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David says

As the story opens, Olivia Lawson ("Livvy") has been rewarded for her heroic deeds in *Shaman, Healer, Heretic*. Shamans are no longer scorned, in fact, they are sought after. Livvy's client list now includes celebrities, who pay her handsomely for her healing powers. This new found prosperity has enabled her to move out of her rat trap and into a luxury apartment. She no longer has to buy her clothes from Goodwill. Her friend and fellow shaman, Min, drives her around in a Porsche. Life is good.

Unfortunately, success has brought its share of trouble. The paparazzi hound Livvy whenever possible, particularly when she's visiting one of her celebrity clients. Worse still, her success has earned her the enmity of a dark shaman, Dominique. Green doesn't waste any time establishing the conflict between these two.

Dominique is a well-crafted villain. An immigrant from Haiti, she moved to L.A. to seek a better life utilizing her skills as a shaman. An influx of earthquake refugees from her former homeland hasn't helped matters. The rough life in Haiti has hardened her heart and made her bitter. The world owes her for what she's had to endure. Now in a position of power, the cruelty she once faced now resides within. She figures that if she can eliminate Livvy, she can be the top shaman in L.A. and the money will help her climb out of the ghetto and salve the wounds of her past (and present).

To complicate matters, Livvy is distracted by her relationship with SK (her agent) and a side project in the "forbidden arts". I don't want to say anything more to spoil it for future readers.

After reading *Shaman, Healer, Heretic*, I felt that it would've been easy for Green to resort to a series formula and churn out twenty variations on the original story. Instead, Green has forged ahead with the next step in Livvy's life as Techno-Shaman. Through Green's hand, Livvy has matured. The innocent little girl persona has given way to a confident young woman who pushes the boundaries of her powers. She's no longer content to accept what she's been told. She doesn't like the rules and wants to break them.

As for the technicals, the quality of the manuscript is at a professional level. It is well-edited, thus making for very easy reading. Short chapters and an active dialogue move the story along at a quick pace. There are no lulls in this story. The action scenes are well choreographed and more intense than in her first novel.

This was a highly enjoyable read. Green's characters have grown in their complexity and realism. Her protagonist and antagonist both harbor painful secrets which fuel their motives and actions in the story. The resolution of their conflict is immensely gratifying for its approach and in its execution. In the hands of a less capable writer, it would've been rendered trite. I highly recommend *Shaman, Friend, Enemy*, and Green's Techno-Shaman series in general, to all urban fantasy aficionados.

Cissa says

This second volume in the series was even better than the first! Having done the basic world-building in the previous volume, Green can now focus more thoroughly on the plot, and on fleshing out the details in this fascinating urban fantasy world.

I LOVE the way Green handled the "Big Bad" in this- not at all the usual, even though at first it looks like it will be.

The characters grow and develop, too, and are individuals; they all have their own backgrounds, attitudes, and agendas, and as the world gets more complex, so do they.

It is interesting to note that, thus far, ALL the shamans are women. This is never mentioned in the text specifically, and I am looking forward to an explanation- although I do love the matter-of-fact way Green does this without making a point of it! And because of this, her novels pass the Bechel Test with flying colors!

Highly recommended, especially if you like urban fantasy and want to branch out from the standard vamp/were tropes. But do yourself a favor and start with the first book in this series! While this one would probably make sense without it, you will miss a lot if you skip directly to #2.

Jen Davis says

4.5 Stars

A sure sign of a really good book is when you forget that you are reading. You get so wrapped up in what's happening that there ceases to be words on a page; and you're just inside the story. That's how I felt reading this book.

The story picks up several months after the events of Shaman, Healer, Heretic. Livvie is still working as a shaman, but her life has changed drastically. Gone are her days of poverty and derision. Her bravery and her special abilities have made her famous and put her skills in high demand. Min and SK are riding high along with her as she lives a life she never dreamed she'd have.

But as good as things are, Livvie can't find happiness until she can make peace with her mother. The woman has been dead for years, however, and that means the only way Livvie can reach her is by using her shamanistic abilities. To say such a summoning is frowned upon would be an understatement, so Livvie works in secret to bring her mother's spirit back.

