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Life with Alex is simple and secure--everything she's ever wanted. Or so she thought...

Upper East Side artist, Olivia Wrightwood is ready for a change. Marrying Alex Mudarra, a dedicated and up-and-coming NYPD detective, is exactly what she needs to escape the clutches and scrutiny of her family's political dynasty.

When Alex's career plans shift from police work to politics, their idyllic life shifts back to the familiar corruption she ran away from. And after she overhears a late night call, her safety shatters and doubt sets in. Can a surprise trip make amends or will this second honeymoon lead to a dangerous life of manipulation and lies?

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Ashleigh says

Broken Circle is a thrilling contemporary romance novel that begins the Gray Ghost series. We meet Liv and Alex, a recently married couple who give the impression that everything in their life is perfect. After some over-heard conversations and unusual behaviour, Liv learns that her life was not what she thought it was. Trying to avoid falling into the same lifestyle her parents had forced her into had always been her goal and now she realised it ha happened without her even knowing.

While some may call Liv naïve, I just felt horrendously sorry for her after she makes some shocking revelations. She is such a loveable character and the love between her and Alex is so beautiful to read and gives everyone some hope that true love does exist! Knowing that he loves her for her gives Liv so much joy and this is really lovely to read. So while there are no spoilers here, you can imagine my horror when we learn more about Alex, his past and his despite to keep Liv from finding out about where he is from. This book turns from cute and cuddly to drama-filled very quickly and before long I found myself determined to finish this in one sitting. After making a cup of tea and collecting some snacks, I was going back in. And wow, did things get even crazier.

I loved the different settings used in Broken Circle, even though not all of them are particularly safe. It is clear to see the author knows their stuff and have researched the different countries Liv visits and this makes for a really believable story. So a huge thank you to the author for doing this; believability is sometimes so hard to come by!

Having finished Broken Circle in a matter of hours, I am now desperate to get my hands on the next instalment. The drama, fear and chaos of this book was addictive and the added romance rounded things off perfectly. I strongly recommend this and can't wait to read more of this author's work!

Nicole says

Broken Circle (A Gray Ghost Novel Book #1)

By: Amy McKinley

4 out 5 stars

Broken Circle by Amy McKinley is the first in a new series. I have to tell you Amy is off to a magnificent start with Broken Circle. A romantic tale of love, deceit and things not always the way the appear. Amy McKinley has written great characters that are easy to connect to. The storyline is an steady build of drama that captivates you in from the beginning and hold you hostage tell the last page.

Olivia is a talent artist that has been happily married to Alex for over one year. Alex is a police detective with the NYPD. For Liv, Alex is safe and dependable after having a father who is in politics. A life that Liv could not wait to escape. Life is great for Alex and Liv or is it all a lie! Liv overhears a late night phone call that Alex is on and that call has the power to make Liv question her life and marriage to Alex. Tension starts to build, miscommunication starts to happen. Alex suddenly takes an interest in a Political career. A decision that Liv is totally against.

Alex decides it's time for the honeymoon he and Liv didn't have. Hoping this time will help them to

reconnect and relax. Secrets and lies are never a good mix. Is Alex who he says he is? Can Liv trust what her and Alex have built. Broken Circle takes you on twist and turns as Amy takes us on the journey of Alex and Liv. This is an compelling read about trust and deceit. Are situations always black and white? Can you hold on to trust and love when the world that you knew isn't all it seems. Amy McKinley has captured my attention and has been added to my TBR list. Broken Circle is a must read.

Angela says

4 Stars

Broken Circle is the first book in the Gray Ghost Novel series by Amy McKinley. I am very familiar with Ms. McKinley's work, as I loved reading the first two books in her 'Five Fates' (erotic fantasy/paranormal romance) series- and have been anticipating the release of more installments in that series. So, when I saw she had released this book, which is the start of a new romantic suspense series, I grabbed it right away. The story is quite suspenseful- with mystery, drama, action, danger, intrigue, tension, and a little spice. I really was trying to guess where the story was headed and what was going to happen, the whole way through the book. The story twisted and turned on itself- bringing surprises and unexpected developments that I never saw coming.

