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Aidan Montgomery hadn't been prepared for Amelia Bradbury to walk in and then out of his life. He also hadn't expected to find the powerful magic hidden deep within him for the last nineteen years, but he's embracing it — finding more control and more answers every day. Now, with the help of Amelia's best friend, Bethany, Aidan is on a quest to understand his destiny and find Amelia.

Amelia decided to stand by her duty, which meant walking away from her first chance at love. Trapped in Crethaven at the Queen's mercy, she spends her days with Micah — an ally she still holds at arm's length — struggling to manage her heartbreak while keeping her mind focused on the task at hand. As she continues to unlock the secrets of the Keeper power, Queen Julia's true motives reveal themselves, forcing Amelia to decide, yet again, how much she's willing to sacrifice.

Will Aidan get to Amelia before it's too late, or will the very power that sustains them keep them apart?

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Krysti Morgan says

If you enjoyed Bound by Duty, you will absolutely love Bound by Spells. Bound by Spells had me spellbound. :)

Bound by Spells continues the gripping tale of Amelia and Aidan journey to restore order to the immortals. I enjoyed how the author alternates the point of view, it creates a storyline that allows the readers to experience the characters as the story unfolds. I enjoyed getting to learn more about the back story and more in depth look at the characters. I feel that this was a wonderful continuation of the story and I can't wait to find out how the rest of their story unfolds.

I was given the opportunity to read an advance copy of this book by the author from a contest on Facebook. I was excited after I was announced as a winner but after reading the book I am absolutely thrilled to be given this opportunity. Stormy Smith is a talented writer and I can't wait until she writes more.

Tricia says

****Pulled from the blog; joint review with my blogging partner in crime, Jennifer****

original review with extras can be viewed here:

<https://bookwormcoalition.wordpress.c...>

I feel like any book starts off with a line like, "I woke up naked-again." is going to be something special. I feel as though I needed to be there for him, just can't have him waking up all naked... with no one around... I volunteer as tribute (wait, wrong book, it's okay, I'll still watch over him) In this case, I was definitely right! Bound by Spells took all the things that I loved about the first book, Bound by Duty, and made them all ten times as awesome!

I absolutely adored the duo point of view with both Aidan and Amelia. It added so much to the story to be able to see each of them taking their own journey and growing towards the bigger picture. Aidan really shined in this book. *swoon. I couldn't get enough of his story. Sometimes you need to look back and understand the past to be able to move forward and really devote yourself to a future. This couldn't have been more true for Aidan. I was really surprised where the story took him, but in the best way. Amelia was fantastic in Bound by Spells. There was so much growth from the first book till this one. Here's the thing about a good heroine, they don't have to have it all figured out, they can be scared, or unsure, just so long as they're strong, compassionate, and use the fear to fuel them to do what is right. Amelia is a great heroine, she was the embodiment of all of those things I believe to be good. I enjoyed watching her grow. She's still struggling with her power in this book, but she's learning, and she's got an iron will, so you know that it is only a matter of time. I think this journey to get there is what is going to make her into someone strong and well rounded enough that can actually control the power she has inside of her, which is crucial.

If I'm being honest here, all the characters really were enchanting in this addition to the series. I feel like the fantasy element stole the show in BBD, which I loved, but I also appreciated the balance that Bound by Spells brought by giving us such rich, multidimensional characters to really root for, or against. That's right, even the evil Queen was a star in this show! Micah's dear old mum was much more heinous than I was anticipating. Queen Julia really stepped up her evil game, and I hated that I loved it so much! I am appalled

by her actions, but I also couldn't look away. It was interesting to learn some things about what started her down the dark path she is on now. It always starts with a dash of heartbreak doesn't it?

Jen can we finally just agree that Micah is not a douche canoe? I saw where you had some reservations in Bound by Duty, but come on, he had to have redeemed himself enough to appease even you in this one.....right? Say it Jennifer! You say you like Micah now! NO, I WILL NOT.