At the same time, a dark practitioner has her sights set on taking Livvie's place as the top shaman in town. She is targeting her almost every time she crosses to the other side. And each time they face off, it gets harder and harder for Livvie to escape.

I really liked the first book in this series, but this one had something that one didn't: romance. You know I am a romance reader at heart, so that made me enjoy this one all the more. I won't spoil the particulars of the relationship, but I surprised myself by how quickly and totally I got behind it. Of course, there wouldn't be much of a story without conflict --and this love story definitely has landmines all over it. But forbidden romance is one of the best kinds!

One of my only complaints about the last book was that I wanted to know more about Livvie's background and we definitely get that here. I liked learning a little about how she became a shaman and the events that made her who she is. Again, the characterization is really good and I felt like I knew these people: not just Livvie, but SK, Min, and even the villain, Dominique.

There are a couple of scenes where Livvie lashes out that seem a little out of character. She is unkind to people who love her and even under stress, that seems to go against who she is. But other than that --and the ending (which wasn't what I wanted)-- I thought it was very, very good. Fortunately, book three will be out this summer! 4 1/2 stars.

**Book provided by author for review*

Sheila says

If shamans can heal and drugs can convey them into mystical realms, why shouldn't video technology do the same? This premise underlies M. Terry Green's Shaman series, making Livvy Lawson's healing journeys seem very immediate and real. But what of the warnings, the things a shaman shouldn't do? Wounds in the past can hurt a shaman as surely as they can the rest of us, and Livvy's hurts might lead her in dangerous directions in this second novel.

A year has passed since the time of Shaman, Healer, Heretic. I love the first book and highly recommend it, but you really don't need to have read it to enjoy this novel too. Livvy's introduced as a successful paranormal healer as the story begins. She's trailed by the paparazzi, claimed by the rich and famous, and envied by newly arrived mystics from Haiti's wounded land. As genuinely kind and determinedly generous as she was when she was poor, Livvy heals lost and fractured souls, finds and restores those hurts that medicine can't touch, and seeks the answer to her own secret sorrow. Meanwhile those who care for her struggle to hide their concern as things fall apart.

Dark like chocolate, smooth like the fur on a cat, sharp like its claws, Shaman Friend Enemy moves the story forward but more importantly tells a story of its own, of secrets that hurt less when told, friends that help more when trusted, and the price of being true to your own self. I almost wish there had been another book between the first and second, so we could have seen Livvy's rise to power, but that's my only complaint. I'm looking forward to book three.

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this novel from the author in exchange for my honest review.

Sarah says

(I was given this book for free on a read-to-review basis.)

The second book in the 'Olivia Lawson Techno-Shaman' Series.

Things have changed a lot for Olivia (Livvy) in the year since the end of the events in Shaman, Healer, Heretic. Now she's living in a fancy condo, wearing fancy clothes, and catering to a very exclusive client list. She's also got SK (her intercessor) and Min (friend who is also a shaman) working with her on a day-to-day basis, and got people queuing up to be blessed by the 'lightning' shaman.

Livvy is hiding a secret though. She's been researching desperately, and spending extra time in the underworld, and now thinks she's worked out exactly what she needs to do – to summon her mother from the

dead that is! This is a big no-no, but Livvy desperately wants to speak to her so will try anything.

Other than this crazy idea, somebody else is causing a problem in the underworld, and this time they are aiming their wrath directly at Livvy, and she has no idea why. Dominique is angry at Livvy because she thinks that she should be the famous one, and is building forces to try and kill Livvy in the underworld. With Dominique's team standing 12 strong, Livvy is totally outnumbered.

With the death of a client on her hands following one of Dominique's attacks, and problems rising between Livvy and SK, can Livvy really defeat Dominique without SK's help, and what the hell is she doing with her dead mother?

This book is great! Livvy is just so loveable. She's a shaman, and now she's even a famous shaman, but she's still the same down-to-earth, flawed, caring girl she's always been. Her worries and fears are different to the average persons, but it's still easy to connect with her and understand where she's coming from. Livvy really is the kind of person you'd like to be friends with, 'cause you'd know that if you needed her she'd be there for you.

