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Clinging to their courage in a crumbling world, Aislinn and Fionn vow to save Earth, no matter what it takes.

In a post-apocalyptic world where most people have been slaughtered, the Celtic gods and a few humans with magic are all that stand between survival and Earth falling into chaos. The combination of dark sorcery leveraged by the enemy is daunting. Destruction is all but certain if the small enclaves of humans who are left can't get past their distrust of the Celts.

Captured by the enemy, Aislinn Lenear wonders if she'll ever see her bond wolf or Fionn, a Celtic god, again. She's had nothing but her wits to rely on for years. They haven't failed her yet, but escape from her current predicament seems remote.

An enticing blend of dystopian urban fantasy and romance, this second volume of the Earth Reclaimed Series provides fertile ground for Aislinn and Fionn's relationship to deepen. Headstrong and independent, the pair run up against each other's demands time and time again. Fireworks spark. In the end, they learn to savor every moment in a bittersweet world where each day may well be the last.

## **Earth's Blood Details**

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# From Reader Review Earth's Blood for online ebook

## Yvonne Daniels says

Earth's Blood Earth Reclaimed Book 2

by Ann Gimpel

WOW I really enjoyed this series and it Rocks! I enjoyed how each book built upon the first but with different main characters. Each was very unique story. Take big strong alpha male and pair them with strong willed women and watch the sparks fly. I can't choose a favorite out of the series but if I do think this is a great read and a awesome addition to this series. The second book in the Earth Reclaimed series gets off to a thrilling stop and the excitement never lets up. Once again, Ann Gimpel has written a intriguing story of magic and sensuality laced with tension as Aislinn and Fionn struggle to keep their romance alive amidst the horrors Earth has become. The Lemurians and Dark Gods will try to be more determined to stop Aislinn, Fionn, and their partners from reclaiming Earth for good. Earth's Blood is so thrilling as dragons, wizards, Celts, and humans team up to fight the evil that has taken over Earth. But there is some sad parts and if you are like me you may need to have a box of Kleenex tissues because two mothers learn about new life. Ann Gimpel never fails to amaze me with the depth of her stories and she always make her characters so realistic, yet compelling. Fantastic! I love how Ann uses her imagination. So much happens in the world that she weaves from page to page. There is action, passion, adventure and suspense. Of course this is a amazing series and the characters are so life like they make the story so real. There is wolves, dragons that is so opinionated, aliens and beguiling Gods. But the passion between the main characters sets the pages on fire because the chemistry is scorching hot. If you love to be a romantic then you will not be disappointed! All I can say is that this story is fast paced, well written and you won't be able to put it down.

I'd recommend this series to anyone who likes a strong and likable heroine, an irresistible alpha male and a story full of twists, turns, romance and love. I can't hardly wait to read the next book! This is a SPECTACULAR Read! This story will make you smile and give you lots of romance. If you love witches, wolves, gods and dragons then this romance is definitely a fabulous choice for your TBR list. I am hoping there will be a lot more exciting stories. I highly recommend this book!

If you believe in the world of Paranormal romance the possibilities are endless and fascinating.

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## Julie says

Earth's Blood by Ann Gimbel is a February 2014 Musa Publication. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Aislinn, has been betrayed and is now being held captive by the Lemurians. She is bonded to a wolf and a Celtic God named Fionn. The earth only has a hand full of humans left, all of them with sort of paranormal or magical ability, and they don't really trust Celtic Gods. But, Aislinn and Fionn are determined to save earth, which means battles with Aliens.

Shapeshifters, magic, and various other creatures, epic dramas and battles, action, steamy romance and a refusal to say die all keep the reader entranced. To be very honest with you, I obtained a copy of this book in conjunction with a book tour. I was not familiar with the author or the series. I HIGHLY recommend you read the first book in this series before starting the second one. The second book literally picks up where the first one left off and if you are anything like me, you will immediately feel out of the loop and that nearly

had me thinking I should perhaps pass on doing the review at first. It was pretty slow going for me, not because the book was slow paced, it's not, it was just I had to reason out who and what and why because I felt like I had walked in the middle of a movie and I had to really think hard to figure out what might be going on. Once, I got into the book a little bit, got familiar with the characters and got the feel of what all was happening, I begin to settle into the story. I think these characters are some of the deepest and well drawn characters in recent Urban Fantasy novels. This is an absorbing and deep tale that I will have to read again after going back and reading the first book. I highly recommend this book to those who enjoy paranormal, Urban Fantasy, and even those that like high fantasy could enjoy this one. Very well written and certainly interesting. I'm into it for sure. I'm looking forward to absorbing the whole story from the start, and hopefully by the time I have the first book read and this one re-read the next book will be out. Even though I was a bit lost in the beginning ( which was my own fault) I still liked what I read and so this one gets an A.

