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Patricia Briggs's novel *River Marked* was praised as "an urban fantasy where our everyday world is believably twisted into the world of fey, werewolves, vampires, and myths made real." Now Mercy Thompson faces a shapeshifter's biggest fear as the realm she has embraced is thrown into chaos...

Mercy Thompson's life has undergone a seismic change. Becoming the mate of Adam Hauptman - the charismatic Alpha of the local werewolf pack - has made her a stepmother to his daughter Jesse, a relationship that brings moments of blissful normalcy to Mercy's life. But on the edges of humanity, a minor mishap on an ordinary day can turn into so much more...

After an accident in bumper-to-bumper traffic, Mercy and Jesse can't reach Adam - or anyone else in the pack for that matter. They've all been abducted.

Through their mating bond, all Mercy knows is that Adam is angry and in pain. But she fears Adam's disappearance may be related to the political battle the werewolves have been fighting to gain acceptance from the public - and that he and the pack are in serious danger. Outmatched and on her own, Mercy may be forced to seek assistance from any ally she can get, no matter how unlikely.

Frost Burned Details

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Beth says

I wrote this wonderful review and deleted it! Yup, completely gone... I need a vacation or at least a week of uninterrupted reading ;D... So now I'm just going with a simple review.

I loved **Frost Burned**. I read it straight through in one day and yeah, it was just a great read. I loved having some past characters back as well as a few new ones. Since the pack has been kidnapped, Mercy is on her own making allies and connections to help her save her loved ones. I was especially happy that Mercy and Jesse's new dynamic as stepmother/daughter was brought into the story as well as Tad being back.

Mercy continues to grow into her new roles while still staying true to herself. I'm a huge fan of this series and Patricia Briggs' writing. I was thrilled with **Frost Burned** and where it might lead next. 5 Big Stars!

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

I love this series and one thing of many that I love about it is its characters. Whether those characters are the main characters, the secondary characters or even the side characters, it doesn't matter, they are all great and truly help make this series so much fun and so addicting.

It was so much fun to not only see all those characters this time around but to get some unexpected ones as well from her Alpha & Omega series. I adore Bran and Charles and while they aren't new to this series, Asil is and I loved, loved, that he got to play a part in this book. It was nice to see him away from his greenhouse and to really see him not only meet and interact with Mercy, but with other wolves and supernatural beings as well. He is one of my favorite secondary characters from Briggs Alpha & Omega series. He is dark and mysterious and you can tell that although he is suffering and even damaged in ways we have yet to fully understand, he is also, whether he believes it or not, redeemable and good at heart. And the fact that he shared a past with Zee? Even better.

This was so much fun, even with all the danger and seriousness to it, it was just plain and simply, fun.

And is Asil wasn't great enough, we get more of Kyle and really get to see what this human living in a werewolf world is really like, what he is made of and I loved him even more because of it. And we get more of both Zee (in bits and pieces) and Tad as well. I really couldn't ask for more.

This series continues to be a favorite and one that I just can't get enough of. I'm so glad I'm still behind and have a few books to read before I am all caught up because it will be so sad when I have to wait like everyone else for each new release to come out.

Schay says

"Expected publication: Spring 2013"

blinks

blinks again

HELL.

NO!

(?°?°??? ???

UPDATE:

February, huh?

sniff

POST-READ

Hmm.Still not sure how I feel about this one...

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

Poor Mercy can't catch a break. Hardly recovered from injuries suffered in *River Marked*, she's trying to distract her stepdaughter Jesse by taking her Black Friday shopping on Thanksgiving evening. Mercy has a panic attack while driving, which leads to a car accident. At first Mercy thinks it's because Jesse asked her when she and Adam were going to have a baby, but it soon becomes apparent that her Alpha werewolf husband and almost all of his pack have been abducted.

As Mercy scrambles to try to find Adam, protect Jesse, and rescue someone who's been left behind, it becomes clear that these problems, as terrible as they are, are just the tip of the iceberg. Several characters have hidden motives and deep-laid plans. The plotting in this series is just so good.

