. The book was good but not exactly what I expected for Ash. I loved the love at first sight and I felt that Josie was what Ash needed and when he finally got Josie I loved how he treated her but I wanted more. I got why Ash went after Micheal for hitting Josie was even happy that Micheal got what he deserved but for her to get beat up twice in one book that was a bit much and then for it to be Charles from Rush that was crazy. Ash was not directly involved with him and his downfall but I guess guilt by association. Then Charles is murdered (Reminded me too much of Reflected in You-Sylvia Day). Now don't get me wrong I love Maya's books and will continue to read them but this particular situation didn't work for me with Ash. I got where she was going but I feel a better direction would have been more towards his family. The love scenes were HOT!!! Wanted more I guess I seen Ash with a little Micah in him. I know this is a trilogy but I feel a fourth book coming on or a new series because there is so much more story to tell in all three relationships. Plus what happens to Brittany and Kai and Brandon and Caro they got engaged and... I so wish Maya would have wrote up and through to the double wedding that was so fitting for Ash and Jace. Ode to their friendship. Loved it.

Maya Banks' "Breathless Trilogy" was absolutely FABULOUS! The three books were each one about a primary character from a group of three best friends. Jace, Gabe, and Ash have been best friends for many, many years. They are all three very ALPHA billionaires not really looking for love, but are hit right between the eyes with it. This last book in the series was about Ash and his love interest, Josie. Ash first spots her painting in the park, and when he walks up to her easel wanting to see what she is drawing he finds a picture of himself! Thus begins the story of Ash pursuing Josie and making her his forever love. Miss Banks did her job very well. The story was easy to follow with some great twists and turns. Even though the books focus on one couple primarily the other couples are an integral part of storyline. I HIGHLY recommend these books, and basically ANY work by this author. I have read her Historical Fiction work too, and find it equally well done.

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