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Marion is tearing the world apart at the seams. The Voice of God--the woman God loves--needs to be stopped, but Seth isn't prepared to be the only one who can take her down.

The final chapter in New York Times Bestselling Author SM Reine's Mage Craft series.

Cast in Godfire Details

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From Reader Review Cast in Godfire for online ebook

Ken Liljengren says

What an ending!!

Thank You, thank You Ms Reine

Ken

Greg Crews says

Cast in Godfire

I have thoroughly enjoyed this book and all of the others in this series. SM Reine has a writing style that literally pulls you in to the story. You feel like you are a part of the story, from beginning to end. You laugh, you cry and share every other emotion of the characters as you read along.

SM Reins is, in my opinion, a masterful storyteller. I am always sad when a series end, because all of the characters seem like friends, and I do not want my friends to leave!

Enjoy reading this book, and all of the other books by SM Reins e!

Shirley says

Reading the last book in a series is always bittersweet. The Mage Craft series is no exception, not by a long shot. I couldn't be happier with the way things worked out FINALLY for Seth, but as they say, it's not always the destination, but the journey and S.M. Reine didn't skimp on Seth and Marion's journey at all...

CreativeDeedsReadsDisclosure1Okay, so if you've read all the other books in this series and you're getting ready to start Cast in Godfire, you need to know something going in... pay attention! It's true that a lot has happened so far, but you've got no idea... trust me.

I don't want to give anything away, but things got a little crazy. It was made even more crazy by the fact that S.M. Reine has a knack of making you doubt your loyalty to some characters while making you fall in love with characters that you never expected to, depending on whose head she allows you in at the time. Of course, there are some characters that she'll never make me turn my back on, no matter how hard she tries. Trust me, she's tried really, really hard. I'm loyal like that ;)

She's also really good at making you laugh and cry... One of my favorite lines in Cast in Godfire? "...you crazy colostomy bag of a half-angel!" There were more, but this one was hard to forget. And of course, less than a page later she had me shedding tears. One of the many, many reasons the author has me ALWAYS coming back.

So, long story short, there's a lot that happens in Cast in Godfire and Marion and Seth's story comes to a satisfying end... kind of. However, this crazy world that S.M. Reine has drawn us into is far from over. I'm

pretty sure we haven't seen the last of Seth and Marion. They may not be front and center, but they'll still be around. There were also just a few loose ends at the end of their story that I'm kind of anxious for her to resolve. (Mild understatement.)

Once again, if you haven't introduced yourself to this crazy universe, you really need to fix that. You can pretty much start anywhere because all of her series are written to be stand alone. But... they're all intertwined... check out her timeline. You're welcome ;)

I received Cast in Godfire in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Maria Dimitrova says

Actual rating: 2.5 stars

It's over! Finally! I think I rated it so high just because I'm finally done with the series. So what can I say about this book... Marion is the very definition of a spoiled, entitled little bitch with delusions of grandeur. You see for years she's manipulated everyone around her for the following reason - she's jealous. Jealous of her step sister Dana because their mother payed more attention to her, jealous of Elise because Elise is a god, jealous of pretty much everyone. Because the word "enough" apparently has no meaning to Marion. All the power she had was never enough, all the beauty, all the influence. No, she wants to be the top dog and she figured out that she'll supplant Elise as a god. But there's one small problem with dear Marion's plan - it could never work! There are two possible ways things could happen if Benjamin, who is supposed to go back in time to help Genesis happen, doesn't go back in time. One, the universe collapses and everyone dies or two, the evil demon from Ascension gets to be the new demon god of the triad and then everyone dies at best or every dimension becomes a hell dimension. The thing is Marion is uniquely situated to know all that. She's in fact the only one who has access to James and Elise, who are the only ones who know what precisely went on in those final days before Genesis. But noooo, Marion wouldn't even bother to ask or think or check with the Librarian, you know the creature that chronicles time itself Genesis after Genesis! Someone should have done the universe a favour and smothered Marion in her crib!

