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Joan becomes involved in a war that will change her life forever. She discovers that the world holds many secrets, even magic beyond her wildest dreams. The existence of immortality drove humanity to the edge. Humans are hunting Joan's kind to extinction. Circumstances force her to act. She wishes to put an end to the slaughter of innocent Tainted Beings. Only she has the courage to step up. How far can a hero fall before they become a villain? The road of revenge is a dangerous and slippery path. That doesn't stop Joan from making the ultimate decision of becoming an assassin. Her true test is to prevail and not become consumed by darkness. Will she succeed or will she turn into the monster she was trying to destroy?

## **Everlasting Flame Details**

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## **From Reader Review Everlasting Flame for online ebook**

### **Michelle Fritz says**

Wow! What an imagination! I entered this book not really knowing what to expect. Joan is very feisty and capable which is nice to see in a heroine! She isn't flaky or obtuse! I loved that she had trials and worked to overcome them. I was so sorry for how her relationships ended.... hoping for better things in the next books. It ended well and with no real cliffhanger. If you're looking for an entertaining and fresh story, this is it!

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### **Jackie Fire and Ice Book Reviews (blog) says**

#### **Wow. What a book.**

I loved and devoured every word. This book captivated me and had me on edge.

I can't wait to see what's next.

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### **Carla Sammons says**

An excellent read and very hard to put down. Complex characters, an amazing plot kept me up reading late at night! I can't wait to read the rest of the trilogy. Very well done by a young and budding author. I am excited to see what comes next!

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### **Amanda says**

If you're looking for an action packed, roller-coaster of emotion, keep you on the edge of your seat style book, look no further. Prepare yourself to dive into a world that is intriguing, and to get lost in our heroine's heart wrenching story. You first meet Joan as a young girl who knows nothing of the outside world because she's been locked away for her safety and protection. You get a lot of information right off the bat, so be ready to remember everything. Because of the heart-breaking turn of events in the beginning of the book, Joan is tossed into the real world to decide her own path. Joan struggles with the decision to be overtaken by darkness and bloodlust. She wants to do the right thing, and rid the world of the evil power that caused her so much pain, but is she willing to sacrifice everything she holds dear to make that happen? Her journey is tough to imagine, and honestly, I don't know what I would have done if I had been Joan.

The thing that I love most about Joan is her sense of humor. We live in her mind, and get to hear every single dry, witty, and snarky comment she thinks about. She reels you in because she feels like your best friend, your sister, your confidant. She hilarious, and I relate to using humor as a coping mechanism just like she does. One thing I admire about the author is that she decides to take you on Joan's timeline from age 15-22. Most fantasy style books occur over the span of a week to a month and all of this crazy stuff happens. Not Katelyn Anderson. She spreads Joan's life out like she's leading you with bread crumbs to the next big event.

We see Joan's pain and hurt and how that shapes her into the weapon she becomes. The way the events take place in Joan's life feels incredibly realistic, and it's portrayed very well.

I can't wait to reread this book over and over again, soaking up anything I missed on my first round through. I think huge things are in store for Joan, and I plan on being there for the ride. Keep your emotions in check while reading because you're not only going to laugh out loud numerous times, but you're going to be pissed, and probably cry your eyeballs out as well. 5 stars wasn't enough.

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### **Alexandra Bessi res Dang-Tran says**

Everlasting Flame really was a (good. great. amazing) surprise. The story is complexe and full of events, far away from the "simple but nice" novel you could expect with a teenager as main character.

I loved Joan sass, her personality, between fierce and fragile, someone extraordinary, but also someone you're able to identify to. You can see her evolution, and that's amazing. I admit I would have love to see more of her uncle's heritage, but I'll stop there, because, well, no spoiler intended ;) I'm sure book 2 or 3 will satisfy this point. Because of course, I'm so eager to read the sequel...

But back to this book, I really loved it, I think it digs deep into human (or immortal) soul, without manichean points of view, entertaining us but also making us think, which is definitely a good point. Sometimes it may seem long, and it's true some information may seem to miss in our head, but trust the author, because 1) this is worth it and 2) I'm sure we'll have them in due time!

The characters are all interesting, and well, sexy ones are to be expected... ;) I have mixed feelings about them (the sexy ones ;) ): okay, I love them all but I'm struggling with which one I'm loving most. A certain someone disappointed me a little bit (make up for this, you-I-won't-name!). And I'm sure another one will surprise me ;)

Magic, epic fights, love and hate, good and bad feelings, and so much more to come... This is a first book, but this is also a must read!

