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Jayne Ann Krentz follows up her highly successful Dreamlight Trilogy — written in collaboration with her two alter egos, Amanda Quick and Jayne Castle—with a brand-new story arc that begins in a secluded coastal town in northern California.

Scargill Cove is the perfect place for Fallon Jones, confirmed recluse and investigator of the paranormal. It's a hot spot, a convergence point for unusually strong currents of energy, which might explain why the town attracts misfits and drifters like moths to a flame. Now someone else has been drawn to the Cove — Isabella Valdez, on the run from some very dangerous men.

When she starts working as Fallon's assistant, Isabella impresses him by organizing his pathologically chaotic office—and doesn't bat an eye at the psychic element of his job. She's a kindred spirit, a sanctuary from a world that considers his talents a form of madness. But after a routine case unearths an antique clock infused with dark energy, Fallon and Isabella are dragged into the secret history of Scargill Cove and forced to fight for their lives, as they unravel a cutthroat conspiracy with roots in the Jones family business...and Isabella's family tree.

In Too Deep Details

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Jacqueline says

Comfort food. I like the Arcane series. When I was deciding which book to bring home from work yesterday, I chose this one exactly because I knew what I would be getting. No having to figure out a new mythos, no wondering what the heck was going on. No wondering if the book was going to be a total dud. JAK is a solid writer and her stories all have a similar feel. I like the mechanics of her writing. I like the way the stories evolve.

I do like the contemporary ones in the Arcane series best. I have been waiting for Fallon's story for quite a while. It was fun to see him trying to figure out how to have a relationship although I would have liked to see him from the first instant of meeting Isabella. I like the new evil mechanical toys that seem as if they are going to be the focus of this new set of books.

This one was solidly written. The romance was sweet although there are some love scenes. If you're a fan of the Arcane series, you should like this one.

Susana says

Well, i think i liked it...back in the distant year of 2011 O_O

So distant, that i forgotten all about it!! Up until the day a friend showed me a copy, and i was like: *Wait a minute, i know that cover!*

Hum....

Runs back into the house and checks bookshelf:

Yes, i have it!!

Oh My God!! All that cheese is killing my brain cells!

Regarding the story...

yeah, i have to re-read it!

Heather says

So my original review of this book was too snarky. I must have been having a bad day. I'm still disappointed. I still think the paranormal stuff has gotten too complicated and that this book had too many plot lines that really only sort of resolved at the end. But I don't feel as hostile the second time through.

Lucy Monroe says

Once again Jayne has done an amazing job with her characters and plots. Always a GREAT read!

Alex is The Romance Fox says

I'm a huge fan of the Arcane Society Series and I enjoyed reading Fallon's story.

Sweet love story with a dash of the paranormal, which forms part of the series.

Nicely paced with lots of twists, turns and surprises, set in a really interesting little town....secrets abound!!!!!!

I really like the way this series has evolved and I hope there are some more stories coming soon.

Lana says

Since I have highlights in the Kindle edition, clearly I've read this before, though I don't remember it even a little. I enjoyed this one. The heroine has a completely nonjudgemental attitude toward sex, and her ability to calm people down is an interesting offshoot of her main talent.

I love the Arcane Society books, and this one's one of the better ones.

Lakshmi C says

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KarenF says

The Arcane Society books are such comfort reads for me. This one was no different. They are like watching a favorite movie on a rainy day; you may know what's coming but that doesn't diminish your enjoyment of it. Like many, I've been waiting for Fallon's story. I was a bit disappointed that he and Isabella just fell into a relationship so quickly. I was expecting a little more fight from Fallon. But in the end I liked them as a couple and I loved that Isabella is the perfect counterpoint for Fallon's conspiracy theories but in a slightly different way than you'd expect. One weakness in this book is that I do think it spent too much time setting up future books, including the next Amanda Quick book. I think there was more talk about the villain from that story than the villain in this one. But overall, I found it an engaging read with likable characters.

Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

4.5 Stars

It was lovely to see *Fallon Jones* fall in love <3 Couldn't have imagined a more suitable heroine for him than *Isabella* and the story that brought them together? Perfecto !

I guess, One way to make a famous conspiracy theorist fall in love with you is by being a conspiracy theory yourself. ;)

Would recommend for all *Arcane* fans !

Julie says

Fallon Jones, a known recluse and investigator of the paranormal, operates his own agency known as J&J with his prime client the mysterious Arcane Society. Mr. Jones is not only directly related to the family who has historically controlled the Arcane Society, but is also well-known for his own paranormal gift of finding the patterns within the chaos of the universe around him. The only problem is that this "gift" which has passed down patriarchly through the Jones' has also led each of his predecessors eventually to madness. Fallon has kept himself as secluded as possible while continuing to pursue criminals in the paranormal society who pose a threat to all. This seclusion allows him to keep strict control of his paranormal gift and hold the madness @ bay. He has approached everything in his world with a stoic regard and logical reasoning. While this has worked well for protecting his mind and gift, it has also shrouded his heart in loneliness. Everything changes when Isabella Valdez arrives in Scargill Cove and walks through his office door looking for a job. Her quiet, warm energy engulfs everything and everyone around her allowing for a sense of peace and security in an atmosphere that heretofore has known only chaos and a cold cynicism. She becomes Fallon's kindred spirit balancing his negative energy with all of her positive. The duo become entangled in a life and death fight while unearthing a sinister plot to overthrow the Jones' family control of the Arcane Society. Within the dangers of the conspiracy they face, they also come face to face with their own deep physical and emotional passion for one another.