We jump right into the story, meeting Olivia who is a talented artist, and her husband Alex, who is a police detective. They have been married for a year and a half, are still very much in love, and have made a good life for themselves. But all of that is about to change, with an overheard late-night conversation that throws doubts into Olivia's mind. Then subtle changes in her once predictable husband worries Olivia further. His sudden interest in a political career, is a further concern- especially when Olivia had her own reasons for staying clear of the political machine of her past.

Will a second honeymoon rekindle their spark and turn things around for them, or will it only bring further lies, deception, manipulation, danger, and suspicion.

This series is definitely off to a great start! It is a quick, easy read- I got through it all in one easy sitting. I am looking forward to the release of the next book, 'Eye of the Storm' to see where Ms. McKinley takes us.

Thank you, Ms. McKinley!

Bobbi Wagner says

Broken Circle (A Grey Ghost Novel Book 1) by Amy McKinley is the first book in her A Grey Ghost Novel series. This is not my first book by this author but it has just become my favorite of her and I can't wait to see what she has next for us in this series. Her writing style is easy flowing and kept me engaged until the end of the book. I did have a hard time putting this book down and ended up reading it all in one night. The characters in this book are lovable and connectable. You will find that there is a couple that you won't like but they do make the story and I wouldn't change them. This story took me on some twists and turns that I didn't see coming and left me sitting on the edge of my seat just waiting to see what will happen next. This story is full of suspense, action and even some romance. This story is about betrayal, misconceptions and seeing things for what they are. This is the story of Liv. She seems to have the best marriage to those looking in from the outside. She even thought that until her husband, Alex, started acting weird. She over hears one

of his phone conversations but what she doesn't realize is how it will change her life from that point forward. He suddenly decides that they are going to finally take that honeymoon they couldn't take when they got married. Will she get to see another side of Alex she didn't realize existed? He wants nothing more than to protect her but what will happen when he puts her in danger? Will this be a second chance for them or will they need to fear for their lives? I really enjoyed Liv's character. You would think that because she has a strong husband that she is a little weak but that is not the case here at all. Liv is really strong and the things that she goes through in this story just makes her stronger. I enjoyed seeing her grow throughout the story. I felt compassion for her when she starts realizing that life is not what it seems for her. I will say she does have a hard time listening to do what she is told so she is strong headed but I know you will enjoy her character. A few of the secondary characters are great too and I enjoyed them also. Alex is a character that I fell in love with at the beginning but by the end I think I wanted to kill him. All of the characters make this story flow into an action packed story. I highly recommend this story as I know you will want to see what happens with Liv. Will she get her happy ever after or does fate have something else in store for her.

Liz says

Wow, what an absolute fresh breath of air was this novel from Amy McKinley. From the stunning cover to the marvelous story between the covers, everything was flawless and mind-blowing. I really enjoyed every second that I spent with Liv. Amy McKinley is new author to me, but just became one of my automatic one-click favorites! I can't wait to dive into the next book in this Gray Ghost series and everything else she has available to read.

In Broken Circle we learn all about Olivia, or Liv, Wrightwood. The way that McKinley writes, you feel every single emotion that Liv feels, and you are discovering things as she does. This is one unpredictable book, which was great! Just when I thought I had things figured out and was sure what would come next, boom, the absolute opposite of what I thought would happen, happens.

Liv is a woman with a mission, she just wants a normal and happy life. Whatever 'normal' is, she craves it. She loves her husband Alex and that he is able to give her an escape from things in life that she had to endure with her parents growing up. Until, he can't. Life has different plans for Alex and soon Liv is questioning everything she thought she knew about him. When the Liv is forced to face the facts about secrets she has, and secrets that she discovers about her husband, things get really intense. Go into this novel with the thought that you are on a journey with Olivia, that you will not be able to predict this one, and it will blow your mind what happens. I found myself resisting the urge, which was strong at several moments, from throwing my tablet at the wall.

I would hate to give away anything more than what I have and ruin this amazing novel. Take my word for it, grab this one today, and while you are at it just one-click the next in the series, Eye of The Storm. That should help ease the pain of your book hangover from this one! Happy Reading!

Valkyrie Oracle says

This is my first time to read this author's work and I will definitely be putting this series on my TBR list. Broken Circle is the first book in the Gray Ghost series and I am interested to see what other adventures are

on the horizon.