NO I DON'T, AND I QUOTE "You could have done something – ANYTHING – and you did NOTHING. THIS IS YOUR FAULT."

Ok. Now one thing I know Jen and I both agree on is how absolutely kickass Bethany is! So many secondary characters seem to fall into two categories these days, the first of which, and maybe most used, being what I like to call the stepping stone category, which means that they are simply there to accentuate all the good things that your main character is, by being everything that person is not. EX.... The whore to the virgin, the liar to the honest, the shallow to the soulful and deep, I think you get my drift. Or the second category, the filler category. Which is quite simply someone you get to look upon briefly who is not your main characters but really brings nothing substantial to the story by being there. Bethany basically gives the middle finger to both of those categories, and then curtsies, because she's polite and just plain awesome like that!

Now I'll stop blabbing on and on and let Jen get a word or two in here!

Bound by Spells was pretty much everything I want in a sequel. It isn't always about the main characters, sometimes it's about the secondary characters, the ones who build up the back of the story. Not only did I fall back in love with Amelia and Aidan, I fell in love with some unexpected characters too (NO NOT MICAH, STILL A TOOL. NO TRICIA YOU CAN'T CHANGE MY MIND).

Still at the top of my list for favorite characters is Bethany! I love her, I love her attitude about the entire situation. Even faced with being "human" she didn't back down. Even with facing her kidnappers, she stood her ground. She is the type of person you want in your corner at all times. Bethany has enough spunk to put the most vicious person/animal in its place.

I can say with a lot of honesty that I walked into this book thinking that I would only like the cast of characters the way they are, and no more. I love them more now, and there's more of them to love too. My heart broke for Elias and Dillon, but the end spin on Bound by Spells just about had me in tears of happiness. I never would have imagined that outcome. I felt like the Grinch.

Which leads me to the crazy, off her fucking rocker, all Heil Hitler, little miss genocide Queen Julia. and if you think for a minute that my description above is over exaggerated then you just wait my friends.

"Mages were put in charge of the people because we are the purest lines. We are not animals."

"Ensuring that our bloodlines are pure and we have eradicated all those animals."

"I have spent my life trying to cleanse our people of these mixed races and put the classes back where they belong."

I mean seriously, Queen Julia is.... I really have no words for what she is, I feel like every time I read

something that comes out of her mouth, I need to gear up for WWII. No joke, this woman is batshit crazy. I felt the need to apologize to all Immortal on behalf of the Genocide Queen. She actually made me chuckle a few times with the amount of crazy that was spewing out. The Queen in all seriousness reminded me of Hitler, and somehow I don't think she's going to let up anytime soon.

And this also leads me to one of my most unlikely favorite characters, Baleon. I didn't think I would ever say it, but he is one of my favorites and I have a feeling it has to do with a certain someone being bound by a spell (heehee) and a Hunter who put it there. I think that Baleon was that Hunter, and for that he saved someone who is extremely important.

I can't wait for the next book. But these cliffhangers are killing me!! KILLING ME, I TELL YOU!!! Pretty please don't make us wait long!

Thank you so much Stormy Smith for giving us the opportunity to read and honestly review Bound by Spells!!

Ben Alderson says

Such an incredible story and I loved the development of the characters!!! I need the next book!

maisha says

Check out my review of Bound by Spells by Stormy Smith at Books Equal Awesomeness!

Last year, I read Bound by Duty and it was freaking fantastic! This series isn't really known about, but I think that everyone should read it!

This book was just as great as the first one! Bound by Spells is from a dual point of view, so in this book, we got to read what happens from Aiden's point of view, and boy was I happy about that. Aiden's perspective was really important in this book because he undergoes a lot of character development and we find out more about his past and other things. I love how he's playing such an important role in the plot and Amelia's world!