This is the first book in the "Looking Glass Trilogy" and it took me forever to find that this was the first

book. I had bought the second book first which was written under a different author pen name, specifically, Amanda Quick. This first book is written under Jayne Ann Krentz, but both are the same author. I am not sure why the inconsistency, but it sure made it hard when looking for this first book. After all the time spent attempting and finally finding it, I must say, I was disappointed with the end result. This story has pulled, rather grudgingly, a 2.5 rating. I had difficulty getting into the story in the beginning. It was slow and a little boring, but then I have never been a big fan of mystery/adventures. The storyline did pick up the pace about 1/3 of the way through, but the romance portion was an utter flop! The relationship between the hero and heroine was just never able to sizzle, but seemed to sputter along at best. The sex scenes were superficial and quick, and more of what I would expect in a PG-13 movie (maybe). It had the typical happy ending, but I don't know that I ever really cared how it ended. I was just glad it ended! I still plan on reading book two, hoping the author will have been more inspired, since I have read a good story or two by both Jayne Ann Krentz and Amanda Quick.

Grace says

While I have usually been entertained by Jayne Ann Krentz's novels, I am starting to feel they are becoming tiresome. I miss the old Jayne Anne Krentz. I miss the plain romance without elements of the paranormal. The characters had more depth and you actually believed they were in love with each other. In the paranormal romances the characters never have a chance to fall in love or actually develop as characters because the plot is so focused on the paranormal world Krentz has created. Please Ms. Krentz go back to writing real romance novels.

Mojca says

I have a problem lately with the contemporaries in this series. I don't know why, there seems to be something missing. Don't ask me what, it's just a feeling. That doesn't mean I don't like books written by JAK, and that especially doesn't mean I didn't like this book. Because I did. A lot, I just wish it was written by her alter ego, I think it would've worked better as a historical.

Why? Because it had a rather Old World feel to me. First with Fallon's impeccable manners, his being a little of a throw-back into the Victorian era (the guy carried around a handkerchief, for crying out loud), second with Isabella - she too seemed a bit out of place in the particular time, and third with the setting, isolated, special...It all felt a bit Victorian, if you ask me. That's why everything else seemed a bit jarring when it intruded in this special, little world. The suspense, the intrigue, the change of setting...Somehow it didn't quite gel.

It wasn't the suspense that made this book work - though it wasn't bad, once I got past the "intrusion", but it were the two leads. In my opinion, this was the first Arcane contemporary, that concentrated more on the two leads than the suspense and the mystery. And it worked. I've been waiting for Fallon's story since the beginning. I was fascinated by this reclusive, mysterious character living like a hermit somewhere "in the wild". And I wasn't disappointed when his story has finally been told. From the beginning of the series I've been watching him through the eyes of others, now he finally got a voice of his own, and the recounting of others didn't do him justice. He was this utterly misunderstood soul, everybody thought he was going nuts, becoming a conspiracy theorist of the worst kind, and it took a real conspiracy theorist to enlighten Fallon and the rest of his family and coworkers, that the guy was as sane as they come, relying on logic and

detective work to fuel his "conspiracy theories" instead of guess-work and blind luck.

Yep, it took a special woman to show the reader, Fallon and the world, just what a special kind of guy this hero was.

The rest was pretty much predictable - the romance part, I mean, since it was obvious in that one scene in Fired Up just where Fallon and Isabella were heading romance-wise. It's such a cliché, the whole boy-meets-girl-boy-falls-for-girl-and-vice-versa and its paranormal twist (their abilities are completely compatible, so they must be soul-mates) even more so, but it works. Every single time it works.

The only unpredictable thing in this book was the suspense. The villain came out of the left field, the Nightshade is back in business (I've forgotten about them), and the Bridewell curiosities were a nice touch (I hope to read more about them in the second book in this trilogy). But the suspense was just a side-dish, a garnish for the story of Fallon and Isabella.

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CatBookMom says

This may be my favorite of this convoluted series. Isabella is a great character.

S says

I want to know how a desk jockey like Fallon Jones can exhibit the abs of the guy on the cover. Still, Fallon is one of my favorite characters in the contemp Arcane Society series so I was really looking forward to this

one. Is Isabella worthy of him? I think so, even though she comes from a family even more prone to conspiracy theories than Fallon himself. I think I like Scargill Cove even more (could almost be Bolinas for the population of eccentrics). I also can't believe the author mentions Willow Creek without mentioning its claim to fame (Bigfoot capital).