The characters in Broke Circle are easy to connect with. I love the bravery that Liv has to help herself get out of the situations she has to face. You kind of go on a roller coaster of emotion about Alex. You love him, then hate him...and then you can't decide how to feel about him. The Liam character is on my list of book boyfriends, yummy!

Being the daughter of a politician, Liv has lived most of her life in the spotlight. She's has her every move planned, and all she wants is to live her life the way she chooses it. When she meets Alex she feels like she hit the jackpot because her parents actually approve of him and she likes him too. A year into their marriage and Liv feels like she is in heaven. Alex loves her and gives her everything she could ever need. He supports her artwork, and whatever she decides to do.

After overhearing a conversation one night that Alex is having on a burner phone, the life she thought she was living begins to crumble. As events unfold, Liv realizes that the one thing she told Alex she wouldn't put up with is exactly what he's been doing. With the secrets and lies catching up to him, Alex tried to smooth everything over by taking Liv on a belated honeymoon. But, will a trip meant to strengthen his relationship actually destroy it?

Broken Circle is full of twists and turns that take you on a spellbinding adventure full of love, betrayal, loss, and redemption.

Kim Shofner says

Holy wow, life gets interesting when the blinders come off. For Liv, the removal of her blinders came by way of a phone call. After that it's hard to ignore all the things she didn't see before. Alex, her perfect husband and her perfect life, isn't exactly as it seems. This book is a whirlwind of twists. Some you see coming and others that just blindside you. So far I've loved every book Amy McKinley has written. This one definitely doesn't disappoint. Another great book!

Socially Book Nerd says

Artist Olivia is married to Alex, he is a detective and a good husband. But Olivia's family is in Politics and she has had some experience with the ugly side of things. She gets suspicious of Alex and questions him and his motives. But when she goes on holiday to meet his family, she is confronted with some disturbing news. Alex may in fact be dirty. and connected to dangerous people. or is he just under cover? suspenseful, page turning, great read. keeps you on your toes till the very end.

Natasha TerMaat says

wow

I've been stuck in a funk lately with erotic romance books the last few months and honestly couldn't get myself to finish one. Soon After stating this story i was pulled in...i was reading every chance I got!

Before starting this book I didn't realize how much I loved this genre. The suspense ...my gosh... I was on

edge the whole second half, wondering what the heck was going to happen and where the author was going to take this story! It was honestly an amazing read! It had everything from fantastic in depth main characters ,to second had characters we get glimpses of (can't wait to read the Chris's story) it had a nail biting storyline all the way to the last chapter! You NEED to read this!!!!

Sara Oxton says

Broken Circle by Amy McKinley a four-star read that will brake you. This is the first book in a Gray Ghost Novel series and if the rest of the series goes from strength to strength as this book did it will be a great series, Its filled with action and drama and characters like Olivia and as you follow her journey you will see the story and wonder if the life she is living is a lie, the husband she loves, is he the man she married? This story will have you on the edge of your seat, the twists and turns will astound you. Can't wait to read book two.

Stephanie Dulac says

This is the first book that i have read by this author and im not disappointed i cant wait to read the other 2 books in this series it is everything i love to read and more i am defiantly a fan! Trust me guys you wont be disappointed:)

Jean Martin says

Broken Circle by Amy McKinley has the feel of a first book. I really liked the plot. It was gripping and suspenseful. There is a consistent tension built up in several layers. Is Alex on the right side or wrong side of the law? What about Liam? He seems straight forward, but, is he really? There is a lot of "lead up" time in the first part of the book and not much Action. I was really looking forward to a little Action.

Ms. McKinley has written her characters well. They all work together. I happen to like my heroines a bit tougher and a little more self sufficient, however, Ms. McKinley's portrayal of Liv is very consistent. Liv starts out a bit naive and she ends up a little that way as well. I would have liked to see a little more growth on her part. I think Liv could have developed into a little more of a bad ass toward the end of the book.

Alex is very well written. He is tough,committed to his goals and a totally alpha male. He is written from one side of that coin. Liam is also an alpha male. He is written from the other side of that coin. A professional and intent man who is willing to take on responsibility.