Maria V. Snyder says

[Adam and his pack don't escape, the mercenary captain gives him the key to his cuffs - having him kill everyone was a nice bit of reven

Sharon ∞🐾 is an emotional book junkie 🐾∞ says

I was so happy that this book took place back at home especially after *River Marked*. I was really missing the pack, the fae and especially Stefan but of course, we don't get any time to enjoy it. Right at the start, Mercy and Jesse are involved in an accident. When Mercy is trying to call someone to pick them up, all she gets is voice mails and no answers. Turns out the pack has been taken...thank goodness for the pack bond!

This book is action packed and practically non-stop with a lot of variables involved but not enough for it to get confusing. When the pack is held hostage, an extremely sad part happens that just killed me but I felt better about how PB incorporated things later on. And at the end, we get a good battle scene...I think my only complaint is that I wish it was more detailed.

We get to spend time with most of our favorite characters but because almost everyone was involved, some of the character's page time was limited. (*What in the heck happened to Samuel??*) I really enjoyed catching up with Stefan and Mercy spending time with Ben but I missed having more Warren. There are a few new characters (Hello Hao) and one from PB's other series, Alpha & Omega, Asil. Asil's one of the old but yummy werewolves with some problems. I have a sneaky feeling something might happen with a certain female werewolf. Anything to get her out of Mercy's hair...that's dragged on long enough!!

We do get some good Adam and Mercy time, namely Chapter 9, but alas, not really any smexy time. I swear the 'fade to black' drives me crazy sometimes! But...we do get a couple of chapters from Adam's POV which I really liked.

I think my one main complaint is that I felt PB over explained things. I don't remember it being this much before! One example is her telling us that Mercy can see well in the dark. Not only is this the seventh book of the series and we should know...and remember that by now but she explains it at least four other times. It was a bit frustrating!

Overall, I thought it was a good addition to the series. I guess there are some tradeoffs with every series. In this one, we got caught up with the characters but I did miss having more humor...and even that darn walking stick! The funeral pyre at the end was a great help to end things on a lighter note...*"just because."*

Favorite quotes:

♦ "When are you and Dad going to have a baby?"

♦ "I was going to fight vampires, and my name wasn't Buffy—I was so screwed."

Regina says

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Beyond typing "I loved it. I loved it. OMG I loved it." over and over again, it is hard to write a coherent review. Why? Because I loved this book so much. It was an emotional and a fun experience reading it. I feel like I lived another life through the pages of this book!

Patricia Briggs's talent seems to increase with every book that she writes. Frost Burned brings a heightened level of complexity and character development to the Mercy world — in the same manner that Fair Game did for the Alpha & Omega world. Like the other Mercy novels, there is danger and Mercy is engaged in figuring out the source of danger. What I like about how Mercy traces down the danger is that she does it in a rational way. She does take chances, but only if she has to. She really doesn't want to be reckless. And Mercy's actions make sense. I can see her living a real life off the pages of these books, fixing cars and giving Adam heck. The cast of characters that are involved in Frost Burned is large, but in my opinion it was manageable and oh so satisfying to see "everyone". Frost Burned feels longer than previous Mercy books and is very meaty. This book is worth reading and buying now.

The monsters are freaking scary and yes this includes the werewolves. Briggs's stories are engaging because

they are not simplistic. She does this by writing horrifying creatures that remind me of what I was afraid of when I was younger and alone in the dark. Vampires are not sexy — well they may be sexy, but only in a terrifying way. Werewolves' protective nature may be admirable, but it gets in the way of modern life and puts others in the vicinity of a protective werewolf in danger. And then we have the Fae. For those readers that read Fair Game, then you know that the stakes have been upped and the world is suddenly a much more dangerous place for supernaturals. In the midst of all this there is Mercy and Adam. Their humor, banter and flirting shine through the pages and as does their love for each other. Thankfully, their bond is stronger than ever ..

Kyle blinked. "You can talk to Adam when he's not in the room, and you don't have a phone?"

Frost Burned gives readers several chapters from Adam's point of view. These advance the story line and give good insight into why Adam does what he does. But also, (for me anyway) reading Adam's point of view solidifies that there is NO doubt that Adam is my favorite werewolf. I live to read when he is frustrated with Mercy and yells, "Mercy!"

