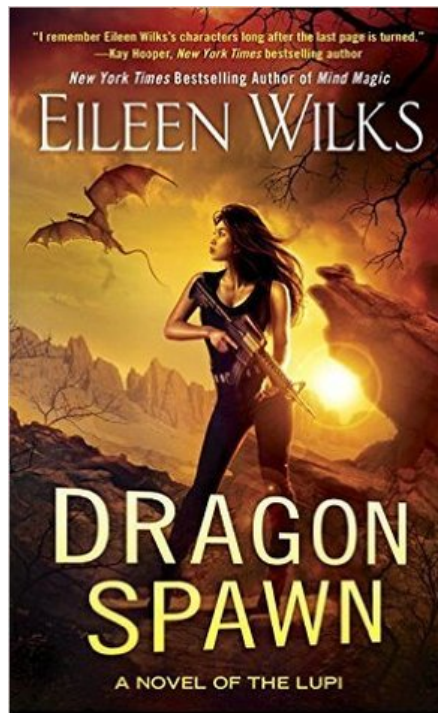




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Mitticus says

Primero que nada: El libro termina en CLIFFHANGER, sólo para que lo sepan.

Perdí la mitad de mis notas al borrarlas por error, pero recuerdo perfectamente esto: PRIMERA ESCENA - CULLEN SEABORN EN ZUNGA.

Cullen siendo fantabuloso en zunga.

Wow.

Yo quiero video en camara lenta de eso.

"The woman in front of him let out a loud laugh. "If you're tired of women climbing all over you, why you wearing that little Speedo? Man as pretty as you don't need to show off what he's got."

"What, you think I'm asking for it? Isn't that what some people say if a woman wears anything more revealing than a burka?"

"I like you," she announced. "What's your name?"

"Cullen."

Bueno, después de eso ¿a que más podría aspirar una obra? XD

Supongo que siguiendo con la trama, vemos que la GB -aka la que no debe ser nombrada- que decide subir las apuestas y desencadena un fuerte ataque destinado a causar el mayor caos posible. Mientras esto sucede Sam le pide ayuda a Lily con un problema de los dragones, sorpresa, revelando más secretos fuertemente relacionados con el libro anterior.

Nos encontramos con que:

*Hay más dramarama dragonil.

*Luchas internas políticas con los mandos de la policía (lo cual vengo viendo desde el inicio de los libros).

*Muchos poderes extraños que parecen evolucionar y cambiar de acuerdo a la trama.

*La abuela Lu la lleva. Repitiendo mis comentarios, habría que hacer una serie de la abuela sola, a Lily siempre la he encontrado tremendamente aburrida con su apego a las reglas y la autoridad. Pero la abuela ... tigresa ... 'amiga' cof de dragones ... badass in leather. Go granma!

*Este libro en realidad es un gran intervalo entre el anterior y el próximo, ganando velocidad para una nueva gran confrontación entre los héroes y su enemiga. Porque Cliffhanger, ¿recuerdan?

Me gusta que Cynna y Cullen estén aquí. Encuentro que son una pareja bastante fuerte.

"You okay?" Cynna asked.

(Lily:) "I have spider blood on me."

"That's the girliest thing I've ever heard you say."

"Lots of people don't like spiders. It has nothing to do with who has ovaries and who has testicles."

“You’re scared of spiders.”

“Shut up, Cynna.”

(lol)

Además me molesta que Arjenie no parezca más que una repetidora de datos.

Nota : (view spoiler)

RachelW (BamaGal) says

Full review...

3.5 Stars. *Dragon Spawn* is a pretty good, if unfinished read. There are two storylines going on here. In one, Rule is challenged as Leidolf Rho by high dominant lupus. Apparently, high f dominants are completely unable to submit to the Rho. The other storyline is the one that takes up most of the page time.

The botched dragon hatching Tom Weng survived the helicopter crash, and he is back with the Great Bitch, who has taken over the body of Ginger Harris. Together they cause several disasters that occupy everyone's time, then kidnap a number of high-profile clan children, including Toby and Ryder.

Lots of fun and excitement here; the dragons feature prominently in the book, as does Lily 's grandmother. Gan makes an appearance to add some levity to the situation, and there are a number of dangerous, highly described demons.