I also love the secondary characters in this book. Min is quietly supportive, which is just what Livvy needs, and SK is the perfect balance to Livvy sometimes extreme plans. I also love that the love interest in this book is not your usual 6ft tall, muscle bound, Greek-god-type like in so many other books.

I thought the storyline in this book was also great. Livvy has gone from fighting an ancient God to taking on one hell of a cheesed-off woman, which actually sets just the right tone in showing that Livvy is still only human (and what is I they say? Hell has no fury like a woman scorned?) I also liked the way that the story kept you hanging on to find out what was going on with Livvy's mom, and what Dominique was going to try next. At times I really didn't want to put this book down, especially when a bombshell of information got dropped on Livvy that she really wasn't prepared for!

Overall, a great paranormal/fantasy book with a kick-ass lead female. Definitely worth a read, and I can't wait to find out what happens next!

9 out of 10.

(Book length: 5746 kindle locations)

Angela says

Kindle Version (free from author for honest review)

I couldn't wait to see what Livvy, Min, and SK would do next in this book! I enjoyed the first book and was very much looking forward to seeing them all develop more and move on with life in this book. Livvy has become a well known shaman in this book and is very busy now with her job as a shaman. Min is her assistant and SK is still her go to man that gets her all her clients. I was absolutely ecstatic when Livvy admitted to SK that she was in love with him!!! There is a catch though, a shaman can't have, or isn't supposed to have, a relationship of romantic nature with her in between guy. What harm can really come of it though? Shouldn't two people who love one another be able to be together no matter what? Well above all of the romantic drama is the very dangerous drama that Livvy has found. There is another shaman who seems to somehow be able to find her even in the spirit world. Even more pressing, while in the spirit world this

enemy of Livvy's seems to be able to hurt her, not only in the spirit world, but in the real world through the spirit world. How is that possible? How is this enemy even finding Livvy in the spirit world in the first place without being hooked into her goggles as a network? What does she want from Livvy? Livvy needs help from SK to understand more and try to figure it all out...however she can't tell him the whole truth of when she first saw the enemy shaman. Why? Well Livvy has some deep dark secrets of her own that she wants to keep unknown to all around her. Can she really do that though, when her life is in danger if she doesn't spill the whole truth?

I thought this was a great follow up book to the first one. I loved the continued development of all the characters. I also really liked getting to know Livvy more for the shaman and person she really is. I found it interesting to find out more about how she became a lightening shaman and what she sacrificed to take on her calling to be the lightening shaman. I feel this book connects Livvy to the reader more. I also enjoyed the building of a relationship between Livvy and SK and the dynamics it is forced to take because of what they are to each other, boss type and shaman. I would recommend this book to anyone who read the first book for sure! It also would be a good stand alone book to though, as the author did a great job with filling in what had to be filled in if you didn't read the first one, but not over doing it if you did. I think that takes true talent as a writer to do that. To not make the reader feel as though they are re-reading the first book, but telling what has to be told to make it a stand alone book if it is read that way. If there comes a third book in the series, which I hope there does, I will definitely be putting it on my to be read list! What a great mystery concept and great writer!

5/5 Stars!

L.A. says

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Sometimes our past dictates what we become, some grow stronger; others will often allow that darkness or secret to dictate the direction of their entire being. Only strength will determine how we decide where to turn. That strength comes from acknowledging that secret and bringing it into the light, no longer allowing it to hold you hostage to the pain.

In Shaman Friend Enemy by M. Terry Green, we are immersed back into the world of Olivia (Livvy) Lawson, a Techno-Shaman who has brought shamanism into the open in such a way that the field begins to attract attention. The paparazzi are often at her healings and everything she now does is under scrutiny. Her friends and the other Shamans that have helped her in the past have disappeared into their own work and she is back taking care of and healing those who require her skills. However along with the exposure, she finds she is now being challenged by a Shaman she does not know. This Shaman seems to be able to find Livvy in the underworld where she does her healing. As Livvy soon finds, she will need all of her friends and her abilities to fight this new threat. This new Shaman calls on the old world rituals and the darkness she brings will cause untold damage to the practice as it stands.