I gotta say that I love what being an alpha and submissive means to Briggs. Alpha is not just to push people around and to dominate. Alpha is to protect and care for others. As Briggs writes, having a submissive werewolf in a pack is a gift because it breaks the tension and gives the alphas something to focus on and protect. I love this concept, it is so beautiful.

Frost Burned is funny (lots of really good humor) and sweet; it moves the Mercy world forward. Fans of Mercy and Patricia Briggs will not be disappointed.

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

Re-Read. Still love ♥?

Another awesome Mercy Thompson Hauptman book! It was really sad of one of the pack members, but that has to happen. The whole wolf pack is taken and Mercy has to help set them free, in which she did in a very cool way.

I thought the book was going in a different direction, but Patricia Briggs put in a nice change of events. I thought it was great!

I recommend this whole series to people that love werewolves, shape shifters, fae and vampires. But it is mainly about the werewolves, in which I love the most.

I also really loved the ghost element that was added to the book. :)

Mandi Schreiner says

Favorite Quote: He laughed again, and his body softened as much as it ever did – there just wasn't much soft

about Adam. "I love you," he said.

"I know," I told him seriously. "How could you help it?"

While the Mercy Thompson series is an absolute favorite of mine, the past couple of books have been a little on the slower side for me. But I am happy to say, Frost Burned brings back the fun action and world building I've come to expect from this series. And before I go any further, let me also say –

We get two full chapters of Adam Hauptman POV.

I'll give you a minute to recover from this. Because yes, it is that fabulous.

Frost Burned starts with Adam and almost his entire pack being kidnapped by possible federal agents (although everyone is pretty sure they are rogue, human radicals). To take down almost 30 werewolves means these guys are serious and must have a lot of power and knowledge about the werewolf community. What Adam soon learns is that these rogue agents want to set-up the shifters by having Adam assassinate a senator to look bad in the public eye, as public perception of the supernatural population is on very thin ground. Pumped full of silver and drugs, Adam must play these kidnapper games to keep his pack safe, all the while concerned for his Mercy and his daughter Jesse, who have yet to be kidnapped.

Mercy and Jesse were out shopping when it all went down. Unable to get ahold of anyone after getting into a fender bender, Mercy starts to panic. Eventually she finds Gage (Jesse's love interest), Ben (the only werewolf able to escape – I love me some Ben) and Kyle (Warren's partner). The three of them along with some help from Stefan (I love this vampire too) set out on a plan to keep Jesse hidden and safe and try to figure out where Adam is being kept and how to get them all out.

I think the Mercy/Kyle/Ben dynamic is a really nice in here. While Mercy is quite upset and panicked that Adam is in danger, using their bond she is able to reach out to him and she knows he is still alive. She actually "visits" him on two occasions through a dream of sorts too, which gives her a tiny peace of mind. Even with the dark cloud hanging over them, this book is still full of some lighter moments, especially when Mercy takes Marsilia's (head vampire queen) car from her shop (it was in for an oil change). The car is a really fancy expensive model and let's just say, while Mercy has every intention of just harmlessly borrowing it, horrible things happen to this car which is quite amusing.

When I first read the blurb and noticed that Adam was kidnapped, I was bummed he wasn't going to be in the book very much, but I was wrong. As I said, we get two chapters of his POV and he has a lot of page time. I really enjoyed what we get between him and Mercy in this book. Now married, they have such a mature relationship, and by getting Adam's POV, we get insight into how proud he is of Mercy, but also how fragile he thinks she is and his overwhelming need to keep her safe.

I have to give Patricia Briggs a lot of credit for the way she writes her shifters. She makes their wolf part of them, so realistic. So violent, so feral, so....not human. Adam has to make some decisions in this book that are hard core, and I love that she shows the reader his complete alpha side. We see the ramifications of pissing off the leader of the pack. We see the ramifications of supernatural power and how human police also need to follow through with their procedures. This author portrays so well how a shifter world would integrate into a human world and is really careful with the details. And that is something I really appreciate with this series. As well as the fabulous characters – all of them, even the small supporting ones add so much to each book. Such a well done urban fantasy world. I really enjoyed.