I got to learn so much more about the characters in this novel! In the first book, we are introduced into Amelia's world and Aiden, and the plot and all, but we didn't really get a full background story of what happened to all of the characters. This book fulfilled my desire to know more about what happened to the characters! We got to understand what happened to Aiden, Cole, and Bethany when they were younger. AND now I feel like I understand what Queen Julia's plan for Amelia is.

There were a lot of new characters introduced, and I've come to find myself finding some of them to be near and dear to my heart already! I loved Dillon, Micah, and Baleon! They were just awesome characters! I didn't really get to know Baleon or Dillon that well, but from what I read about them, they were loyal and just freaking phenomenal! And I loved the information that was revealed about Micah and how his childhood was. I truly feel sympathetic for him and I admire him for standing against his mother, even if he is quiet about it.

The ending was pretty sudden and I seriously need the third book. GIVE IT TO ME NOW.

Romance Schmomance (Malia) says

Two words ... that ending!

As most know, cliffhangers are never my favorite, but besides the point, I LOVEEEEEEEE this book! There was so much suspense and I just wanted more. This book definitely pulled me in more than the first in the series, so I was very happy with this one.

We learn so much more about this world, the abilities that the mages and shapeshifters have were so fascinating, I was intrigued by all of it especially Amelia. We all know that she's capable of so much , but she still has so much to learn, especially since it's been caged for so long. One can only predict what kind of power would be unleashed.

The book picks up right where it left off in the first one and we get a beautiful double POV, I was so happy about that. To be honest, from the beginning to the end, I was definitely more interested in Aidan's story, Amelia's POV wasn't bad, but she was a sitting duck for a bit ... more like trapped in my opinion, so there were only so many things she could do with her.

Ah Aidan, he's the second "Aiden" character I've loved! I'm so glad that we got to see his thoughts because we get more from him. There were so many missing puzzle pieces in the first book and it all cleared up in this one. His development from beginning to end is awesome, he becomes quite the man, especially when his life had so much unknown, but it due time, all is revealed.

Unfortunately I have to be vague with my review, SO MUCH is revealed in this book. Plenty of oooo and ahhhhhh moments. Not only can you see the growth in Aidan, but with the whole book in general. And with all the characters, there's some new faces that'll grow on you. And I hope we get to see a lot more of them in the third installment.

MUST HAVE THE THIRD BOOK ASAP! I'm dying to know what happens!

- See more at: <http://bit.ly/1GqooR9>

Lenore Kosinski says

4.5 stars -- Another beta read!!

There was so much I loved about this book, but I think the thing that really raised it above the first book is the addition of Aidan's POV. And not just b/c we all love Aidan (b/c come on, we all do). But the nature of the story as it left off in Bound By Duty demanded that 2 separate stories be told, and it would have been a terrible loss to not have that other half of the story. I ended up learning so much more about the prophecy, the AniMage's, the history, just from what Aidan was going through and the people he encountered. When I first started reading this book, I wasn't sure how I was going to like the alternating chapters, b/c they really are completely separate stories. But I really loved how they gradually got closer and closer together until they intersected at the end in such a profound way.

Now don't get me wrong, Amelia's story was epic in its own right. And quite frankly, I wasn't always totally

on board with her in BBD. But she just grows leaps and bounds in this book and becomes a heroine that I genuinely like, admire, and am looking forward to seeing how her future is going to play out.

Bethany was still awesome (though she was a bit more fun with Amelia in BBD). Micah, on the other hand, well that I just didn't see coming. Micah AND Baleon. I'd say more, but basically he surprised me in a huge awesome way, and I just did not (which I should have) expect his role to be quite so big. It was so refreshing to get to see what he was about, and learn about his life pre-Amelia.

Now, strangely enough, you know what my favourite part was? Queen Julia. Well, favourite might not be the right word. But basically, Queen Julia turned into this bizarre 3 dimensional evil character. Bizarre? Bizarre because she just wasn't the usual paranormal villain. She...she is....I don't know. She's like an Immortal Hitler. She is so unbelievably power hungry, but she believes with all her soul that she fights for the right. It's just...well....different from what I've come to expect, and I appreciated that.