Although Livvy's career has taken an upward turn, her personal life begins to spiral out of control. She only now realizes that she is in love but does not know how to move forward. She has a secret that she has never shared; it goes the very beginning of her shamanism. In order to strengthen her position she must find a way to work though the darkness her secret brings, but her choices do not fit with what is acceptable within her training. Looking for a way, little does she realize that she has given her enemy the very opening that has

been sought. Can Olivia find a way to separate her past from her future, and save those she cares for the most? The darkness of this new shaman is growing, and Livvy finds that not only is her life at stake, but that of those she loves and care about the most are also at risk. Can she find the answers before it is too late? Will she risk everything for the one thing she cannot have?

Green is a master at developing characters that draw you in. Her world and the use of the shamanism are exciting and bold. This second book in her series delivers the goods and makes you hunger for more. The forbidden love is heartfelt and creates an ache in your own heart. Livvy has a kindness that permeates everything she does, and she cares to the point of putting herself in danger. This is a flaw and yet should not be, but it drags her into danger because she puts herself in peril for those she protects. Life to her is what is important, and she will risk it all even for strangers. How can you not care about such a character, the heart of a warrior and the care of a superhero, she only has a small amount of the power that can be used in comparison.

If you enjoy the paranormal and are interested in healing this is the book for you. There is adventure, romance, horror and a bit of indiscriminate killing, yet you will also find friendships and family that thread there way throughout the text. As ever darkness and light are ever at war, and the ending will leave you looking for more. Olivia is a character that will continue to have adventures and a heroine that will keep you looking for more.

I would recommend this book for a book club or reading group. The characters and their events will keep the discussions lively, and the questions sharp. This would be an excellent book for your library.

This book was received free from the author. All opinions are my own based off my reading and understanding of the material.

Krista (CubicleBlindness Reviews) says

Isn't that a funny thing in life, once your told that you aren't allowed to have something. You become more determined to get it? Even if you, in reality have realized that you can live without it. The actual pursuit of obtaining it and the effort you put into getting it, will be your driving force.

This is the second book in this series. What I loved about the first and what drove me to continue with this series was the unique twist to the Urban Fantasy novel. The lead character is a Shaman and has a great support system around her to help her complete her jobs in the spiritual plane and outside.

In this edition Livvy is attacked pretty early on in the book, as well as having her heart broken by her love interest. Both of these stories push the novel along and we get to see Livvy break down a little and show her human side, calling upon her mother for some support.

There is a lot of magic and traveling through dimensions in these stories. The danger that Livvy and her co-workers must endure to help others keeps the mystery and anxiety up for the reader, not knowing what could happen next.

My favorite parts are when they fight using magic and she is up against forces that you would not find in most other books. It adds a unique touch, but Livvy is still human and that reality check side to the story is always there to help the reader identify with her story more.

My favorite character is SK in this one, the dwarf that helps her travel the multiverse. If you are not familiar with this series (or have not read my review of book one) The author approaches the the idea of a Shaman in the 21st century. With advanced technology to help her fight her battles and of course travel through the

multiverse. It adds some fun sci-fi elements to Urban Fantasy which makes for a very fun and unique story line.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

After reading the first book in the Olivia Lawson Techno-Shaman series, Shaman, Healer, Heretic I knew that the second book was going to be a must read.

Green quickly won me over with her amazing writing and storyline. I was really looking forward to learning more about Livvy, Min, SK and the other shamans. I knew there was so much more to their stories than what we got in the first book and I couldn't wait to discover them, in fact I was suppose to be reading a couple of other books before this one but after finishing the first book, I had to start this one right away. I knew it couldn't wait.

The sequel starts out months (about a year) after the first one ended, with the shaman having defeated Tiamat and the shaman world has drastically changed because of it.

Suddenly shamans everywhere are in demand and have become celebrities of sorts, well maybe not all of them, but Livvy sure has. In fact she is constantly in the media's attention and in high demand so much so that she is attracting attention from not only admirers, but enemies as well.

