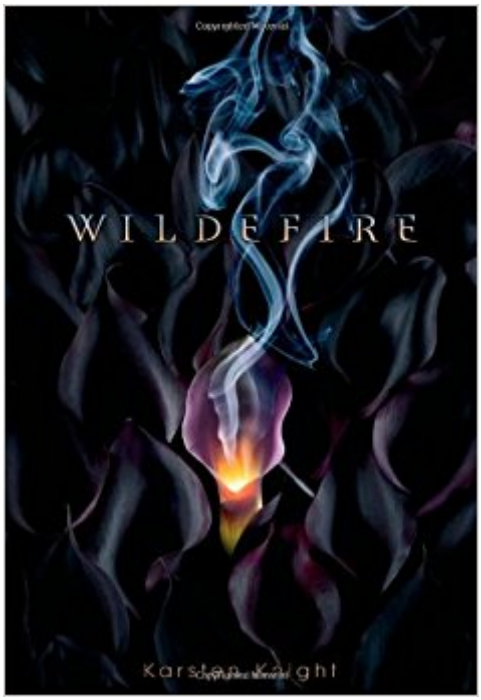
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Synopsis

Every flame begins with a spark. Ashline Wilde is having a rough sophomore year. SheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s struggling to find her place as the only Polynesian girl in school, her boyfriend just cheated on her, and now her runaway sister, Eve, has decided to barge back into her life. When EveÃ¢â ¬â„¢s violent behavior escalates and she does the unthinkable, Ash transfers to a remote private school nestled in CaliforniaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s redwoods, hoping to put the tragedy behind her. But her fresh start at Blackwood Academy doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t go as planned. Just as Ash is beginning to enjoy the perks of her new schoolÃ¢â ¬â •being captain of the tennis team, a steamy romance with a hot, local park rangerÃ¢â ¬â •Ash discovers that a group of gods and goddesses have mysteriously enrolled at BlackwoodÃ¢â ¬Â¦and sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s one of them. To make matters worse, Eve has resurfaced to haunt Ash, and sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s got some strange abilities of her own. With a war between the gods looming over campus, Ash must master the new fire smoldering within before she clashes with her sister one more timeÃ¢â ¬Â¦ And when warm and cold fronts collide, thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s guaranteed to be a storm.

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I am the fieriest depths of hell.I am the surface of the sun.I am the belly of a volcano.I am the unstoppable force that has formed new islands, and the same unstoppable force that has brought cities to their knees.I am the volcano goddess who hassurvived a thousand years.I am Ashline Wilde, and I may not survive another thousand years, but I'll go down in flamesbefore I go up in smoke.

This was a well-written paranormal story with some hints of romance. Ashline Wilde has come across the country to attend a secluded boarding school in Redwood country. She wanted a fresh start after watching her sister call down lightning and kill one of Ashline's schoolmates. But Blackwood Academy isn't quite the refuge she was hoping for. First, she and some friends rescue another student from being kidnapped. Then, they learn that they are not human but are reincarnated gods from a variety of mythologies. Third, her sister Eve isn't nearly as much out of her life as she would like and is determined to do anything and kill anyone to get Ashline to come away with her.Being a YA story, there is a love triangle of sorts. Pete the soccer star and Colt the college student/forest ranger are competing for Ashline's attention. Between battles with mercenaries sent to capture the paranormal kids and Eve creating her own unique kind of chaos, this book is packed with excitement and danger.I really liked the dialog as the kids segue from normal teens with concerns for classes and parties to gods and goddesses learning to use their powers. This is the

first book in a trilogy so there are strings left untied. However, it is a complete and engaging story in itself.YA fans of urban fantasy/paranormal romance will enjoy this one.