Now for the not so good, at least for me. The book starts well, and ends well; but there is a draggy portion through the middle where entirely too much time is spent hashing and rehashing what to do to handle the kidnappings. And for the really bad - the book is a dreaded cliffhanger. Not even really a ch so much as it felt like a long book cut in half. Not only does one storyline not wrap up, the other one barely gets touched on in this book.

Hopefully 'Drago N Blood' (that's what it says for the title, could be a typo) will be released reasonably quickly to tie all the loose ends up.

edge of bubble says

I bloody hate cliffhangers! This one ends with a huge one. It is like a full length novel cut right in the middle. Nothing is resolved, no clue what's going on. Not like Wilks at all.

I remember reading a comment from Wilks saying something about if we ever see Michael and Molly again, it means that shit hits the fan in an apocalyptic sense. As you can guess, we have our first glimpse of him here. This is the start of the last leg of war and I think we are getting close to the end of the series.

I am giving this 3 stars for now but I'll reconsider my rating after I read the next book. Because as it is, it feels like reading only first half of a book and then judging it.

Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

True Rating is 3.5 stars

This review is based on an eARC I received from NetGalley. It is an honest and voluntary review and the advanced receipt of it in no way affected my review or rating.

Action-packed supernatural story with lively writing and fantastic world building! There is a plethora of supernatural creatures in this novel my favorite being dragons. The written descriptions of the dragons are just beautiful. I also like the inclusion of gnomes and brownies in the story. I enjoy it when there are supernatural characters that are outside the norm. There is also a portion of the story that takes place in Dis which is the hell realm and wow on the demons in this story!

There are two different storylines going on in this novel which is a bit confusing. In one Rule (yes the MC's name) as Leidolf Rho (think alpha wolf) and has been challenged by a high dominant (think wolf who cannot submit to the alpha) lupus for the mantle and in the other you have Tom Weng bent on destruction using the most un-imaginable ways and unfortunately he has back up this go-round. One storyline is barely touched and the other is left on such a cliffhanger that I felt that the story was not left on a cliff but that the cliff was shorn off and the other half of the story was taken with it.

Some books you can pick right up despite it being in a series and others you cannot. I would have been better off if I had already been familiar with the series. I did feel a bit lost especially with the terminology in the beginning but as the story went on I was able to figure it all out. I felt that all the characters were well developed and rock solid. Also, who cannot love a story where a Grandma is included?? The pacing was decent in the beginning turned slow-moving in the middle but then picked back up and zoomed until the end. I recommend this story to fans of this series and dragon lovers everywhere. Also, based upon this book I would recommend this series to fans of the supernatural.

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Sheyla ✍️ says

World of the Lupi is an excellent example of an Urban Fantasy. Mrs. Wilks has created a fantastic universe with some pretty memorable characters!

I get excited whenever a new book comes out because I can't wait to see what new adventure Lily, Rule, Cullen, and Cynna are about to embark on together.

Dragon Spawn is good from the very beginning. It has an excellent prologue, not because Cullen is wearing a speedo (which doesn't hurt) but because it gives you a taste of his commitment towards his family and also has some needed humor because once the action begins, there is not a lot of it left.

If you are familiar with the series you know that there has been a fight for centuries between the Lady (who the Lupi support/follow) and the Great Bitch (who is like Voldemort....you don't say her name because you give her power). The GB is powerful and she has tried directly or indirectly to kill them at different times.

Dragon Spawn has three storylines that I think are relevant.

First, a dominant is challenging Rule for the Leidolf mantle. A dominant is a Lupi who does not submit.

Second, chaos ensues when a bomb goes off in the FBI offices and missiles are sent to attack dragons including Sam.

Third, and the one that occupies most of the book, Tom Weng is alive and he, with the help of Ginger, is kidnapping the heirs of the different packs. This includes Toby, Rule's son. It also includes Ryder, the only female Lupi. Of course, their disappearance puts everyone on edge. Bringing the kids home becomes their only priority.

Dragon Spawn is novel with a great plot, action-packed and with a well-developed dynamic between the main characters.

My one objection to this story is the end. Talk about frustrating! It ends in a cliffhanger!!!