We also learn early on that Livvy is up to something, something that could be dangerous and have very real and very bad consequences on her life and the multiverse. What she is up to and why, however, we aren't told right away.

I really love how this story unfolded. I loved SK in this one even more than the last. He is such a great guy. Min was wonderful and I love that we even got to see Ursula, Mamacita and Alvina again and meet some new people as well, both good and bad.

I liked the fact that we weren't left hanging with any of Liv's secrets or past, that every question I had was answered, even some that I didn't think to ask.

While the ending wasn't exactly a cliffhanger, it does make you wonder where the series will go from here and it will leave you eagerly anticipating it. In fact, I need to go look up when it will be because I want it soon!

This has quickly become a must read series for me and I plan on reading every single last one of the books Green writes in it, which is why I have no issues giving this book a very solid 5 out of 5 Stars.

Debra Martin says

This is the second book in the Techno Shaman series and it doesn't disappoint. Olivia (Livvy) Lawson is now the most famous shaman in Los Angeles--she's the lightening shaman. Along with a fellow shaman and friend, Min, and her dwarf intercessor, SK, many are clamoring for her services--to heal their fractured souls, to cast out evil ancestor spirits or to save them from themselves. The paparazzi follow her wherever she

goes, but Livvy finds it hard to enjoy her new found success. She is harboring a terrible secret that she dares tell no one and it is leading her into dangerous territory within the spirit world. There are some things that are just forbidden even to the lightening shaman. As if that isn't enough, Livvy is faced with a deadly enemy intent on destroying her. Can she prevail over this new threat? What will happen to Livvy if she stays on this dangerous path in the spirit world to do what is forbidden to do? And what of those she loves--will she risk everything and lose everyone dear to her?

Ms. Green does an expert job of pulling the reader in with non-stop action starting with the first chapter. I thoroughly enjoyed all of the characters in the story, but most especially, SK. His role has been expanded in this book and his interactions with Livvy will keep you glued to the story. Rounding out the story are Min, Mamacita, and of course, Livvy's newest enemy, Dominique. There are also more characters from the first book making appearances. Through all of the ups and downs that are thrown Livvy's way, she remains true to beliefs--she only wants to help others and nothing will stop her.

Though it is not necessary to read book 1 before picking up this one, I would highly recommend you start with "Shaman, Healer, Heretic" to enjoy the full flavor of the wonderful and engaging spirit world that Ms. Green has created. Recommended.

Denise says

Shaman, Friend, Enemy (Olivia Lawson, Techno-Shaman #2)
by M. Terry Green (Goodreads Author)

Synopsis from Goodreads

"Patients with fractured souls, clients threatened by deadly ancestor spirits, and now the paparazzi—it's all in a day's work for techno-shaman Olivia Lawson. Livvy has rocketed to the top of the shaman world, bringing old friends with her but also attracting new enemies.

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I was first introduced to M. Terry Green's writing with the first book in this series Shaman, Healer, Heretic and absolutely loved Olivia Lawson's world. The author has built a world that is contemporary, but unique with introduction of a new urban fancy development of the techno-shaman. I was very excited to find that book two was released and when offered a chance to read this installment, very eager to continue Livvy's journey. Oh what a journey it is! The synopsis definitely provides a good overview of the storyline. In reading Shaman, Friend, Enemy I was able to experience a whole gambit of emotions from laughter to tears and for me that is the ultimate. For me a book that makes me feel the emotions of the characters is in my opinion pure gold. I love that Livvy is such a strong woman, yet has her own vulnerabilities and flaws to deal with and that she steps up to meet these challenges. Shaman, Friend, Enemy is a fast paced read that keeps

you wanting to turn the pages just to find out what will happen next. In my opinion it is very well written and once again I am eager to read the next installment to see what Livvy will tackle next. While I am over the moon about this installment in the series and feel it is an excellent read, I do not think it would have been quite as enjoyable had I not first read book one. There is some rehashing of prior events so a new reader to the series would not be completely lost, but I also feel there was so much world building in book one that would be missed had I not started there. That being said I would highly recommend UF fans read book one and then jump right into Shaman, Friend, Enemy - after all book two is here and you will not have to wait to continue this most excellent journey!