Let's move to Seth, the God of Death. How can you be omnipotent (because most of the time he is) and still be so utterly naïve? I just can't wrap my head around it. And don't tell me it's because he had his omnipotence curbed by the ash of the Tree of Knowledge. From the moment his avatar died to the moment he made that deal with James he was omnipotent so he should have known what Marion is planning or at least known what a twisty, power-hungry little liar she is. Why the hell was he so trusting? Sure it worked out fine in the end. Except for all the beings that died because of her machinations. I hate Konig but even I felt pity for him because one of the reasons he turned into an abusive, power crazed patricide was Marion. She made him fall in love with her (even though she says she found him despicable) and then fed his ego and whispered sweet words of world domination in his ear. Konig is an awful person but maybe, just maybe if he hadn't met Marion he wouldn't have fallen so far.

Talking about Konig, I hate that man with a passion! He's so despicable in this book that I just can't find the words to describe it. The one good thing that happened was that he died! Too bad that he didn't manage to kill Marion. If those two had died I would have thrown a party! I do have a problem with his death, though. It was not slow and painful enough. He should have suffered for all his sins. He is a mass murderer who thinks that the sun shines out of his own ass and everyone who can't see it must die. Even his own father thought that he should be removed from the throne! So, of course, dear Konig killed him. Why not, everyone who's not Team Konig must die, right? What is wrong with you people??? Konig wonders why his father tried to stop him after he basically tore apart the Middle Worlds and committed genocide, Marion's

wondering why no one likes her and why Rylie, a mother figure to her, has a contingency plan to kill her after Rylie watched her manipulate everyone around her and even go so far as to victimize herself in high school just so she can gather sympathy! Seth is pining over a sociopath and the angels (mainly Leliel) whine that they're going extinct because Elise hates them after (spoiler for Ascension) (view spoiler) A shitload of people whine about what Genesis did to them but (again spoiler for Ascension) (view spoiler) Things weren't better before Genesis, just most people lived in blessed ignorance.

The only bright point in this whole mess were Charity and Arawn. God, they're cute. In a very disgusting way. I gagged a few times when they were kissing. The description of Arawn's breath almost did me in. Also they're the only people that actually have brains in that universe. Too bad that they weren't the MCs. The series would have been much better.

In the epilogue we got to see a glimpse of Elise in the form of the Godslayer avatar. And by that I mean we got to see the Elise I adored in prequel series - gruff, uncommunicative but loyal to a fault. All this time in the Magecraft series Elise was villainized, by Seth, by Marion, by Leliel. So when the Godslayer showed up everyone thought that she's there to kill Marion. In the epilogue we saw how much Elise cares for her little sister. And she showed it i the only way she's capable of by teaching her how to survive. I think that the only reason Marion got so far with her plan was that Elise loves her too much. Just as with James, Elise is blind to her faults and refuses to see it when the evidence of Marion's evil is before her. Anyone else Elise would have struck down long before that moment. But she gave her a chance to step away and live. Just like she did with James. I don't approve but maybe that makes Elise the better person, the one capable of forgiving things I think are unforgivable.

I'm pissed at the ending. Because after all she did, ultimately Marion got rewarded. She not only got to live but she got o live the rest of her life with Seth, on Earth. And while Seth deserves a HEA after all the bullshit the universe gave him before Genesis, I don't think that Marion should have gotten one.

Lisa says

Wow, this was a wonderful book that sucks you right in. Ms Reine writes such complex worlds that I find myself taking notes. In a good way. She is such a genius to come up with what she does. This is so epic and will stay with me for a long time. I think I'm going to get the audiobooks to the whole series as soon as they are available. This is one unique author that once you read her stuff, you will never forget her. And she is such a kind and generous person. Most of her books are listed for free! If not then she often has sales. Such a wonderful lady! I thank her for making my world brighter.

Llaph | No Frill | No Shill says

Omg, what a freaking ending. I loved this peek into the Sighe worlds. It was a change from the angel/demon worlds, but still as wtf worthy.

Once again the familiar with the added twist of Reine's imagination to make it really mind-blowing. I was both sad and happy to see characters change over the books/series. I don't know if one needs to read the other books she's written, but omg they make the current ones so much richer and enthralling when you do. I love hearing a character's name and thinking ... now where did I hear it before ... and try to remember where you first heard that name. Then there is that omg/ah-ha moment you get when you do.