4/5 Fangs

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Simona says

this is not a cliffhanger. this is HALF A BOOK. I HATE when an author does THIS AWFUL THING.

Kathy Davie says

Thirteenth in the World of the Lupi paranormal fantasy series revolving around FBI Agent Lily Yu and Rule, who holds the mantles of two Clans. It's been two months since *Mind Magic* , 12.

My Take

Wait. Don't get this book until *Dragon Blood* comes out in 2017. *Dragon Spawn* has the most annoying ending. I felt as if Wilks left me hanging in mid-air after jumping off a cliff, much like Wile E Coyote hangs there until he realizes there's nothing beneath him.

It took forever for Wilks to get to the point, and then there's that bloody ending. I kept trying to flip a page over, as I was so sure the story couldn't possibly have ended...there. WTF?

I did crack up when Sarah Winstead turns out to be as hypocritical as most men about women's dress, lol. *Hmmm, I wonder if we could get a picture of Cullen in that Speedo.* Wilks also gets in a jab at bigoted idiots.

Good point about control. It took me a bit to work it out, but...yeah. Habits are a behavior we don't consciously control. Must be why it's so hard for me to give up swearing.

I like the point Lily makes about Toby beginning to seek his own answers. He'll need to accept his dad's advice, and Toby experiences a lot of unexpected growth. I did not like how Lily learns the name Dirty Harry has given her, "Beloved". It made me cry and then laugh to think that that rangy cat had such a soft side.

Now that I'd like to see...Grandmother in biker leathers!

It's been a weird sort of story and more like a build-up for the start of a war Wilks has been "promising" forever.

The Story

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The Characters

Lily Yu is a touch-sensitive FBI agent, a Chosen, AND married to **Rule Turner**, a two-mantled Lupi who holds the role of **Lo Nuncio**, the heir to Nokolia Clan, and **Rho**, the leader for Leidolf Clan. Lily was also **efondi** in *Mind Magic* and must now learn to control and use her new mindsense. **Toby** is Rule's ten-year-old son. **Dirty Harry** is Lily's cat who is just fine around lupi. **Freddy** is Lily's cousin and a whiz with currency trading. **Grandmother**, **Madame Li Lei Yu**, is formidable and shapeshifts into a Siberian tiger. She's had a relationship with Sam for centuries. **Li Qin** is Grandmother's companion. **Beth** is Lily's sister.

Lupi security includes **Mike**, the Leidolf second-in-command (at least until **José** finishes regrowing his leg), **Barnaby**, **Crane**, **Ricky**, **Mason**, **Jason**, **Hank**, **Daniel**, **Carlos**, and **Jude**. **Charlie** is one of the lupi security sent to keep Ackleford safe.

The Lupi

Clan Home is what the lupi call their home base. **Lupi** is plural for **lupus**, which is essentially a wolf shifter. A **high dominant** literally cannot submit to his Rho. The **wild cancer** strikes a lupus in old age or First Change.

Nokolia Clan is...

...Rule's home Clan based outside San Diego. His father, **Isen Turner**, is Rho. **Cullen Seabourne**, a lupus sorcerer, is mated to **Cynna Weaver**, the Clan's **Rhej** (the heart of the Clans, their link to the past and to the Lady), and they have a daughter, **Ryder**. **Joe** and **Sean** are Cynna's Lupi bodyguards. **Benedict Turner** is Rule's older brother and in charge of security for the Clan. **Arjenie Fox**, Benedict's pregnant mate, is the fact-loving FBI researcher. **Pete** is Benedict's second. The **Magical Mystery Machine** (Triple M) is the device Cullen is inventing. **Tom Erdquist** has a son, **Mark**, who is Toby's agemate and friend. **Dr. Nettie Two Horses** is physician, healer, and shaman for the Clan. **Mrs. Rogers**.

Leidolf Clan had been...

...led by **Victor Frey** who thrust the mantle onto Rule. **Alex Thibidoux** is Lo Nuncio, but his continuing in that role is in doubt due to his dishonesty. **Mateo Ortez**, a high dominant, is **Leo Freeman**'s son and too idealistic and naive to believe.

Czøs Clan is...