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### **Cassie James says**

This book was everything packed in one. The journey of Joan from a young innocent girl to the strong badass woman she is now is one everyone has to read. The action scenes are superb, The plot engrossing, The Romance entrancing. Seeing the love triangle between Joan, Lorenzo and Cyrus is like my favorite guilty pleasure. This book is a thrilling ride of fun, excitement, tension and is literally one of the most badass YA novels of 2016. Katelyn Anderson's debut is one of a kind. This is a series I definitely will not mind following up. I can recommend this to everyone who like badass powerful heroines with a touch of vulnerability that just makes them so damn irresistible. I immensely enjoyed this book and I so can't wait for the second book in the series. The magic in this book is quite unique and while different is definitely formidable. Joan becoming an assassin and an agent is one tale I loved and who she was before the ending was equally fascinating. Be prepared for a devastating ending that leaves you quite anxious for the next book. Everlasting Flame is a tale of love, loyalty ,humor, friendship, power and will.

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## **Tracy D. says**

### **PNR meets La Femme Nikita**

There is a war going on between humans and Immortals with the powerful and influential "Agency" being at the forefront of the war against Immortals. The Council is the organization belonging to the mages that have done nothing to interfere in the conflict.

Joan is a immortal/mage hybrid that has been hidden away from society by her parents. Apparently there is a prophecy regarding a young, unregistered Immortal that will take down The Agency and bring about world peace. Somehow the agency suspects the whereabouts of the prophecy child after an interview with Joan's father, raids Joan's house, and kills her family. Joan is rescued by her mother's coven, and housed by her uncle, Damian (who happens to be an extremely powerful mage with connections to The Council.)

Joan swears to avenge her murdered family and bring down The Agency. Trained by another infamous Immortal/mage hybrid assassin, Cyrus, she acquires the skills to accomplish her goals.

**\*MAY CONTAIN SPOILERS**

Joan is extremely immature from the start. She's only 15 when all these events take place. We see her go through training, and eventually reach young adulthood, yet she's still overtly snarky and childish. She's always complaining? about what a dangerous psycho Cyrus is, yet developes an attraction to him. Once she turns 18, Cyrus finally reveals his feelings for her, and after giving her virginity to the assassin, something that the reader might have missed had it not been mentioned pages later, the two spit because it will endanger "the mission." Cyrus promises to continue the relationship via the dream world using his power, but that isn't good enough for Joan.

After an entire book of emotional ups and downs, Joan loses everything she's worked for, and almost everyone she cares about, with no resolution in sight. Not sure where the author will go from here, but I might be willing? to check out the next books.

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## **Kristy says**

this book was amazing. Joan(main character) is a badass. I love when the heroine is. its hard to pin point all the plot for you so read it its definitely worth it.

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## **Lee Wilkinson says**

This is a great first novel and the plot leaves great room for the sequels! The characters are fun and the magic system is really interesting. There is some brilliant description which paints a picture with all the senses. I think the character motivations could be clearer but hopefully this will be expanded upon in the later books. I would also like more information in the world building, specifically about the actions of the Agency and the actions they have undertaken that make them so feared. I enjoyed the relationships between the characters

and thought the dialogue was natural. I really like Dane and think you have a bit of a talent for writing villains, I hope we see more of him and find out more about how he thinks.  
Thanks for having me read your book!

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## **Lauren says**

Note: I received a review copy of this book from the author in return for an honest review. This in no way influences my opinion.

Can I just say WOW!! Whilst this book took me a little bit to get emotionally involved, when I was it was a rollercoaster of emotions! It had me on edge, laughing and crying with the characters. Also, THAT ENDING!!!! SERIOUSLY!! WHAT WAS THAT ENDING! \*Ahem\* I've had stern words with the author (AKA my friend) and she was apologetic... but not at the same time. This book broke me in a lot of ways.

I absolutely LOVE Joan. She was hilariously sassy and didn't know when to stop. She is one of those characters that you just wish existed because you know she will be your best friend if she did. She never held back, even if she knew it would get her into trouble. I loved that she treated everyone the same, despite ranking, and she would put you on your arse if the occasion called for it. She does a certain something to a certain Russian... lets just say CRINGEWORTHY!! Pretty sure Katelyn was laughing at my hilarious spam the entire time. She goes through a lot throughout the entire book and it makes you want to wrap her up in bubble wrap and never let her go. I felt so sorry for her it was unreal!