Then there was Dillon. And more Charlie. Yup, all still epically awesome in the adorable, wise, unexpected characters.

I always love it when a sequel is even better than the first book....that's when you know a series is going to be epic.

Casey Ann Books says

You always worry starting a sequel will be any good as the first amazing book in the series you had read. So when reading Bound by Spells I was scared! but I really didn't need to be it was incredible!

of course when reading Bound by Duty the ending (won't spoil it for you but your left with your mouth hanging open from the out come) The moment your like "I NEED THE NEXT ONE NOW" Amelia is just as badass and brave as the first book! you find yourself pining for her and her relationships! *cough Cough* you know who.

In this novel Amelia and Aidan are trying to understand their powers and trying to get through their tough situations. I ship these two so much! I never shipped a ship so harder! Great action, great fantasy, great characters such as Queen Julia! I really liked her character she was such a good villain! she kept you on edge! the whole book did really. I found myself not wanting to do anything but just sit on my bed and read this book! such a page turner. So much going on and so many revelations happened. Stormy has a way of grabbing your attention and never let go! her writing style is amazing! next up! Bound by prophecy <3

Stormy says

Recommended by Serena Chase at USA Today's Happy Ever After blog!

"Featuring a cast of mages and shapeshifters with unique magical abilities, one destiny-shaping prophecy, a genocidal megalomaniac, and a budding, heated romance (or two!), this book is paranormal gold! Read the first book in the series first, of course, but once you finish this one you're sure to be salivating for the next release in this not-to-be-missed romantic paranormal series."

Full review - <http://usat.ly/18WZfQD>

Maria's Book Blog says

An excellent follow up to Bound by Duty! This second installment picks up right where the first left off. I was fortunate enough to have this next book handy, otherwise the cliffy from book 1 may have been a lot more painful. I always appreciate when the sequel just gets right to the point, no dawdling or lengthy recaps, just a head-first dive into the heart of the story. So major kudos to Stormy for that!

I absolutely LOVED the dual POV! Hearing Aiden's thoughts and following his story line as he struggled to find himself and learn more about his past made the original story line that much more intriguing. Not to mention that fact that he's on a mission to rescue Amelia *Swoon!* with the help of some new friends. I was super curious as to how he came about his hidden powers since they just kind of came out of nowhere, and I was even a bit anxious, hoping it wouldn't be some far-fetched scenario, but it was definitely well played, in true Stormy fashion.

I would actually like to hear from Micah's POV too. He's had an interesting (and somewhat traumatic) past as well. Being a royal and having the Queen as his mother hasn't been easy for him, and I'm just dying to get inside his head and explore his feelings! Perhaps a little short story dedicated to him is in order ;)

I honestly just love everything about this magical world the author has created. She's given us such a unique and diverse cast of characters, yet their personalities all work together and make this journey even more interesting. The story plays out much like a movie would, seamlessly and with great attention to detail. I thought Bound by Duty was amazing, but Bound by Spells absolutely blew me away!

Oh and I guess I should probably mention Amelia too since technically this whole series exists because of her. She's amazing, end of story. But seriously, she's pretty awesome; totally selfless, brave, insanely powerful, and headstrong. I just know she's going to work some incredible magic and set things back to the way they were before the Queen got all screwy. I'm rooting for her 110% and I'm convinced she'll deliver!

I can't wait to get my hands on the third book, Bound by Prophecy!

Lisa P says

This series continues to captivate and surprise. The Queen... Just when you might feel a little bit of compassion for her, bam! Right out the window! This book is told from Aiden and Amelia's perspectives. There is so much that goes on that you find it hard to put the book down. Next book can't come soon enough.