...in Minnesota. **Lucas** is Lu Nuncio; his son, **Sandy**, was kidnapped.

Ybirra Clan

Diego is the eight-year-old grandson of their Rho.

Etorri Clan

Noah is a three-month-old baby and grandson of the former Rho.

The Lady is the Old One respected by the Lupi. The **Santo Desafío**, the Holy Challenge, is considered heresy by some. **Gan**, a former demon, is now female and the chancellor of Edge growing a soul. She's also a crosser, one who can travel between realms without a gate.

FBI

Derwin "the Big A" Ackleford is the Special-Agent-in-Charge of the San Diego office and a pain in the posterior. The idiotic **Conroy Pine** is the assistant director. **Director Franklin Parks** is brand-new (and a jerk). **Crowley. Fielding** is either a reporter or FBI.

Unit 12 is...

...part of the FBI's Magical Crimes Division. **Ruben Brooks**, a precog, had been its leader until events in *Mind Magic*. Deborah is Ruben's wife. Now **Martin Croft** is running Unit. **Ida** is the Unit secretary. **Stephen Marsh** will become the acting head, and he wants to exterminate lupi. **Karin. Jenny, Amos Baxter, Rob Bennet, Po, Arianne Rice, and Rutger** were in the D.C. office.

Shadow Unit is...

...an undercover, even more secret organization than Unit 12. Ruben is its leader. Rule and Lily are part of it.

Colonel Marcus Abram/Abrams is an unknown quantity. **Avery Jenkins** was the pilot who fired the missiles. The plane was from **General MacDonald's** command. **Airman First Class Rodney Klepper** has a tip.

The gnomes are...

...masters at opening Gates and sticklers for protocol. **Max** is half-gnome. **Byuset** is the best of the gatemakers; **Old Jenerder** and **Mabron** are some of the gnomes with gate abilities. **Ggilek** is a Gnomish language. **Tvortish** is some kind of rite of passage, I think. I also think a **hitsuche** means "tribe", three of which are **Hragash** (earth's gnomes), **Hirmon**, and **Harazeed**. **Jabak** are devices the gnomes use to communicate across realms.

The **Great Bitch**, a.k.a., the Mistress or the Enemy, is the insane enemy Old One of the Lupi. The conspirators from *Mind Magic* included **Sharon Plummer; Bethany**; the pilot, **Frederick South**; a farseer or clairvoyant (no one is sure which), **Adrian Farquhar**; a Finder, **Susan Thompson**; a Telepath-plus, **Amanda Craig**; and, the levitating **Tom Weng**, a very powerful dragon spawn. **Robert Friar's** Gifts include clairaudience and patterning.

The kidnappers include...

...**Warty** and **Ginger Harris** (**Sarah**, Lily's murdered grade school friend, had been Ginger's sister).

Dis is...

...the Hell realm. **Dashtu** is a demon trick that allows a demon to go out of phase with the rest of the world. **Xitil**, a.k.a., Earth Mover, is a demon prince whose body was used as an avatar by the Enemy. **Mevroax** had been a chancellor for Xitil. **Urti** is infrared light? A **chur-chur** is a demon sex toy. **Claws** are among the deadliest of Xitil's foot soldiers. **Khahlikka** are the red-eyed demons.

Ambient magic is...

...rising throughout the world, and there are only twenty-four dragons to soak up the excess before it blows up the tech. The **Dragon Accords** treaty allow dragons to lair where they wish and to not be subject to human law in return for their help. **Sun "Sam" Mzao** is the black dragon covering, or rather, absorbing in California with a lair in San Diego. **Mika** turned female in *Mind Magic*. **Fa Deng** had been a dragon based east of Beijing. "**Reno**", a.k.a., El Draco, is a green dragon with an orange frill based in Spain. **Third birth** is when a dragon turns female. Mind-dark dragons-turned-humans are **Lóng Luăn** and psychopathic sorcerers capable of reproduction. **Üther** is living mass.

Meghan is one of the girls hitting on Cullen. **Sarah Winstead** is waiting in line. **Orange Trunks, Green Trunks**, and **Confederate Flag**, a.k.a., Marvin, are drunken, bigoted idiots. **Smith** had been an NSA bureaucrat gone wrong.