I just want to lol @ Nicky and Hooch ... it took me a second to remember who they were, but once I heard their names together I had a light bulb moment and am excited to see what Reine does with them, if anything

because you never know when a side character might come back and surprise you. I so was not expecting them to take such a role in later books.

I loved the ending of this book. It was sweet to see after you thought something like that would not happen. I totally loved Elise's part, even though she didn't speak. Lol @ squeezing the toothpaste in the wrong spot. I never did get people's fury at another person doing that wrong. I just fix it how I want to and get on with life. Though I do fix people's toilet paper when it is put on the holder wrong. Anything but over is just inefficient and awkward.

Sherri says

What an amazing ride this has been! Even at the end of this series, I still do not like Marion. Seth is the only one that had faith in her and I really do not believe she deserves him. Lots of things happen in this book, can I say that I am happy that Konig is dead? Wow, I really hated him and his strange justifications of his actions. Even if I don't like Marion, she was treated horribly by Konig. By the end of the book, things are pretty well tied together except I wonder about Benjamin. Looking forward to Dana's series!

Carrie says

If you haven't read anything in this world, I don't even know where to start and how to describe this series to you. I can say, however, that this book really wraps up all the loose ends and gives a wonderful happily-ish-ever-after type ending. I mean, as much as you can get something with flowers and unicorns in this gritty world.

We join the drama already in progress: Marion is still working her own game, lying to almost everyone in one way or another. Seth is brooding because he loves Marion and can't see the bigger picture (ironic, for a god). Charity is still one of the best characters, in one of the most "normal" relationships of the series, yet still able to act as a friend to Seth when he needs one. Who else? Konig is... still horrible and getting worse? It's very hard to tell, since he always appeared to be an angry, crazy man. Oh, and the original sidhe play a pretty big role now, which is pretty satisfying if you know their history and the tie-ins to this series.

I guess the large part of this book is war. Konig is determined to kill everyone and take everything, like a petulant child. Marion, for some reason or another, is still acting like the doting wife when she's not sneaking behind his back. Don't worry, everything gets explained in the end, but it was still frustrating to watch things spiral in such a way. In the author's typical fashion, the side characters find a way to become key players in the upcoming shift of their world. I was happy to see some of my favorites make it out "okay." How to summarize? The war finds its ultimate conclusion, the time warp (ha) ends up triggering (which you know has to happen), and some tough choices are made. I am not sure anyone actually trusts anything towards the end because there are so many secrets and betrayals, but, thank goodness, there is an epilogue.

If you are at all interested in an amazingly detailed urban fantasy filled with political intrigue and just about every type of paranormal I can think of, this world is *awesome.* I still think you should start wayyyyyy back in the beginning with Elise, but you could probably still appreciate the world by starting with book 1 of the mage craft series. Do it!

Robin (Bridge Four) says

Well I'm done and I'm so glad because it needed to be over.

This is one of those instances that you wonder if the author had any idea of where they wanted the story to go in the end when they set out. At the end of a series I really like for most things to be wrapped up but a lot of the stuff that happened in the first 2-3 books didn't seem to carry over well in the end.

Marion has never been my favorite character but I could at least sympathize with her a little in a few of the books. However in this when we learn her true motivations I just wasn't floored by them and I really didn't get them or the lengths she was willing to go to for them.

King Konig is the worst and no matter how much I didn't love Marion he gets the biggest jerk award for the series and I was happy with his fate at the end of this.

The shining moment for this book for me didn't even belong to the main characters but to Arawn a.k.a. sociopathic demon and Charity the vampire revenant. Weirdest love story ever really, but it was almost reading this series just for this.

He bent over the tattoo chair and kissed her. Arawn tasted like rotten meat. His tongue was slimy, like the maggots he so often tattooed on members of his gang. His teeth had edges like razors.

Charity loved it.

She loved him

Demon love is a real thing and those two have it in spades.

Seth, well as much as I wanted him to get his happily ever after I also believed he could do better. Still you have to respect a guy that will go through everything he did for the woman he has chosen to love.

"I told you that you'd one day meet someone worth shattering universes over, didn't I?"

There are a few really cool moments in this and I enjoyed quite a few of the side characters. I was surprised by how much I really liked Able once we got to spend some time with him. The techie Fae of the Hardwicks were a delightful surprise as well but there were at least 2-3 PoVs I didn't care about at all so that made parts of the entire series really drag actually.