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### **Romance Readers Retreat says**

This is book 2 in the Earth Reclaimed series, it begins where book 1 left off. Aislinn, after surviving everything thrown at her in book one is now held prisoner by the Lemurians after being betrayed by someone she thought she could trust. Once again they have to fight against alien invaders. There is so much action and drama in this book, it is difficult to go into detail because it picks up from book one, so you need read that first. Aislinn and Fionns' relationship as in book one is smoking hot and there is lots of passion and sex. Ann's books are always fast moving, interesting and full of passion and excitement with Gods, dragons and wolves. They're never boring, I look forward to book 3!

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### **Christy Gissendaner says**

The second book in the Earth Reclaimed series gets off to a thrilling stop and the excitement never lets up. Once again, Ann Gimpel has woven an intriguing story of magic and sensuality, laced with tension as Aislinn and Fionn struggle to keep their romance alive amidst the horrors Earth has become.

The Lemurians and Dark Gods are more determined than ever to stop Aislinn, Fionn, and their partners from reclaiming Earth for good. Earth's Blood is a nonstop thrill ride as dragons, wizards, Celts, and humans team up to fight the evil that has taken over Earth. As a forewarning, be prepared for a couple of sad parts and have a tissue handy as two mothers learn about the delicacy of new life.

Ann never fails to amaze me at the depth of her storylines and the ability to make all her characters realistic, yet larger than life. Bravo! The series will conclude with Earth's Hope and it can't come soon enough for this fan!

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### **Heather Stanley says**

I fell in love with these characters and their world in the first book Earth's Requiem and more so in Earth's Blood!!! The characters and world is so detailed that you feel as though you are there and for me that means it is a amazing book!

Aislinn is our lead in this world and she is strong beyond belief! This girl has been through everything a post

apocalyptic world can throw at you and still have strength and hope to continue on. With her constant companions Rune her bond wolf, Fionn a Celtic god and Bella his bond animal and a cast of friends they work on getting Earth back from the dark gods that would have it for their own. Aislinn and Fionn are bonded to each other and their relationship has many ups and downs due to her being headstrong and independent and him being overprotective. The pair has fireworks over this quite a bit and it provides the right amount of humor for the cast and reader :) by the end they learn that every moment should be held onto, each day may be the last.

It is so hard to not tell all! This has been the best series I've read this year, I would love for everyone to read it!!! I cannot wait for the next book. I have been hooked into this series!!!! I recommend this series to anyone it has everything!

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### **Marta Cox says**

This is the second book in the Earth Reclaimed series and quite literally begins where the previous book Earth's Requiem ended. Is it vital to read that first? No, not essential as most books have to begin somewhere but if I'm honest so much was begun in that book that we are only beginning to get the consequences now. If you haven't read it stop reading this and go purchase it as this is setting up to be one of the most unique and sexy urban fantasies on the market !

Aislinn is a remarkable woman who has survived through an apocalypse . Earth as it once was has been tainted. Cruelly overrun by aliens most of humanity has perished. Only those possessing magical abilities allowed to survive . Two different races fight over what's left of Earth's resources but it looks as if they have joined forces with the human race the prize.

Aislinn is trapped! Held prisoner by the cruel Lemurians and betrayed by one who she once thought of as a friend it looks as if all her trials have been for nothing. Fearing that she may never see her lover Fionn again all she can do is cling on to hope. Meeting up with Fionn has changed Aislinn's world and she now realises that the ancient Celtic gods have not deserted humanity. Only by standing strong together and refusing to surrender can they ever defeat the cruel invaders. A seemingly impossible task but Aislinn is not a quitter and whilst there's breath in her body she will fight!