Again, I feel this series really has the potential to be amazingly great. It is just suffering from "First Book" syndrom. I expect the next book in the series to be amazing since Broken Circle has set itself up so well for a series. I really enjoyed this book and look forward to the next in the series. Thank you Ms McKinley for the promise of more in the Gray Ghost series.

Dawn Daughenbaugh says

5 Star

Broken Circle (A Gray Ghost Novel Book 1) by Amy McKinley

Broken Circle (A Gray Ghost Novel Book 1) by Amy McKinley is the first book in her Grey Ghost Novel Series. This isn't the first book I've read by this author and it definitely won't be the last. I had a hard time putting it down once I started reading. This story will take us on a few twists and turns that literally had me sitting on the edge of my seat trying to figure out what was going to happen next. There's a little bit of suspense, action and some romance of course. This story is about sometime things aren't as they appear to be on the outside. Liv seems to have a great marriage especially to those on the outside, even she believed it to until her husband started to act a little weird. Liv actually overhears one of his conversations and doesn't realize really how it's going to change things for her from that point on. Alex which is Liv's husband just kinda out of the blue decides they are finally going to go on a honeymoon the one they didn't have when they got married. Alex really wants to keep her safe and protected but what happens when he puts her in danger? Can these two have a second chance? Or will they be in fear for their lives? The more I read the more I loved Liv's character and how strong she really is for everything she goes through she really amazed me. I highly recommend this book especially if you want to know how things end. I can't wait to see what is next for us in this series.

Heather Bass says

This is the first book I have read from this author and wow she blew me away. I love a good suspenseful romance but this author exceeded all my expectations. This is the first book of the Gray Ghost series. I was hooked on this story right from the beginning. These characters kept me up at all hours of the night. It only took me a few hours to devour this incredible story.

Olivia Wrightwood is ready for love so when she meets the handsome Alex Mudarra she falls hard for him. She loves him so much she gets married to him. They are now about to have their first year anniversary. Olivia is a beautiful artist and Alex works undercover. She feels safe and secure in her marriage. Alex surprises her with a trip to where he grew up. Olivia is so excited to go but one night she overhears a heated conversation which changes everything she thought she knew. Olivia feels like her husband is hiding something from her but what? Will their second honeymoon make them closer or will it put them against each other?

I absolutely loved this book. The storyline has it all romance, suspense, mystery, and healing. You will fall in love with all of the characters right from the start. Olivia is a very talented artist that wears her heart on her sleeve. She loves her husband with all of her heart and will do anything for him. Olivia is my favorite female character of this year. She had a lot of struggles throughout this book but she ends up much more stronger in the end. This talented author will have you at the edge of your seat until the end. I love books that have twists and turns you don't see coming. This book is the perfect way to start off an amazing series. I can't wait to see what she will write for us next.

Debi says

Broken Circle (A Gray Ghost Novel Book 1) by Amy McKinley

5 Stars

Ummmmm Holy Moly what a book! I've never read a book with so many twists and turns, this author made sure you would never completely figure out what was going on or what was going to happen. I read it in one sitting because I truly could not put it down. The flow was exceptional and before I knew it I was done.

I don't even know where to start with this review, the synopsis the author has in place covers it to an extent but she very tactfully leaves out exactly what needs to be left out. The characters in play in this story were written beautifully. Liv just wanted a happy life with her husband far removed from the life her parents lived. Her husband Alex was a detective with the NYPD and was moving quickly to shut down major drug cartels, but his hopes to move into politics were becoming a reality and not something Liv was thrilled about getting back into. She overhears a phone conversation that bothers her and leads her to start wondering what exactly is going on and what secrets Alex is keeping from her, although knowing she is keeping her own secrets as well. When Alex whisks her away on the honeymoon they were never able to go on more questions without answers continue to creep up on Liv.

That's all I'm gonna say, the rest you have to read to appreciate, just know that from there on you will be going out of your mind and won't be able to turn the pages fast enough and get ready because I'll guarantee you will be as mad as I was that somebody in this book just could not follow directions and do as they were told and it just kept going on and on lol I was yelling at my kindle at some parts.

This was a great start to the series and I absolutely can not wait to read more about all the characters that came into this story. This is a must read and now I will end here because I have to go see where the 2nd book is.

Loved it!!