Dane is my new babe. Lets put it that way! He absolutely scared the hell out of me and he was still a character, by the end of the book, that I would not want to run into in a dark alleyway. However, I, personally, think that he is misunderstood. I think there is more to him than meets the eye and I cannot wait to find out what his story is! I'm so excited for the next book because I want to know what made him the way he is! He is ruthless, constantly threatening Joan and generally a pretty creepy guy!

Lorenzo and Damian are the fictional family members that I don't have! I loved them both, but I didn't entirely ship Lorenzo with Joan. For me, they were more like a brother sister relationship, rather than a couple. \*ahem\* Dane \*Ahem\*. They were both hilarious and sarcastic, but they were also serious when they needed to be. They both help Joan when she needs it most and they are generally cute! I really want to know more about Damian and his past - which we briefly touch on, but I am definitely looking forward to getting to know him more. I would've liked to have seen more of Damian within the book, but his wife is pretty scary... so I guess it's probably better that we didn't!

Cyrus.... Where do I even begin with Cyrus?? He is a ruthless assassin who only really cares about himself... until he does something really nice to redeem himself - and then he goes and does a dick move!! SERIOUS DICK MOVE!!!! He needs to be shot really... but no one comes close because he is the worlds best assassin... go figure! I want to know more about him and I hope he can really redeem himself because what he did was NOT COOL!

The plot itself was absolutely AMAZING. There were so many plot twists and there was never really a quiet moment where you could, as a reader, take a breath and calm down. I say this because, everything came one after the other after the other, which all led up to the horrible, horrible ending. I don't know enough words to do the plot justice, just know that it was great! And you guys seriously need to get in on this book!

That ending BROKE ME UP INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!!!! I was bawling like a baby, spamming the author and telling her that I hate her. It was THAT BAD!! I still don't forgive Katelyn for that! Seriously. Ugh... its one of those endings that you really don't want to talk about because it was so awful, but you need to talk about it because it was important to the story and without it, it wouldn't have worked. This doesn't mean I'm happy. Im royally miffed. I actually put the book down and didn't want to read the last 10%. Yeah... \*DEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP BREATHS!!!\*

The only real issue I had with this book was that it took me a little bit to actually get into the book itself. I found it a little difficult to become emotionally attached because I wasn't feeling the characters grief - if that makes sense? However, that all changed pretty quickly and when I did get into it, it was AMAZING!!!

I absolutely loved this book and I cannot wait to read more from this series! I really want to get to know Dane and Damian more because I NEED to know their stories. Also... still holding out hope here for DANE AND JOAN!! Because I totally ship them. Even if Dane is REALLY scary and constantly threatening to shoot Joan. With reason because she is sassy and doesn't know when to shut up :-P I cannot wait for the next instalment in this series and gave this book 4/5 stars!

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### **Elsa says**

What a great book!! Who could tell that a free e-book would be this good?? Loved it.

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### **Mary says**

#### **Intriguing**

Everlasting Flame. Is amazing. From beginning to end one never knows what will happen next. I do wish there was a little more explanation of Joan's reaction to the house and what it looked like but that's the woman in me. I can hardly wait to begin the second book as this ended without much hope.

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### **Tiffany says**

Okay so I'm trying to decide how to write this review..... So it took me awhile to get into this book, I just didn't seem to be clicking with the main character, and I was getting really frustrated with her, but then.... all of a sudden.... something happens (no I'm not going to tell you what that something was) but I was hooked to the end. A great read by Katelyn Anderson A new and promising Author and I can't wait to see what else she will bring.

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### **Kellyann says**

I loved this book. It's action packed and addictive. The writing is flawless and the characters just make the story even better. I was drawn to the pages right from the very beginning.

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## Carrie says

In a world where Immortals are hunted and magic is an unspoken reality, 15 year old Joan craves to be free, to live in a world where Humans and Immortals coexist. Hidden away from those that would threaten her young life by her parents, Joan's world is flipped upside down when the unspeakable happens and she loses everything.

We get to watch Joan turn from a child into a woman, from a timid emotional young girl into a strong unstoppable woman, experience love and friendship, and have her heart broken over and over in her self imposed mission to make her world safer for those of her kind.

This book was a great read, and a great first in what looks to be a fantastic series. Starting as a young adult, it grows into an urban fantasy that I was surprised to love. Emotions run wild, and you'll find yourself feeling what Joan feels; heart break and joy, pain and peace.

I can't wait to see where Miss Anderson takes us in the next installment.

4 fantastic stars!

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