I love this author's imagination. So much happens in the world that she weaves on the page. Action, torment, passion and adventure. Such an amazing storyline and characters that rise from the page . From snarky wolves to opinionated dragons, lecherous aliens to beguiling Gods, yes this book has it all. As for the Gods, sigh, Fionn is one very sensual male and the passion almost sets the pages on fire. If you are a romantic then you will not be disappointed but this is by no means a soppy romance! No this story is fast and heartbreaking and impossible to walk away from. I so need more and when you read this book you will be clamouring for that too!

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### **Cherri-Anne says**

Blood, Sweat & Tears = FANTASTIC Read

I read this book actually quite quickly, even tried to stay up most of the night reading it, but I just couldn't keep my eyes open! I was so hooked on the story, even more than Earth's Requiem which is the first book in the series! That was a bit surprising to me since it is usually the first book I devour and then slow down & enjoy the rest of the series. That just proves how great this book & the series truly are! Earth's Blood continues the story of Aislinn & Fionn and the rest of the group as they try to save Earth from the Aliens that

have taken control of it. While it does take place on Earth, it's not Earth as we really know it, but Earth all the same. This book is set a few years into a time where 2 different Alien races have come to Earth and caused a lot of horror in their wake. Of course, there is also some good that has come from it, but you do have to look harder to find it. It is more about "making the best of your situation, accepting it and moving forward with it to make it even better". I actually think that Aislinn is put through more heart-wrenching "adventures" (for lack of a better word) that she has no control over and then has to make even more difficult decisions as well as really learning to trust in the people around her starting with Fionn, Rune, Dewi and even Bella. It is hard for her to trust in the decisions & orders that other people make for the good of the group, especially when it means that Aislinn has to take a different role than what she wants or is used to. She is so used to relying on herself & her magic only. In fact the one time that she did trust in someone she thought was a friend, she was betrayed quite severely (although what other ways are there to be "betrayed"?) and is still having a hard time moving past that. I love how Ann gives you detail, but not overly so. It always seems to be just the perfect blend of explaining the back story, and/or the situation or in describing the "scenery" enough to understand what is going on or even to just set the "stage" so to speak. This is a special & charming talent that Ann displays in her writing and in my opinion, what gives her books that extra special something, dash of love even. When you read any of Ann's books you can just see how much she loves the characters as if they are real people (who says they aren't?) so she takes the time & effort to really create them, their world(s), history and future. Ann gives you just the right amount of information that you need at that time to show you what is going on so that you can understand everything, but not too much that ends up either confusing you to the point that you don't know what is important or boring you to the point you don't want to read the book! As this is book 2 in the Earth Reclaimed series and I fell in love with it even more than the first, I CANNOT wait to see what else is going to happen in future books! I forgot to mention this in the review for Earth's Requiem but I love the little Rune that appears to mark the time between one paragraph to the next, or the change in characters POV. As with the first book in this series, this is definitely a book worth reading, so much so in fact, that it is on my permanent reading shelf so I can re-read it every time a new book in this series comes out! Let's hope there are at least a few more stories to come.

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### **Patricia Hoffstaetter says**

The continuation from the first book "Earth's Requiem" into this book is excellent and flawless. I found this book fascinating and interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. This story covers Aislinn and Fionn and their determination and courage to save a post-apocalyptic earth. What you will find in this story is, a post apocalyptic earth, mythology, history, aliens, magic, friendship, survival, love, bond mates, abduction, suspense, drama, intrigue, ghost army, a talking wolf, a talking crow, telepathy, parallel worlds, castles, betrayal, death of a betrayer, hunters, seers, gateways, dark gods, Celtic gods, a dragon, a dragon's mate, dragon eggs, baby dragons, death of a baby dragon, pregnancy, a miscarriage, emotional feelings and erotic scenes. The story-line and plot are well thought out and written, the scene description is excellent. The characters are well endowed with personalities and have feelings of revenge, fears, needs, lust and desires according to the situations they find themselves in. I would recommend this book to people that enjoy reading this kind of book but kindly note that this book does end on a cliffhanger and continues on in the next book "Earth's Hope"

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### **Lexi says**

**\*\*Originally written for Book Bliss book blog. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an unbiased**

and honest review\*\*

Review:5 stars

General: Book 2 is just as fantastic as the first! Please note to read Earth's Requiem (book 1) first as it would answer many things and keep you better connected to the wonderful world that has been created. Just as the first book this one grabs you from the start and pulls you into a wonderfully created world with a tension filled plot, beautiful descriptions and easy to love characters.