In the end I liked the epilogue and thought it was fitting. For me there were things that just didn't resolve well from book 1 to book 5 and I wish they would have been fleshed out better. Perhaps I'll read Elise's story one day. I'm glad I read it to the end to know everything but this was the hardest series for me to complete in a long time.

Also I finished this so I get a fucking cookie.

James Hein says

Enjoyed this series and it was tidied up well in a longer book than the others.

I recommend people read S M Reine but when you do make sure you pick up a reading order guide because there is a loose order and sometimes strong interaction between each series.

Darlene says

I received this book free of charge from the author.

As my star rating shows. I liked this book. But of all the series and subseries in the S.M. Reine world this Mage Craft subseries about Marion and Seth's strange love for each other and angels and gods and demons and hell hounds... oh my!

Look, don't get me wrong. I love Ms. Reine's writing and how she keeps things moving. And at least by this book, I am not needing a cast of characters chart to remember who everyone is. But still, once all our favorites are unidentifiable as angels and faceless gods. And the reader is left knowing the story is not over, just not a cliff hanger.

If you ever get the chance to read these series(es) by Sara Reine you will find yourself in worlds you know and yet, don't know. Often stories take place in places like Reno or other real cities. Landmarks keep you anchored yet the manning of said city is not by people you know or would want to know in some cases. That keeps the story alive and real for a fantasy.

As I always recommend, start with the Six Moon Summer where you meet characters that stay with you through all the books. They don't do a lot in some books but prove invaluable in others. It is always fun to meet them again and again. Like old friends. And maybe you will like this series far better than I did. I hope so. Sara Reine is quite prolific and keeps her readers wanting more!

Sharon Holmes says

It's a 10!

Excellent ending to a fantastic series. I eagerly anticipated each and every novel and I highly recommend all SM Reined books to anyone and everyone.

Ann O'Nymos says

I have jumped from book 4 on to 5 and was a bit surprised by Marions behaviour now. As she has her memories back, there must be a reason for this. But it is good or evil? This was the only reason for me to keep on reading, I wanted to know if Marion had a bigger big plan or what she was up to.

Unfortunately, this series didn't do me a great favour. As mentioned in the former review, I should have read other books before to keep a chronological order. Also, I might have forgiven more the facts that don't sum up. (view spoiler)

Renee Stephens says

Advance copy granted to me by SM Reine for an honest review.

Will You Trust The Almighty Voice of God?

The fifth book in the Mage Craft series, Cast In Godfire is by far the hardest one to read for all the right reasons. 1. It's the last one and needs to be savored (but alas all good things must come to an end, right) 2. The plot has multiple tails growing in every possible direction, so you have to pay close attention or you will miss important clues (a heart made of ash from the tree of life, the return of the Godslayer, Leliel and her nest of spheres, Benjamin Flynn and Nathaniel Faulkner, Metaraon's statue, the list goes on and on) 3. You just don't know if everyone is going to get their happily ever after, so it's a nail biter. (Hint: Marion is not pining away whilst waiting for the return of her beloved Death).

Pulling a favor from one of the Gods, James to be exact, (a favor that when returned also happens to seal Death's fate), Seth returns to Earth on what is supposed to be an easy quest - to convince Marion that she needs to help prevent a war in the underground by removing some protection wards. Sounds simple enough, right? Wrong. First Seth must help her, and that helpful deed may turn out to be the undoing of the world as everybody knows it.

The emotional rollercoaster shifts the reader quickly from low to high and back again. One moment Marion is with Seth (yeah) then Marion is with Konig (boo) then back with Seth (yes) then back with Konig (damn it). With each move Marion makes the important question resurfaces. Why should Seth trust someone as under handed and selfish as Marion? Everyone has told him about her traitorous behavior, but will he listen? Read Cast in Godfire to find out if he follows his head or his heart and if he ends up getting 'burned' because of the choices he makes.

Marianne says

This is the end of Seth and Marion.

It's definitely not the ending you have been expecting and if I say much it will give to much away.

So instead I'm going to say this is one of the best series I think I've ever read and would definitely tell all who enjoy the paranormal romance and wars that you need to read this series.

Read and enjoy.