Rating: B+

Alex is The Romance Fox says

This series is one of the best Paranormal/Urban Fantasy series out there. Patricia Briggs has a wonderful ability to create a world that feels real and is totally believable.

Mercy Thompson as found her place in Adam's life, even though there are few things that just get to her...

Frost Burned, the 7th book in the series starts a day after Thanksgiving and Mercy and her stepdaughter, Jesse decide to do some last minute shopping. Unable to contact Adam, they return home to discover that the entire pack has been kidnapped by a group of men posing as federal agents. It is now up to Mercy to figure out how she can rescue Adam and the pack.

Because of their incredible bond and unique abilities they were able to do things that have not been previously done; she gets into Adam's body and is able to see what he sees. She will need all her resources, including her growing powers.

I adore Mercy and Adam as a couple...have I said that before??? Truly, their relationship is intense and emotional and I admire the fact that they respect each other – a real team!

Their scenes together are unbelievably romantic!!!

The character development continues to surprise me. Something new about them is revealed and it just pulls you in more and more.

The plot is very complex and it's almost impossible to guess who the villains are until almost at the end.

Another fantastic read.

My favourite quote:

Maja (The Nocturnal Library) says

4.5 stars

A few weeks ago, Patty Briggs and her husband Mike joined a chat room to discuss both Frost Burned and Patty's previous books. The idea was to discuss each Mercy Thompson book separately, but that's not how it went in the end. I was able to join them just once because the timing didn't work for me, but the half hour I spent talking to Patty and her fans further convinced me that she is both a great author and a very pleasant person. When I shared with her my opinion that Fair Game, her third Charles and Anna book, is the best one

she's ever written, she assured me that Frost Burned is even better. At the time, I took that statement with a healthy dose of skepticism, but now that I've finally read it, I both agree and disagree with Patty.

Frost Burned is neither better nor worse than Fair Game – both are as good as urban fantasy can get. From the first Mercy Thompson book (so far there are ten books in this universe), Patty has been getting better and better. In pacing, characterization and plot development, she has reached perfection. Big words, you say? Well, yeah, but so is this series.

After all that fear of her mate bond and of losing herself to the pack, it was nice to see Mercy so comfortable in her role as mate of the Alpha of the Columbia Basin Pack. She and Adam have such a beautiful, healthy relationship. In River Marked, Mercy was feeling more comfortable as part of the pack, but she was still adjusting and she still had her doubts. In Frost Burned, she is truly the Alpha's mate – she thinks as one, acts as one, and protects as one.

I was going to have to come up with a rank for myself besides Alpha's mate. In the pack, I was just Mercy – but if ten more people called me the Alpha's mate, I was going to hit someone. It sounded like a chess move.

The addition of Adam's point of view was so very unexpected that I had to take a moment to think about it and decide whether I liked it or not. I certainly understand the need: Adam and Mercy spent most of this book apart and their mate bond can only be used so much. Besides, I feel that I now understand Adam just a bit better, and Patty did an excellent job writing from a male perspective. And yet, something bothered me about it, and it took me a while to figure it out. It wasn't the change in perspective, it was the switch from first-person view to third person view. I wish she'd done both Mercy and Adam in first person. I think that would have worked much better.

Although he was mostly absent from the second half of this book, one Mr. Kyle Brooks stole the first half all to himself. Yes, that's right – an ordinary human (though admittedly a lawyer) won me over by being a bigger hero than all those other heroes Briggs has created. Kyle has always been the brightest star in Mercy's universe, but I felt that he finally got due respect in Frost Burned.

All of the secondary characters appeared, at least for a little while, with the exception of Samuel and Bran. I didn't miss Samuel all that much (I never did warm up to him), but I missed Bran greatly. He was a constant comforting presence both in Mercy's mind and mine, but I missed his subtle sense of humor and everything else that makes him who he is.

Those of you who are still unfamiliar with my favorite coyote and her wolves should consider giving this series a chance. And I doubt I need to say anything to those of you who've read this series before except: We waited two years for Frost Burned to be released and now it's finally out. Yaaaay!