The romance in this novel takes a bit more of a front seat alongside the fantasy and action and I loved it (because those are always my favorite!). It helped link me even more to characters and their journey. The war brewing grew in epicness and players and I loved seeing all the different characters, good and evil, come to life even more. If you love a mirad of creatures you will not be let down as this book literally has it all from Gods to leprechauns!

Characters: Aislinn - Aislinn is not a good place for some of the novel. Mentally and literally. She has underdone the end of the world and invasion of aliens so to speak. She was as wonderful in this book as in the first. She's strong willed and stable despite everything. She's a survivor and her link with Fionn is hot and strong.

Fionn- Fionn is sexy, strong and sensual. I loved that he isn't the ideal hero in terms of his "lineage". He smolders even when he isn't engaged sexually with Aislinn and his alpha male godside is top notch.

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### **Tammy Northington says**

I'm just going to say WOW!!!! We've saved Dewi's mate, hatched dragon younglings thought dead for centuries, went up against more Lemurians & dark gods. Can this series get any better? Absolutely!!!!!!! Aislinn & Fionn escape the dark gods, Perrikus & D'Chel while Dewi rescues her mate. Back at their base of operations, they all decide it's time to head to Ireland where they think they will have a short reprieve. As they are preparing to leave, a feeling of dread overcomes several of our characters & just as they start their jump the house they've been staying in explodes. Our heroes & heroine all make it to Ireland safely where they discover that Nidhogg, Dewi's mate, has brought back 8 of their 15 hatchlings thought long dead. They are mischief makers & 2 of them end up kidnapped by the dark gods. I refuse to give away any more of the story, but let's just say that I can't wait to read the final installment in this trilogy.

Aislinn & Fionn have a wonderful relationship that tends to grow as the story progresses. Rune is a wolf that makes you wish you had one just like him for yourself. This story is sex, romance, and adventure all rolled in to one. If you haven't read this author yet, make sure you add her to your list. This is my third book of her's that I have read & I haven't read another author since I started reading her books. She's awesome that she gives away free copies in exchange for a review. Ann Gimpel is a can't miss.

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### **InD'tale Magazine says**

While reading Book One in the "Earth Reclaimed" series isn't absolutely necessary, it is highly recommended in order to experience this book to the fullest.

Read full review in the 2014 May issue of InD'tale Magazine.

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## **Chrissy Dyer says**

Ann Gimpel continues to give us a fabulous continuation in this second book in the trilogy. Her writing pulls you in so that you can't put the book down!

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## **Holli Greer says**

Non-stop action from beginning to end. Earth's Blood is the second book in Ann Gimpel's Earth Reclaimed series and it is as thrilling and captivating as the first.

A superb blending of urban fantasy, sensuality, action, suspense and magic. With magic wielding humans, the Celts, dragons and of course bonded animals all contributing to this thrilling tale.

Ann Gimpel has once again woven a tapestry so majestic that the reader loses all sense of time only to find that the book has ended and they must now wait for the conclusion - Earth's Hope - to see what happens next for our heroes.

How will Aislinn, Fionn, and their compatriots ultimately defeat the nefarious Dark Ones and Lemurians, because defeat them they must anything else is unacceptable.

They had to bear witness to the death knell of Earth in Earth's Requiem, they are building the army for her salvation in Earth's Blood, now one must wait for the final battles between the lecherous Dark Ones, the evil narcissistic Lemurians, and Gimpel's wonderful cast of characters in Earth's Hope.

If you have not read Earth's Requiem and Earth's Blood - get them NOW and don't tarry. You will be drawn into the story and lost in the world vividly created by the author.

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## **Amanda Masters says**

I really enjoyed this book it was just as great as the first! Anne is a fantastic writer and I am a big fan of her work!

Captured by the enemy, Aislinn Lenear wonders if she'll ever see her bond wolf or Fionn, her Celtic god lover, again. She's had nothing but her wits to rely on for years. They haven't failed her yet, but escape from her current predicament seems remote.