This book was given to me by the author requesting my honest opinion and I have received no remuneration other than the pleasure of reading a new story.

Stephanie says

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I always worry about the second in book series by a new author when I really liked the first. This was okay but not as cohesive as the first.

I just didn't buy the love relationship and the external forces that would keep them apart. Livvy would have to be sitting or kneeling for any kiss with SK. In book one when people would bend down to speak with him he didn't like it. There is not enough thread to make this story line into a weaving. I didn't feel any real

emotive content in the relationship; they weren't on fire for each other.

I didn't buy the concept of what was keeping them from each other or the potential conflict of interest. It didn't mesh all the way through and Livvy as well as SK would have been aware of the rule and the position that SK's stature gave him. All the other shamans are aware of the position dwarfs hold in the Shamans' world, so why wouldn't Livvy have known?

I do not believe that Livvy would have taken the actions she did regarding her mother. With her experience in the last book she was well aware of exactly what can happen when there is an unfriendly shaman in there with you. But the rules and issues seem to arise from the author's needs instead of organically, from the invented world. Things occur without necessary backstory. I am perplexed as to whether spirit guides are really corporeal and can be corporeally hurt or killed. Why would Livvy be unaware of way the lightning shamanism worked? She had a mentor. There are books.

Your invented world in Urban Fantasy has to hold water unless you design it not to. There's some leakage in this story that was not present in the first book.

The villain here, Dominique, and her sister Nicole are like a fractured soul of one person. Dominique is all evil and loud about it and Nicole with her problems is the innocent. And her understanding of magic would have made her aware that there is no such thing as a free lunch. While many people believe they will escape their bad karma, just being so evil doesn't cut it.

There are loose ends and unnecessary events throughout without resolution at the end.

The bottom line is that I felt the writer went in too many directions at once and was perhaps the romance was an attempt to insert it into the story but without any real verve it didn't feel real.

Livvy is a strong heroine who is imperfect and that's my favorite kind. She is also a kind person, and only hurts others in self defense. I also like that Green is exploring a largely untouched area of Urban Fantasy an

Karielle at Books à la Mode says

Los Angeles is changing. Techno-shaman Livvy Lawson—who's one of the most highly coveted shamans in the area, thanks to a recent triumph in the multiverse, as well as its exposure—can feel it prickling in her skin. It's not just her career dynamic; there seems to be some other shamanic influx disrupting the natural flow of her work, too. Only when she notices a devastating pattern among her clients, and when shamans begin appearing in her middleworld, does she figure out there's someone out there that's putting not only the LA shamans, but also her directly, in grave danger. But by then, it may be too late to take any defensive measures.

This second installment of the Olivia Lawson Techno-Shaman series is an artful, well-processed continuation of the fascinating urban fantasy world that left readers begging for more in the original Shaman, Healer, Heretic. The idea of techno-shamanism itself is magical and thrilling—a combination of steampunk and contemporary fantasy—and the plot is also fast-paced and easy to follow. This sequel isn't as dangerous or as inventive as the first book, as the backdrop of shamanism is already set, but it's definitely more psychologically disturbing, with a fresher and equally absorbing premise.

My only constructive reservation for the previous book was that there wasn't enough of Livvy's past incorporated into the storyline. There would be brief mentions, but never full elaborations, which frustrated me, but now I know they were just a technique to keep me holding on. In *Shaman, Friend, Enemy*, all the questions—all the obscure nondisclosures—are slowly, painfully answered. In the beginning, I was definitely at the edge of my seat wanting to know more about Livvy's initiation into shamanism—into how she became the prophesied lightning shaman; by the end, I was completely satisfied.

I love how there's more of Min and SK, as well as a moving forbidden romance. The results of Livvy's desires are literally electric, and inevitably will end up governing her and swallowing her whole.