Curly Carla Celebrity Readers says

Okay people hold onto your hats. My mind has been blown away on this one.

I got this book before you did because I am cool like that. :) (Okay, fine. Sorry for the snarkiness. My alter ego comes out at night and that is when I am writing this) Sorry, but this one is a little long.

I really liked the first one, and generally the first book in a series is the best for me. Not so this time around. Honestly, this book was a good two and a half times better than the first one. And that is saying a lot because the first one was pretty fantastic.

There are couple differences in the writing from the first book to this one. The most obvious being the fact that the Pov's change. The first book was all Amelia. But this time it was like reading two books with Aidans POV thrown in. And now that I know more about Aidan, I like him more. He reminds me of that guy you friend zoned and then came to realize is super smexy after all. Yup, just like that. He has got some wicked cool powers and if I am kinda jealous of him.

The second difference to me is the fact that more background is added to these characters in this book than the first one, which, kinda threw me at first because generally you come to expect that in the first book. You know, for bonding purposes. The first book was an appetizer, this one is the entree.

The growth of this story is unfathomable (is that a word?) I think I will be reading it again. I will not be doing my character profiles because this is the second book in the series and it seems redondant to me. Although I gotta give a shout out to Dillon and Micah. Dillon, I just want to eat you up Little Man. And Micah, I am still rooting for you.

I may have a few favorite quotes laying around. Hold on, let me look.

Oh yeah! Here they are:

As her passion intensified, I watched red overtake her blue irises and all I saw was blood spreading across ice. This time though, I wonderd whether it would be mine.

I kept leaning down toward the map, squinting as I tried to figure out what exactly I was looking at. "What is this? What's behind the house? Is something wrong with the map?"

"Good gravy Aidan. Haven't you ever seen the labyrinth?" Bethany had stayed fairly quiet during the discussion, and her voice coming from the corner of the room surprised me.

"You know," she continued, "David Bowie? Hoggle? The babe? The babe with the power?"

[That one cracked me up :)]

Her darkness sucked the light of my flame into an abyss, like a black hole eating the particles of light and the pieces of stardust from the universe. But when he touched me, she would let go.

Cheers

Miranda ♥? says

Originally posted on my blog @ Miranda's Book Blog

This is the second book in The Bound series and it was equally as magical and suspenseful as the first one! The plot was absolutely amazing, then low and behold a whole new twist gets thrown into the mix! I honestly didn't think the plot could get any better, then BAM I'm blown away!

In the past I haven't been a big fan of alternate POV, but I think it may be my new favorite thanks to the author Stormy Smith! Each POV was perfectly balanced, I felt like I got to spend equal time with Amelia

and Aidan which I loved.

The ease in which I connected with the characters was awesome! This book picks up right after book one, and introduces some new characters! But let me just say (and I know I said this in regards to book 1 as well) but I just adored Bethany! That girl can make anyone smile, even in the toughest of times! Stormy, if you are reading this can we please have a novella in Bethany's POV? Hey even a short story will do!

I am going to end with saying that I cannot wait to dig into book three Bound By Prophecy! If you haven't read this series yet you can check out my review [HERE](#) . Within the pages of this book there is tons of awesome magic and Amelia kicks some serious ass! I loved watching both her and Aidan's powers grow stronger throughout the book!

Kathryn Hughey says

This is one of those books that when I finally got the chance to sit down and read it, I didn't want to put it down. I should be studying for a major test so I can graduate, but this clearly wouldn't be put off! First, I LOVE how Stormy switched between Amelia's and Aiden's POV!!!! I loved hearing what was going on from both sides of the situation, let's start with Amelia.

The book starts with Amelia saying an incredibly heartbreaking goodbye to Aiden, my heart seriously broke the first time I read that scene, and Stormy describes the pain so vividly, I could feel it. My heart hurt for them both.