Michael is possibly the name of the sorcerer who amped up Cullen's powers, and Cullen thinks he has the **Codex Arcana** (The Book of All Magic).

The Cover and Title

The cover is the mountainous browns and oranges of Dis with Reno flying in its sky. A hip-cocked Lily, her long hair blowing in the breeze and wearing black jeans and a black tank top, is toting a machine gun as she stares off to the side. There are three lines of blurb at the very top with the author's name large and in white just below it. The title is a gradation of cream to yellow at the bottom with the series info below it in the same yellow.

The title refers to the *Lóng Luăn*, the *Dragon Spawn*.

Lorna says

(RabidReads.com)3.5 stars. I discovered this series on my own a few years ago. I loved the world, the characters, and just about everything about it, and I ended up reading the first three. Then I got involved in too many other series and just never went back until *Mind Magic*, the book just previous to this one. Of course I wanted to jump in and read this one as soon as I saw it offered on Net Galley. And while it was good, it just didn't live up to how good *Mind Magic* was—at least for me anyway.

Lily, FBI special agent, and her Alpha wolf husband, Rule, are back for this installment, along with magical couple, Cynna and Cullen. I love all these characters and always enjoy catching up with them and seeing what new plight has befallen them each time. And this time, there's two problems going on. First, Rule is being challenged to the death by a dominant newcomer that has just enough blood in him from one of the two packs that Rule leads/is heir to. The dominance in him demands that he challenge Rule. On Rule's part, he understands, but really doesn't want to kill the young man. Second, all hell is breaking out in different places in the country. Attacks, and that is all I am saying due to spoilers. Suffice it to say that the characters

end up in the middle of all the problems when it hits close to home for them.

Mind Magic. I couldn't put it down, and it more than earned 5 stars from me. Dragon Spawn. It took me entirely too long to read it, since I kept putting it down and reading other things, and that has never really happened to me while reading anything else by this author. Way too much description, way too much time spent by the characters waiting to do things that needed doing, and although things do happen, there was not enough going on to keep me fully engaged, at times. I kept waiting for it to take off and get some non-stop action as in Mind Magic, and that didn't exactly happen. And when it does start to get interesting, there was a horrible cliffhanger. And by horrible I mean, that none of the story line threads really got wrapped up. And it also stopped at a very crucial point. One good thing is that there is an excerpt of the next book included, and I was able to get a bit of closure from that. Thankfully!

Now, all that being said, I loved the characters as usual. The villains were truly evil and there was even some new types of demons introduced. And speaking of demons, little demon Gan is back as well, and I enjoyed her character a lot. She's the demon that was male and is now female. So funny when she starts trying to female bond with Lily. The story threads were exciting to a point, but as I mentioned, I expected at least one of them to be wrapped up. There's another visit to Dis(hell) on tap for most of the group as well. Not my favorite place for the action, but it was very necessary to the plot. And I do have to mention that there are DRAGONS! And not the shapeshifter kind. These dragons are arrogant, intelligent, and know things that humans couldn't even fathom. And they mind speak! So all in all, this was not a bad addition to this series whatsoever. Fans of this series will probably not be disappointed and hopefully will not have the same experience I had with trying to finish the book in a timely manner.

Recommended to adult UF fans. I would start with book one as the stories do go in order.

Cathy (cathepsut) says

After the ending of the last book, I expected this book to have a certain focus. That did not happen. Instead the book took off in a completely different direction. I wasn't sure at first, if I would like the plot, but I did.

Some of the characters remained a little flat at first, but others took an interesting step forward. Lily Yu changed so much from the first books! A lot more badass! And Rule turned into a much softer guy.

There was a lot of info dumping shortly after the middle of the book, which got a bit tiresome after a while. But it led up to plenty of good action, which did not stop until the end. Which turned out not to be an ending at all, but an extremely infuriating cliffhanger. I consoled myself by reading the included peak of the next book.

If you haven't read this yet, I would suggest waiting for the next book, so you can read them back-to-back! Good stuff...

AH says

The good news - there's another book planned for this series.
The bad news - hell of a cliffhanger ending.

Full review to come closer to release date.

Thank you to NetGalley and the publisher for a review copy of this book.