Carrie says

3.5*

I didn't know whether to round up or down with this one. I know my ratings have gotten more lenient in the past year so I thought about it and decided, based on my earlier criteria for a 3 star read, this is closer to that than a four star. 3 star = average, enjoyable, worth the time, but nothing to make it unique. That fits this book fairly well.

I enjoyed the characters, the plot, and the set-up for the next book(s). I thought the mystery and the characters in this book were interesting, although somewhat underdeveloped. While the relationship stays somewhat in the background, I appreciate that I don't have to read about over-reactive body parts every time the two protagonists are in the same room together. Having to stop the dialog or action for H/h to think about how their private parts are tingling/throbbing/etc., gets old. Some times I like my characters to be grown-ups and control their "parts." Krentz's characters do, more or less.

Overall, I was pleased with the book and plan to keep reading the series.

Cheri says

Very good!

Sarah says

Isabella, conspiracy theorist on the run, meets Fallon of J&J, who helps her protect the world from paranormal weapons. Happening upon a Krentz/Quick book published after approximately 1998 is the most efficient method to make me hate myself for half a day. I know- I KNOW- that the hero and heroine will be identical to the last book. I KNOW that the paranormal world will become even more complicated and even less interesting than the previous book. I KNOW that the writing will be more tell and less show than the previous book. I KNOW that the plot will be two loners falling into bed, briefly battling some childhood-instilled stoicism, fighting a common paranormal enemy with their brilliant talents, with the hero's talents just slightly more brilliant, showy, and useful than the heroine's, learning that the common enemy is actually an obscure and seemingly innocuous character presented at the beginning, and talenting their way out of a late-in-the-game kidnapping or surprise attack. And yet, is there a second's worth of hesitation in my mind before I pick up the book and struggle through it? No. I can only dream that one day I will finally, finally learn my damn lesson.

Ann Noell says

I love my Jayne Ann Krentz and all the other names she writes under! In Too Deep was a fantastic ride as always! Murder, mystery, and a little psychic madness and of course a hot romance had me up all night. As always with her books I just can't put them down!

She has talked a lot about Fallon Jones in the other books, so I was very happy that it was finally his turn to fall in love and be saved by the love of a good woman!

Jane Stewart says

Multiple mysteries are investigated. Some felt incomplete. Not enough relationship interaction and development.

BACKGROUND & STORY BRIEF:

Fallon Jones' continuing enemy is Nightshade. When one Nightshade leader is killed, another replaces him. Nightshade consists of several independent groups that make drugs to enhance psychic abilities. Fallon and his partners/buddies had some success against Nightshade groups in prior books with more to come in future books. This book is about other bad guys, with a minor role for Nightshade.

The characters in the Arcane Society books have a wide variety of psychic talents. Fallon sees patterns inside of chaos which helps uncover conspiracies. He can also send power that kills. Isabella finds lost things – people, bodies, objects. In this book, Isabella comes to Fallon and gets a job as his office manager. Together they solve at least four different mysteries/questions. Each mystery has something to do with a mechanical object like a lantern, doll, clock, etc. The objects have different powers, for example to kill or make someone unconscious.

REVIEWER'S OPINION:

The story starts off interesting with Isabella on the run and two thugs chasing her. But after that, there is not enough interesting action. Isabella and/or Fallon interact with a bad guy, the bad guy then confesses or tells them what he has been doing, and it is solved. This happened for each mystery. It had the feeling of telling, not showing – because there were long explanations about PAST EVENTS. I didn't get to experience bad guys and good guys doing things and feeling things. Also there was too much dabbling in different places – like the author was grabbing unrelated stories out of the air. By the end, some of the mysteries didn't feel complete. They weren't explained enough.

There was some good action, just not enough. For example Isabella used her power a few times to get out of trouble. I also enjoyed a conversation Isabella had at a cocktail party where she defended Fallon and likened him to Sherlock Holmes.

When I was at 75% of the book, I felt like I was waiting for the story to take off - for things to start happening. It's not that I wanted it to be over, but more like when is it going to get good? A couple of times I was bored when the author went into lengthy technical descriptions about psychic influences, for example: why different geographical areas have different psychic energies.

I hoped for interesting romantic relationship development, which I did not find. There was no back and forth,

witty dialogue, or conflicting personalities. No one grew or changed. Isabella just came into Fallon's life and was a good thing for him.

OTHER BOOKS:

I've read 5 Arcane Society books. I enjoyed two of the earlier books: "Running Hot" and "Sizzle and Burn." But the most recent two books "Fired Up" and "In Too Deep" just fizzled for me. I gave 5 stars to two of her non-Arcane Society books: "Trust Me" and "All Night Long." Those two are favorites.

DATA:

Story length: 324 pages. Swearing language: moderate. Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: 3.

Estimated number of sex scene pages: 5. Setting: current day California and Arizona. Copyright: 2010.

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