Amelia is prisoner of the Queen and puts her people and destiny before her love. We find her struggling to contain the power of the Keepers within her, unless she is wearing the cuff her mother got her, which has powers of its own! I loved reading about her learning to interact and work with the magics within her. She is such a strong heroine, she didn't wallow, or feel sorry for herself. She picked herself up, and fought. She's a heroine any girl could look up to. She's inspiring, and determined to change the tragic fate of her people, especially as she begins the true horrors that Julia has put her people through.

Then there is Aiden's POV, which was just as amazing! He goes from broken, unwanted little boy, to (SPOILER ALERT..possibly) king! Alright, I knew from the last book that he would be the "mate" in the prophecy, but I still loved that it was confirmed! We get to see Aiden come into his own as a shifter and leader, which was equally exciting! Of course we can't leave Bethany out, she's along for the ride and is just as feisty as ever. I'm still rooting for her and Micah <3

We meet some really great characters in the book, that end up explaining so many of the things we were left wondering about. We also lose a character that just broke my heart, and by the end of the book we find Amelia barely holding on. I really can't wait to see where Stormy takes the next one!

Maggie says

Bound by Spells takes everything that was established in Bound by Duty and amps it up 20 notches. I cannot get over the character development all-around. It is rare that I like a sequel better than the first book, but Bound by Spells surpasses the first for me. Both Amelia and Aidan have come into themselves in a way that I never thought that was possible. Julia is as evil as ever, and even her rule gets a bit of an explanation that we didn't get in the first novel.

This book is all about the internal struggle that everyone has to wage. War and strife forces people to make sacrifices on both sides and I think that was represented really beautifully in Spells, whether it was a current moment in time or through a flashback with one of the older characters.

I also loved that both Amelia and Aidan were firm in their love for each other. While Amelia had some fleeting doubts about whether Micah was her mate, it was always pushed away and thought of as gross which I appreciated (some authors would have opted for a love triangle there and I like that this novel never did).

The development of the Keeper magic was insane, and the plotline of everyone breaking their binding placed by other people was really interesting. Virtually all of the main characters had some sort of bind to break, and by having that bind broken, they grew. Now I get the title ;)

I just loved this one. Stormy really outdid herself. The series does not come more highly recommended.

Carra says

Bound by Duty, the first book of this series, was fantastic. This second book, Bound by Spells? Even better. With the excellent writing continuing on, the storyline becoming deeper and more intense, and characters that continue to grow, evolve and surprise us-there's no sophomore slump to be found here. In fact, Stormy Smith has quickly found her way to the upper echelon of my favorite paranormal authors list with her enchanting stories and the ability to just snatch me out of my everyday life and set me down in the middle of this amazing world she has created.

At the end of Bound by Duty, we are left with a doozy of a cliffhanger when Amelia chooses to go with Micah instead of staying with Aidan. We spend most of this second book with Amelia and Aidan apart from each other, both trying to survive and deal with their own situations, both learning more about themselves and what they are capable of...and both trying to get back to each other. But not knowing who to trust, what are truths and what are lies, and learning how to deal with their own powers will throw a whole bunch of twists and turns into their paths-and make for a truly engaging read.

The tension continually builds, and then the action and intensity starts really ramping up until everything comes to a head near the end, and every moment of it all you'll be absolutely entranced and won't want to put this book down. And for me, up until the huge climactic scene at the end, I was constantly chanting in my head "they have to make it back to each other!" Ongoing character growth also continues to add depth to the story, engaging you further and will result in the reader becoming thoroughly invested in not just the main characters' lives, but in the supporting characters' lives as well.

Emotions going haywire, constant excitement and characters you will come to know and care for coupled with the author's creative imagination results in another 5-star read and has earned this book and series a place on my top recommendations list. If you are a fan of paranormal romance, you are not going to want to miss reading this series.

Oh, and did I mention the ending left everything wide open? Yes, a cliffhanger. Yes, I'm totally hooked. You will be too.