My Thoughts:I was soo excited to read this book. It has been on my wishlist for a while, and I couldn't wait for it to come out. The storyline sounded freakin' awesome, and I just knew I was going to really like it..so where did it all go wrong?The writing was okay, the characters were eh, the plot was okay...This story had the potential to be AMAZING. A girl who turn out to be the Volcano Goddess? um.awesome! Tragically, however, me and Wildefire just did not click. Firstly, I felt like I kept reading and reading and it took FOREVER for the plot to develop. It's not good when you keep looking to see how many more pages you have until it's over. I kept waiting for that "OMG I can't believe that just happened" moment. And that didn't come until the last page. Even then..eh.I did not connect with any of the characters, wasn't invested in any of their lives. I felt like they were a bit generic, nothing special. For me, if I can't connect or relate to any of the characters, it's all down-hill from there. I also had difficulty with some of the dialogue because it just didn't fit. In some passages I found myself thinking no. no. no. I realize the writer of this book being male and all had a daunting task trying to write the inner workings of a female main character, but I don't think he quite hit the nail on the head, so to speak. For example, the main character Ash (who's a girl) says the following to her friend (also a girl) when they are out dress shopping: "Damn, girl. You better get a defibrillator to go with the dress, because Rolfe is going to have a heart attack when he sees you in that." Awkward.Cheesy. and not something I picture being said in this context.With the main story line of this book being about Ashline and some of her school mates discovering they are Gods, there wasn't nearly enough detail relating to the subject. I felt like it took until the last 40 pages to really get anywhere and even then there was too much left out. Too much time was spent on the build-up and not enough on the actual story. So what did I like? The whole Polynesian Volcano Goddess subject. The idea of these kids being reincarnated over and over again and not remembering their past lives.Having kick-ass powers. And it did have one of my favorite settings-boarding school.Favorite Quotes:"There are two types of people in this world...Those of us who fear what we cannot control, who sit in the driver's seat of life and take charge of our own fates. And then there are those who fear choice, those so burdened by the mistakes that they've made that they seek solace in what they cannot control, knowing that no matter the outcome, at least it wasn't their fault. I challenge you to figure out which one you are.""Strange to think we spend our entire life growing up under the wings of one religion only to find out that we're actually the fruits of another. Do you still believe?"Bottom Line: I reallyreallyreally wanted to love this book. Sadly, I was left wanting.

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I laughed so hard I almost fell on my butt on the floor, I cried till my eyes got all puffy and swollen and lived myself so into this book that when I was done I felt as if the characters in this book were my own friends and enemies.It’s really hard to write a review about Wildefire without write too many spoilers, so I’m just gonna jump right into it: This book is maybe one of the best book I’ve read so far. And trust me, I’ve read a lot of books. There was so many surprises along the way that you never knew what was about to happen. Usually, you can figure out how the story is going to end pretty well when you read a book. Well, dear readers, not this book.The first page of the book, Karsten jumps right into the action, leaving me sitting wide-eyed and immediately loving Ashline-Ash-without hesitation. She’s doesn’t hesitate to say what she means, she’s kind, cares about her friends, and is also fierce. I absolutely adored her.There was some pages that I had to force myself to read, but only because there was a lot of informations, but it fit so well into the book that I’m happy I read it and didn’t just skip a page.the romance picks up pretty fast, you get the whole "aha" feeling when you’re introduced to Colt. And can I say, I loved him! Cocky, kind and handsome, I’m pretty sure every girl would have fallen for him.Ashline’s friends was also put a big smile on my face. I loved Jackie, Ash’s best friend. She’s just as fierce and funny as Ashline. And all her other friends that we get to know in this book are loveable and put a big smile on my face.At the end, I sat there with my heart beating so fast I was afraid it would burst out of my chest, with both a wide grin on my face (I even laughed so hard that my brother looked at me like I was crazy) and had tears in my eyes. There was SO much emotions raging inside my chest I couldn’t name half of it!It’s a sad, funny, heartbreaking book with a lot of action that I could have read more times, the best of it is that you don’t know what’s going to happen. Karsten have written this book so amazingly that I’m pinning for the second book. I can’t wait to see what happens next!If you love a good book, I would definitely recommend Wildefire. I hesitated a little before I bought it, but I’m so happy that I did. Loved it!

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