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For one woman, he will risk more than his life...

Rafferty Powell has exchanged challenge coins with his arch-nemesis Magnus Montmorency, and their next battle will be their last. But Rafferty never expected to meet a woman whose desire for Magnus' downfall matches his own—and whose presence sparks Rafferty's long-awaited firestorm.

Since facing her own mortality, investigative reporter Melissa Smith has resolved to live without fear. She's determined to make the seemingly untouchable Magnus pay for his role in ending her friend's life – no matter the price to herself.

When her quest entwines with Rafferty's, Melissa finds herself risking more than she ever thought possible. Because the heat between them unleashes the darkfire—an awesome force of Pyr legend, one that won't be sated until everything they know has been tested and remade.

## **Darkfire Kiss Details**

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## Heather says

[ like when she KNEW she shouldn't have posted those photos, but did it anyways (hide spoiler)]

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## Eva Millien says

Rafferty's story is a pulse pounding, gritty story that was well worth the wait. Rafferty has been longing for his firestorm for a very long time, but it seems that the great wyvern has something special in store for him and readers can't help but be enthralled with his firestorm. Melissa is trouble with a capital T and her quest for knowledge is equally as fierce as the need to tell the world which adds a special kind of tension to the fires burning between Rafferty and her. The chemistry between them sizzles with an unmistakable electrical current and the romance is just as suspenseful as the plot which keeps readers glued to the pages with an intense need to know every last detail.

The plot is fast paced and full of chaos as the Darkfire reigns supreme over the Pyr with lots of thrilling suspense, adrenaline pumping excitement and of course the evil machinations of the slayers but this story also has quite a few twists that really add to the delight of this story. These twists come in the form of emotional chaos as well as physical chaos, rule breaking and world ending threats that invokes strong emotions and a 'hold your breath' in expectation feelings which guarantee that readers remain glued to the pages of this exhilarating read.

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## Melindeeloo says

As a former frontline foreign reporter, Melissa has lived by a code. A code of honor that she's resigned herself to breaking in order to obtain the evidence necessary to gain justice for a murdered friend. In her search for the truth, Melissa is going to make the shocking discovery that Magnus Montmorency, the powerful arms' dealer who murdered her friend, is actually an evil dragonshifter - yes, dragons exist and now Melissa has the 'claw-side view' photos to prove it.

Saving the 'little thief' with the incredible scent from certain death after she violated his enemy's lair, Rafferty soon discovers that not only is this woman going to shake up the human world by exposing the existence of the Pyr, she's going to play heck with his legendary self control. And Melissa's going to have Rafferty questioning why the Great Wyvern would have chosen to grant him a firestorm with such a morally challenged mate. But even as Rafferty questions the match, there is no question that he will do whatever it takes to keep his mate out of his arch-nemesis' clutches, even as Rafferty prepares for his challenge-to-the-death duel with the Pyr's mega-enemy.

With this sixth book in Cooke's dragon-shifter series, I was happy that our beloved Rafferty was finally getting his book. But where the tension building between Pyr and mate in this series is normally pretty good, the initial hook up between Melissa and Rafferty was pretty quick - too quick to gain any sort of satisfying build-up. And since Rafferty has been the 'Romantic' among the Pyr - the one who has been longing for his

firestorm, envious as his fellow shifters have found their mates - it was surprising to me that his book wasn't as romancy as most of the others. In fact, Rafferty doesn't even get his fair share of the screen time here, since much of the story was setting up for more epic future challenges for the Pyr and adding more powerful enemies for our 'good' dragon-shifting protectors of the Earth. (And perhaps also doing some set up for Cooke's upcoming YA series which will be 'Pyr: the next generation', starring the now toddler Zoe when she is a teen facing future foes of the Pyr.)

Even though I'd have liked to have seen just a bit more romance for Rafferty, I must admit that it was pretty amusing watching Thorolf gloat about losing his spot as the biggest screw-up among the Pyr to the former Mister Perfect - since Melissa and the firestorm manage to throw Rafferty fully out of whack. Even with my nits I still liked Darkfire Kiss, and I love Cooke's gorgeous dragon-shifters and can't wait to see which of the Pyr is next to face his firestorm.

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### **LaShonta says**

This one was a huge disappointment for me. I've been waiting forever it seems for Rafferty's story. I feel as if he was short changed. I couldn't stand Melissa and seeing how she was Rafferty's mate diminished any enjoyment I could feel in this story. I only finished it so I wouldn't be out of the loop while reading the next one.

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### **Hbeebti says**

Rafferty Oh how long I have waited for your book!! This was just what I was hoping for. My man Rafferty has been waiting through every book for his turn to have a firestorm. The poor guy has wanted this more than any other character throughout the series. I think Melissa was great for him. There were some moments where I was like huh?? Wait!!! How in the heck is this going to work? But yes Mrs. Cooke sure can write a great book.