Shelley says

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Rating 4.0

My Thoughts

Dragon Spawn, by author Eileen Wilks, is the 13th installment in the World of the Lupi series. This is a story where the hits start from the very beginning, and don't end until the cliffhanger ending, which I believe is the first of its kind in this series. Right from the start, Lily Yu, Unit 12 Special Agency, Chosen, & mate to Rule Tanner, has her job cut out for her. From a surprising visit from someone Cullen has been searching for, to the not so shocking fact that her mortal enemy Tom Weng, who works for the Great Bitch, is alive and well after surviving their previous encounter.

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Krissys says

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The 13th book of the Lupi series, things get turned upside down for the cast.

There are more secrets and revelations than ever before.

The good vs bad girls that pull the good guys and the bad guys in different directions for more epic adventures.

You definitely want to read the previous books in this series if you haven't picked it up yet. Don't jump into the middle it won't be easy to pick up and follow along.

Dragon Spawn has a lot of twists and a lot of emotional scenes and a lot of trying to figure out how to deal with Ginger and Tom - so much that I kept skipping forward because I was so anxious to know what was going to happen next. I cheated a teeny bit. Yes, I'm guilty but its a good guilty.

The Lupi series only gets better the further in we (the readers) get. Wondering what's going to happen with all the kidnappings, the possessions and the emotional turmoil just adds to the excitement.

If you haven't discovered this series try it out it only gets better the further in you get.

Eileen Wilks

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Thank you so much for stopping by!

Jilly says

Yes, the book was good. However, it was incomplete, so I am giving an incomplete amount of stars. It's only fair.

It's like when you are watching your favorite television show and it's coming to the end of the allotted time when you realize: "Oh crap! They aren't going to be able to wrap this up in time!". It's one of the dreaded to-be-continued episodes. That's annoying!

So, we have half of an otherwise exciting story. I might reconsider my stars once the full story is out.

Robin says

I really like this series but I couldn't be more disappointed in this latest novel. It got downright tedious a lot. Pages and pages of convoluted dragon-speak, pages of detailed description of multiple varieties of monsters, pages of excessive chatter by humorous characters all added to the verbal bog. Add to this the sheer chaos of crises on every front and I found myself getting numb and skimming to be done. In the end there was no payoff for wading through all the verbiage and unrelenting disaster. Not one bad guy of several choices

getting taken off the board. Not a single win for the good guys. No reunions of the characters I most wanted to see reunited. Everyone is in peril or possibly worse. This novel is merely a prologue to whatever the real point of her story is, to be continued not in a couple months like a good TV cliffhanger but in several at least. And the canvas of action is so spread out we may not be much better off after the next novel. It really is a shame because this novel had the raw material to be emotionally powerful and in moments was: the parts told from Toby's perspective and when Lily confronts Rule about how Toby is hers, too. Cullen and Grandmother are always bright spots and nice to see Benedict front and center. But as a whole this novel was an effort leaving me unsatisfied rather than left on the edge of my seat waiting to see what will happen next.

Jen Davis says

I enjoyed this 13th installment of the Lupi Books. It wasn't quite as strong as Mind Magic, but it still was a solid Lily and Rune book. The biggest problem I had was that the ending wasn't really an ending it all. I couldn't even honestly call it a cliffhanger. The book just stopped. And that's not cool.

The story picks up right on the heels of the last one. Lily and Rune are finally back home, but they don't have much of an opportunity to relax. Her old nemesis, Tom Weng, is back and he is working for the Lupi's great enemy. She Who Shall Not Be Named has a new plan and it involves targeting the valuable children of various clans. Including Toby.

The story follows Lily and Rule as they try to figure out what happened to the children and work to get them back. There is plenty of action. And the dragons feature prominently along with Grandmother, which is always a treat. The dragons are one of my favorite things about this series. They are so foreign and arrogant, and they have so many interesting secrets and layers.

We also get to travel to another dimension again, which is cool. And longtime readers will enjoy how many threads from earlier in the series come back around here.

Really, my only complaint is that ending. I mean, it's not the most emotional installment of the series, but I liked it. It just feels completely... incomplete. If I had known, I would've waited to read this when the next book comes out. But I still would have read it. And enjoyed it.

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