I recommend this one for readers who are returning to the series. While the plots of both books are completely unrelated, there aren't as many details about the shamanism, nor about Livvy's routine, which may make *Shaman, Friend, Enemy* seem rather flimsy and underdeveloped. It might be a decent standalone novel, but would be best enjoyed by readers who started at the beginning, just because of the recurring practices, characters, relationships, and conflicts present.

Livvy's deepest secret—the reason she is so devoted to shamanism in the first place—is finally revealed after the mystery enshrouding her background. As malicious powers try to get in her way, Livvy will go to any length—even submersing into the dark arts, and even losing herself a little bit—in order to carry out the mission to which she owes her life. Her painful past eventually justifies her determination for redemption, but not before claiming a small part of her, before it does.

Faced with these inner demons and the recent local obstructions, Livvy must risk her career and her life just to settle the one thing from her past to which she owes everything, which propels her into a distressing decision: to pursue the one she loves, or to stop being a shaman—to lose her identity—completely.

Pros: Livvy's backstory revealed! // Moves quickly and doesn't drag on // New villains shape the story well // Livvy's personal strengths and weaknesses explored // Well-written and well-structured // Leaves me wanting to read the next book!

Cons: Green has a natural voice for storytelling, but stylistically it's not particularly lyrical or haunting; it gets the job done, but isn't impressive // Not much action

Love:

Livvy had stopped at the edge of the living room, as though she were afraid to enter. When in doubt, she bit her lower lip. Sometimes when she did that, she was worried about something serious, a client usually. Sometimes, she was just trying to pick the type of tea she'd order. SK had never mentioned it to her, afraid that she might stop.

Verdict: In this stirring, fulfilling second novel, M. Terry Green calls attention to the domineering advantage in keeping compassion—keeping humanity alive on top of the duties in the battle between good and evil—as well as a startling truth regarding where Livvy's passions and loyalties lie. Once again, Livvy is challenged and her heart's resolve brutally tested, but once again, readers hold onto hope that she will, in the end, somehow prevail; that's just who Olivia Lawson is. Tender and heart-wrenching, yet edgy in revelation, *Shaman, Friend, Enemy* is a detailed and purposeful journey into our original lovable heroine's psyche. The discovery of an incredible bond and a terrible tragedy that have shaped her, and how she, in the end, triumphs over those single-minded fears, demonstrate masterfully what it means to be human... and what we

humans must do to not only live, but also to simply survive

Rating: 8 out of 10 hearts: An engaging read; highly recommended.

Source: Complimentary copy provided by author in exchange for an honest and unbiased review (thank you!).

George Floyd says

Good story

After reading this I was very satisfied. I read it in one sitting and now am looking forward to book 3.

Mary says

I just finished the second book in the Olivia Lawson, Techno-Shaman series by M. Terry Green "Shaman, Friend, Enemy". And again I really liked the unique world building. Especially the different parts of the multiverse that M. Terry Green created.

In this book Livvy develops feelings for SK, so there's a bit romance. Sadly the romance part is again very small.

The story has its focus on a rival shaman who wants to get more power in the shaman world and wants Livvy (who is now renowned 'The Lightning Shaman') out of her way. Besides that the story is about Livvy's personal quest - she wants to find/summon her mother on the other side.

I loved the characters in the first book, so I was curious to find out more about them. And again I loved how action packed the story was.

Usually I would love to read an action packed story about the 'bad' shaman trying to get the 'good' shaman out of her way... Unfortunately this time - I wasn't really on Livvy's side. In order to ease her bad conscience regarding something that happened years ago, she wants to summon her mother against all odds. To do so she lies to her best friend and SK and often treats them very poorly. Her best friend Min and SK love Livvy so much that they put up with almost everything and they always forgive and forget the next moment (and why is that? Even if you love someone - if that person is REALLY wrong you don't put up with everything - it's like she has a free-out-of-jail card for emotions...) With Livvy's lying and selfish behavior she annoyed me about 90% of the book. Of course Livvy figures out in the end that she was wrong. But that was a bit too late for me for a five star story. I have to at least like the heroine of the book and although I liked her a lot in book 1 - she definitely had a change for the worse in character in this story).

So, despite the really good story - I give this book only 3 stars.