Sarah says

1st Read March 2014

2nd Read February 2016

3rd Read February 2017

4th Read February 2018

Original Review

Buddy read with Ange

Mercy should be settling into life as Adam's wife and Jesse's step-mother but when a Black Friday shopping spree ends in an accident and not only Adam but the entire pack aren't answering their phones she knows something has gone horribly wrong. Discovering that the whole pack has been abducted sets Mercy in full on rescue mode, especially when she can feel Adam's suffering through their mate bond. The only member of the pack not captured was Ben and along with him, Tad, Stephan and a few new allies Mercy sets out to rescue the others and bring them home safely.

I'm happy to admit that I'm a fan girl when it comes to this series and **Frost Burned** was another great instalment. Anyone who is also reading the Alpha & Omega series knew to expect big changes after the major events at the end of **Fair Game** but I definitely wasn't expecting an enemy powerful enough to take down the entire pack! I think one of the things I love so much about this series is that **Patricia Briggs** is always throwing curve balls at us and she consistently manages to surprise me with her plot twists. I was a bit disappointed when I realised that Mercy and Adam were going to be separated for at least part of the novel but getting a couple of chapters from Adam's point of view more than made up for that fact! It was so nice to get a chance to see inside his head and understand exactly what Mercy means to him.

Actually it was quite nice to see Mercy on her own without the pack for back up for a change, I've always loved the fact that even though she isn't as strong as the wolves physically she is able to stand up for herself. In this case she also has Jesse and Kyle to protect while she searches for Adam and the others so she really has her work cut out for her. I was pleased to see Stephan back on the scene and I also really enjoyed getting to know Tad a bit better but the best thing was a surprise appearance by Asil (who is a regular in the Alpha & Omega series). He is completely crazy and more than a little dangerous but I've been fascinated by his character since we first met him so it was nice to see him out and about causing trouble with Mercy.

I love these characters, I love this world, I love the fast paced stories full of plot twists and shocking surprises, I love how things are changing with the werewolves now they've come out to the public and I'm incredibly excited to see how the new situation with the fae effects things as the series continues. **Patricia Briggs** is an auto buy author and my only complaint is that she just doesn't write fast enough (surely a new book every month isn't too much to ask?).

2nd Read

Buddy read with Ange

Since it's been nearly 2 years since Ange & I buddy read this series last we decided we're well overdue another read in the run up to the release of *Fire Touched* next March.

I love this series so much! The characters, the world building just everything about these books makes them a comfort read for me. Along with Ilona Andrews's Kate Daniels series this is probably my most reread

series & I never get tired of it.

3rd Read

Mercy is awesome as always, I loved getting a couple of chapters from Adam's POV, one particular moment broke my heart but it was awesome to see Thomas again.

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

This was another great installment in an excellent series. I have been working my way through an audio re-read of this amazing series over the course of this year. It surprises me how much I am enjoying this series during my re-read. This book isn't one of my favorites in the series but it was really good. I wanted to listen to this book for hours at a time because I wanted to stay with Mercy and the gang and make sure that everything would work out for them.

This book opens with Mercy and Jesse doing some black Friday shopping. Mercy gets into a small traffic accident while they were out which really shouldn't have been a big deal. They realize that there is a problem when they can't reach Adam or any other member of the pack when they call for a ride home. The entire pack has been abducted.

Mercy is such a strong character and great leader. She takes her role as Adam's mate seriously and works to keep everyone she safe. There is quite a bit of excitement as she works to protect the few connected to the pack that were not taken. She is able communicate with Adam through her mate bond so she isn't completely unaware of things that are happening.

I really enjoyed spending time with some of my favorite characters. Mercy was incredibly brave and smart in this story. She is willing to sacrifice her own safety to keep others safe when needed. Adam was fierce at times but such a great leader and protector. I do wish that Mercy and Adam hadn't been separated so much during this story. I really enjoyed the focus on Ben, Tad, and Asil in this book since they are characters that we don't always see a lot of.