I really loved that even though this was Rafferty and Melissa's book there was POV from every Pyr. I missed those guys. There was a heart felt moment with Eric and his mate and I was totally like he does what I think he does I am going to be so mad! But in the end thankfully that issue worked itself out. There was so much going on here. I mean Rafferty still has his blood coin duel with Magnus Montmorency. Then he has his firestorm which is not the usual its more like the rare Darkfire that is like 3x's what regular firestorm is and he's looking at Melissa like WTH? I get a thief?? LOL Then there are issues with their secrets that they need to keep thanks to his new mate. Melissa has some serious issues as well. At first I was mad at her for being stupid but in the end I loved her. OMG the issue with Zoe was resolved! I was seriously wondering where the author was going with that.

By the end there was closure on some thing but then it ended with questions about other baddies and maybe some new ones. Like who the heck is this Vivi? I need to know more about her. What is up with the dream by a certain somebody? I hope that is cleared up in the next book. Who is the next book about?? Overall this was fast paced ,sexually charged and emotionally great ! I cant wait for more!!

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## Danielle Gypsy Soul says

I love dragons - I really love dragons and I'd liked this series until this book when GASP - I could care less about what was happening and ended up skimming more of this book than I read.

The fifth book in the series was just a mess. It is supposed to be Rafferty's book but really it was the author's way of "bridging a new phase". The problem was she introduced so many new characters, new plot twists and changes that I ended up not caring about any of them since none of them had enough page time. The other problem was Rafferty's story got lost with all the other new stuff and on top of that I really disliked the heroine. Who gets mad and demands an apology when someone destroys your place trying to save your life. I didn't feel any chemistry between Melissa and Rafferty. It was also really disappointing that none of his friends will help him. I never understood this since well some of the other dragons had "bigger issues" than Rafferty.

I hate to say it but by the 50% point I didn't even care anymore. Needless to say I won't be moving into the "new phase" of these books.

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## Beate says

It's taken me absolutely forever to read this book. That's how much I *didn't* like this one. If you've read my reviews of the other books in the series, you *know* how much I love these books. You *know* how much I adore these dragons. Or *Pyr* as they're called here.

Rafferty's story is the one I've been looking the most forward to ever since I got to know his character in the first book. It was a long wait. And he got snubbed. He got the biggest, most selfish bitch for a mate - and that makes me mad.

Yes, I'm *that* invested in the series.

I understand the need to shake the series up and introduce new elements. That was done just fine by killing off one old enemy and introducing new bad guys along the way. Did the mate Rafferty has been waiting for so long have to be a character the readers would want to kill off?

I seriously thought Rafferty would get a female counterpart that was worthy of him and his big romantic self. (view spoiler)

Rafferty has been one of my favorite characters throughout the books, but his book definitely wasn't my favorite one. I've liked the mates of the other *Pyr*. The women have brought the best out of each male protagonist. But Melissa... Melissa really brought the worst out of her mate. Her idiocy made Rafferty do all the wrong things throughout the book, it made him go against his nature and his belief.

I would gladly have waited longer for Rafferty to get his book if he'd gotten a better story than this one. Melissa was nothing short of a backstabbing bitch, and I don't feel she redeemed herself in any way.

I was ready to flounce this one many times, and I nearly did. But then I didn't want to be out of the loop in future books in case something pivotal happened in this one. A couple new characters were introduced after I

would have flounced, so I'm glad I stuck it out if only for that. (view spoiler)

My dislike for this book is so deep I'm only giving it 2/5 stars. I would have given it even less had it been any other character than Rafferty. I'm also sticking this book on my favorites shelf only because I love the series as a whole, even despite this book.

I have one more book to go before another book in the series is released in a few months. But seeing how I feel right now, I'm taking a break away from these books. I need to so I don't end up hating the series even more. Lorenzo being the next Pyr out doesn't help either as I didn't much care for his guest spot in this book. For right now, I'm moving on to other books.

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### **Lillazza says**

Oh god what a big delusion this book was, I couldn' even finish it!  
Boring characters, messy plot, unreal actions and situations, too many threads to follow and no passion at all... bah!

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### **SheLove2Read says**

\*spoilers\*

Oh Rafferty! You've waited so long for your Firestorm and *this* is what you get?

I firmly believe Ms. Cooke somehow found my GR profile, read my reviews and decided "Hey. She loves dragon stories and is waiting anxiously for Rafferty's story. But I just know deep down inside, I can write her favorite character, throw in a female reporter and even a convoluted secret baby story and she'll be thrilled!"

\*sherri shakes fist in the air\*

Female reporter AND secret baby story? \*shudders\* All I can say is Rafferty saved the book for me. Without him I would have cried, and not in a good way.