Filled with excitement, mystery, love and intrigue Anne takes us on another roller-coaster ride of adventurous with Aislinn, Fionn, their wacky Celtic God friends and of course you can't forget the dragon! and together they all embark on yet another perilous journey that is sure to get them all killed and captured.

No one tells a story quite like Anne Gimpel! are full of fantasy yet with enough realness in them to make you really fall in love with each character. I really get a kick out of the fights each and every time between the dragon and Aislinn. The dragon is so bossy and entitled as a dragon should be I suppose. the bond mates are



another fav of mine they are a unique part of the story, something you don't normally see in books and I think it gives these stories that something extra.

The Dark ones in the story couldn't have been written any better! I always say a story should have a excellent villain and wow! these are some of the best! I love how Anne wrote them into the story and I can't wait to see how the story progresses.

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## **Heather book whore & shifter slut extraordinaire says**

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

BLOWN AWAY! That pretty much says it right there. This book grabbed me at the first chapter (when I read it at the end of book 1) and still hasn't let go! I finished it early Wednesday morning around 2 am and now, late Thursday night as I write my review, I realize I have been thinking about and talking about this book pretty much to anyone who will listen.

I liked the first book and was hooked on it by the time it ended. Anyone who read my review for Earth's Requiem - book #1 in this series by Dr. Gimpel - knows how hard it was for me to get through the first half or so. There was so much amazing detail in the world building and the characters and the ideas and that all the different mythological gods and goddesses we learned about in school or reading on our own were real in some way. And that there were more - many, many more - that existed in parallel planes to our world. And not all of them were friendly. For me, the first book was all about Earth and the devastation that happened when the dark gods came and took over and then the Lemurians came to "save" what was left. It set up the torment and absolute desolation that we see in Aislinn when we meet and start to get to know her. It was about how much had changed and that there truly was NOTHING on the old left so you had to start over somewhere, somehow, or you could just lie down and die. There was no one coming along to give you a sandwich and a hot drink or a warm blanket or make sure that you weren't hassled - those people were dead. Physically, spiritually or emotionally - they were gone.

In Earth's Blood we try to start over together. We saw how the humans, once they banded together and fought as a whole, were able to defeat a lot of the "weaker" bad guys and gravely injure the really scary ones. When they trusted someone to have their back in a fight, be it human or a Celtic god, they survived and were able to deal a blow to an enemy. Now they need to learn to trust each other during the rest of the day and through the night and on the nights when there are no battles except the one to survive. They have to learn how to depend on someone else again and how to open yourself up to another person and let them in, let them become important and a part of you.

All the lessons learned over the last years of desolation and isolation need to be unlearned. All the characters must learn trust and empathy and once again have the belief that you CAN depend on someone else and it won't get you killed; you CAN ask for help and it won't get you attacked or worse. The absolute conviction that together you CAN continue to harm the enemy; that you CAN attack them and survive if you have a plan, you stick to it and you work together. That loving someone or something will not hurt it but instead, it will make you stronger and help you to keep fighting, to get back up and fight with all you have for all you have.

They say "blood is life" and they are right. When we are alive, we bleed. If we bleed too much we can become ill, dependent on another person and even possibly die. Blood is a sign of injury - to yourself or your enemy but if there is blood then someone, somewhere is hurt or dead. Blood is also a bond - either biologically or to those we have chosen - those special ones we willingly shed blood for. In this book the characters need to learn the importance of blood or they will not survive. They have to focus on healing all the wounds - even the ones they can't see. They need to learn to focus on each others injuries and that just because you can't see the blood, it doesn't mean someone isn't injured. Not all wounds bleed visually. They have to truly let go of the past and learn to cherish the now that they have and plan for a future that is attainable.

The blurb on Goodreads says "Fireworks spark. In the end, they learn to savor every moment in a bittersweet world where each day may well be their last." Aislinn and Fionn and Rune and Gwydion and Bella and even Dewi and the others - human or supernatural, mortal or immortal, alive or dead, they all must learn to help and to trust. If they don't there won't be any Hope for a future or for book three.

This is a must-read book. Actually this is a must read series. A good writer will transport you from where you are to where they want you to be with their words. These books do that and more as they open your eyes to a world never considered, a predicament unthinkable in our reality and a life so real, so vital that there must be some HOPE. (NEXT BOOK PLEASE)

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