Once again Lorelei King does a fantastic job with the narration. There were a few sections of this book that were told from Adam's point of view and I thought she did a great job with those. She really does bring Mercy to life. There is so much emotion that really comes through in her narration. She is quickly becoming one of my favorite narrators and I look forward to listening to more of her work soon.

I would highly recommend this series to others. This is my second time experiencing this book but it will not be my last. It is simply wonderful to find a series of books that you know you will enjoy no matter how many times you read them. I can't wait to listen to the next book very soon.

Initial Thoughts

Another great installment in the series. The story was good and the narration was excellent.

Book source: Audible purchase

Virginia Ronan ♥ Herondale ♥ says

"All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."

Thank god we have Mercy to do the job!!! XD

So this was already the **seventh** book in the Mercy Thompson series and even after all those many books I still can't help but have to love Patricia Briggs heroine. =)

Mercy is such a strong female character and I really wish there would be more of them in literature. XD Don't get me wrong, it's getting better and better and a lot has improved ever since I started to read this series, when I was younger and began to get into reading, Mercy Thompson was almost the only cool heroine though.

Well, next to Kate Daniels (start of the series 2007) and Rachel Morgan (2004)! *lol*

Still, I'm very thankful that Patricia Briggs and the other authors wrote about those strong female leads and I think their stories influenced a lot of other young writers to do the same thing. ;-)

This said, I guess it's no wonder I still love to come back to this series and enjoy it immensely. It almost feels like coming home whenever I begin to dive into the next book and I really hope there are more to come. =))

Of course the 7th book didn't disappoint as well and I was once again pulling for Mercy and her pack! I swear, I love the interactions of the pack so much!!! Each and every single member is so unique and likeable, it's like they've become my family over the years. *lol* Still, I can't believe what happened at the beginning of this book!!!! >_<

(view spoiler)

I'm still shocked but there was so much action that I could barely process everything that happened. *lol*

Next to our typical vampires (Marsilia, Stefan and Wulfe) there were also some new additions to the cast and I'm really curious if they'll have a part in the next few books as well.

Hao and Asil were two really intriguing men and I definitely want to find out more about them! So yeah, I hope they'll stick around. XD

Oh and if we're already speaking about awesome boys, Tad is such a sweetie pie!!! I love this guy so much!!! <333 He's definitely one of the coolest characters of the entire series and whatever his personal troubles, he still decided to help Mercy! Which tbh only makes him even more adorable! *lol*

"I am always careful with the truth. It is a powerful thing and deserves respect."

Isn't he a sweetheart?! XD

Anyway, like all of the books before it I really loved **"Frost Burned"** and I can't wait to continue with the Mercy Thompson series. =)))

So far there are 10 books which means I only have three more to go until I have to wait for the release of the 11th one. Let's see if I'll manage to catch up! ;-P

Anzu The Great Destroyer says

Say hello to my most disappointing read of 2013.

I am not being a drama queen. I am a huge, and I mean HUGE, *Mercy Thompson* fan and I was expecting this book to be as awesome as the previous ones. Well, it wasn't. *Frost Burned* single-handedly pissed on all my expectations and presented me with a snoozefest as compensation.

Well, you know what? I am not the kind of person who will bend over and take it just because I love an author or a series. My expectations are, and always will be, high from the things that I love. I cannot be a fangirl about this, I really can't.

Frost Burned's plot is one of the most unoriginal and boring plots I have read in a long time. It managed to bore me to tears. Adam's POV was a nice change, but it didn't impress me much. It lacked the "danger" that I was expecting, and just brought up a way too serious and, yes this is the key word here, boring man.

Well.. Adam does seem like he is way too serious and boring. Am I wrong to expect something more exciting from his POV? Maybe.

Mercy was mostly just playing the paragon in this one. And she was extremely – let me hear it!!!! - **boring** as well. No surprise there.

There was a point, say 60-70% in, where things picked up a bit, thus my 2.5 star rating, but it didn't last long enough. Say about 3 chapters long. The conclusion was a mess, the ending was a mess. Meh.

I will be reading the next Mercy though. I'm too big of a fan to give up that easily.

2.5 stars

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