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### **Book Binge says**

Rafferty is outside the home of his enemy, Magnus, when he spies a thief. She is trying to get into the house and doing a surprisingly easy job of it. He follows her and ends up saving her from Magnus's fury. Rafferty eventually tracks the woman down while in his dragon form with the intent of getting information from her. Not only does he not get the info he needs but the woman, an out of work journalist, takes pictures of Rafferty fighting another dragon and posts them on her blog.

Needless to say this is horrifying for the Pyr who pride themselves on secrecy but that's just the tip of the

iceberg when it comes to the shit hitting the fan. You see, Rafferty and the woman, Melissa, are mates and during the eclipse their firestorm begins. But their firestorm contains darkfire and because of extenuating circumstances the firestorm cannot be sated. Darkfire means that life is changing for the Pyr and not everyone is happy about it – especially Erik who is the leader of the Pyr. While Erik deals with his thoughts on the discovery of the Pyr and what that will mean for their kind, Rafferty and Melissa work together to find a solution to not only deal with the discovery but how to deal with Magnus as well as the legacy that was left to Rafferty by his grandfather.

This was a really great book in the Dragonfire series. I was very much looking forward to Rafferty's firestorm after reading the first five books but wasn't sure what to expect. I loved that Cooke gave us another view into not only the Pyr but to Rafferty himself. With the firestorm not being able to be sated in the usual way – via conception – Rafferty and Melissa worked together to find a solution. Working so closely with each other and not depending strictly on sex to further their relationship really worked for me. I think showing the reader the intellectual side of the couple during the firestorm was a great idea and was done very well.

I'm really looking forward to seeing what happens next with the Pyr. We've been set up with some stories and I think they'll be great. There was also an excerpt in the back of the book for Cooke's spin off series of the kids of the Pyr that were, in this book, toddlers, that was quite good. I'm not sure how that will work with the kids being teens so my curiosity is definitely piqued.

Rating: 4.25 out of 5

This review was originally posted on Book Binge by Tracy.

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## **Katie says**

A little disappointed

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## **Stephanie G says**

### **Spoiler Free**

Challenge coins have been exchanged and now Rafferty Powell will battle his long time enemy Magnus Montmorency. A battle that will end in blood. Upon entering Magnus' home, Rafferty comes face to face with a thief. A beautiful thief whose intoxicating scent Rafferty follows in order to protect her after she takes an important item from Magnus that will get her killed.

Melissa Smith is a reporter out to reveal the truth about Magnus' secret dealings and get justice for her friend, whose death he is responsible for. What she didn't expect to find was a handsome stranger in Magnus' home or discover that dragons are more than just a fairytale. Now she will need to work with Rafferty in order to accomplish a common goal, take Magnus down. It will not be easy and things are made even more complicated when the a lunar eclipse brings with it the firestorm Rafferty has been waiting centuries for. But this firestorm is different and before it ends, everything will change.

I have been waiting for Rafferty's story and firestorm since the first book. He has always encouraged his fellow Pyr, dragons who want to protect humans, to embrace their firestorm and stay with the woman fate has chosen for their mate. Rafferty has waited to be gifted with a firestorm of his own. It has finally arrived in *Darkfire Kiss* and the mate chosen for him is the intelligent, truth seeking and passionate Melissa. Melissa is attracted to Rafferty from the start but past heartaches have left her skeptical of the idea of forever. There's a connection and their firestorm fans the flames of desire between them but darkfire, something the Pyr have not encountered before, will not make sating this firestorm easy and will bring with it considerable changes.

Deborah Cooke has hit a new high with *Darkfire Kiss*. The latest chapter in this wonderfully written dragon shifter series did not disappoint. The romance hit all the right emotional cords and was balanced with the right amount of action and suspense. Rafferty is one of my favorite characters and to hear his stories and learn of his past was a real treat. Enemies are scheming, allies are uniting and bonds are being formed. Pick up *Darkfire Kiss* and be prepared for fantastic paranormal romance adventure.

-Stephanie

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### **SATIN SUE says**

This is becoming one of my favourite series.  
and I've waited awhile for this book. Although  
it wasn't one of my favourite books in the series , I still really enjoyed it.

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### **Gwynn White says**

I've been waiting for Rafferty's firestorm since starting this series and I'm happy to say, it delivered on every level. This is an exciting read with many layers, which I know will set up a whole lot more books. That makes me happy! I enjoyed this one immensely. A breathtaking, fast ride.

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### **Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says**

I have found another paranormal series to be obsessed with! I just loved the dragons. So gorgeous. If you are into dragons, I'd recommend this book.

Full review to be published in *Affaire de Coeur* magazine: <http://affairedecoeur.com>.

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