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A strange and inexplicable attack in his favorite watering hole leaves Detective Carson Hale with stitches, bruised ribs, and a concussion but yet Leila, the bartender, is mysteriously uninjured. While her lies and evasions set off Hale's instincts, her body sets off other alarms. Dangerous secrets and a complicated past drove Leila Najafi to Detroit, where she hoped to escape her family. Now, she's been discovered by the one man who could destroy her. At the worst possible time, sexy Detective Hale blows into her life and forces her to make a decision that could cause both heartbreak and war.

Djinn and Tonic Details

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Jacqui Norris says

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Another 5 star read from Jasinda Wilder!! I loved Djinn and Tonic, as opposed to gin and tonic, Detective Carson Hale's drink of choice! The story takes of where Jack and Djinn left off. Det. Carson Hale is trying to solve a murder and still believe what he has seen and heard from the witness. Leila is the beautiful dark hair bartender that is listening to Hale and wanting to get a little closer. But she knows not too close. But the attraction is there and when a kiss turns into Hale waking up in the hospital and Leila not hurt but the bar destroyed, once again he is forced to look at and believe in things he might never have thought of. But he does know one thing, he has fallen for Leila in a way he never has and he wants to be with her. But what is Leila's secret for trying to stay away. How far will Carson go for the woman he loves?

I was drawn to these characters and the others in the series. I am a fan of paranormal and Jasinda has a great way of telling the stories. The story flowed and I actually did not figure out the ending before it happened. I am usually pretty good with that or a story will lead you to figure it out. Not in this case. Not what I was expecting. In fact the ending was better than I expected. This is a series not to be missed! I look forward to the next one! Thank you Jasinda!!

Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

I received and ARC of this book for an honest review 4.5 stars!

I have read a fair number of paranormal books in my life. I can probably count on one hand the number of times I have encountered a djinn or Genie. Those characters are usually up to no good and secondary to the story. This series is pleasantly surprising! The world building--modern day Detroit with this hidden paranormal realm--draws the reader in right away. You want to know more. How have they stayed hidden from humans? What happens when humans find them out? This is not the Sheherazade story with a Genie in a bottle that grants wishes. This is darker and grittier and sexier than those Arabian tales.

This is book 2 in the series but you could pick this up and read it and easily be caught up on what has happened up until now. Leila is an ifrit--a different clan of the djinn. She is comparable to a princess in their world and she is not terribly happy about that. Her life has been controlled by men and she is rebelling. Carson Hale has stumbled upon things he can't quite get his head wrapped around. Seeing is believing but his brain is playing catch up to his eyes. Do djinn and ifrit exist?

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There is a bit of suspense and violence in the book. The bad guys are truly nasty. Carson and Leila have some amazing sexy times. As in the first book, the element the djinn represents plays a significant role in their connection to their lover. I like how magic also plays a role in the bonding between mates. If you read

the first book, you will remember Nadira from her interactions with Miriam. In this book, we get to know her better and she is one kick ass djinn! Can't wait for her story in the next book!

The book missed 5 hearts for me simply because of Leila. She came across with such a strong personality. She has been pampered most of her life and doesn't have as much burden to bear as Carson. She wants to be brave and face her demons. However, I found the moments of emotional break down for her happening a few too many times. As a character, I felt she had skills and depth that would move her past the tears. She became almost whiny at points. Just distracting for me, not a major flaw.

I have yet to read a bad book by this author! Phenomonal work! Please check out her other titles. She is definitely a one-click author for me!

Elemental Leila

"Angel" by Chris Slabber
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Lynn Gardner says

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I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I adored this book. It's the second in a series, but one thing I loved about this book is that you don't necessarily have to read the first in order to jump in with this one. The first book featured Detective Hale as a supporting character, and I was glad to see him return. The relationship between him and Leila develops fairly quickly in this book, but it was introduced in the first book. Leila is the person in whom Carson confides about cases, particularly a case with supernatural aspects. When Carson discovers that Leila is a part of the same supernatural world, he takes it in stride because he wants to get to know her better.

I love the supernatural aspect of this series. So many authors have written the same kinds of books, but this is a refreshing change. The djinn and ifrits have elemental powers, and the way the author describes the use of these powers was interesting. There was also a lot of information about the differences and tensions between the djinn and ifrits that set up a potential war for the series.

This author also writes good characters. Carson is devoted to his job, which is how he and Leila strike up a relationship in the first place. Leila is fighting against the wishes of her family, while struggling with the loyalty and devotion she still feels. Although the development of their relationship feels quick, it still rings true.

There were also cameos from some characters from the first book that were nice to see. I'm curious about how the series will continue and how many of those characters will appear in later books. I think this series has a lot of potential and I'm looking forward to reading more.

Jennifer Sons says

4 1/2 Stars

I was given Djinn & Tonic for an honest review. WOW! This book will have you on the edge of the seat of your chair the entire book! Djinn and Tonic is the second book in The Houri Legends series by author Jasinda Wilder. As all other Jasinda books, this one doesn't fall short & meets all of my expectations!

We have Carson & Leila who meet up at his fav bar where she works. He's trying to make head or tails of the situation he just witnessed & make sense of the strange case. What he didn't know is his life was about to get weirder!

I love the connection that Carson & Leila have! It's a very strong bond that nothing can break, even strong family curses! This book had my head spinning! It had every element in it: love, hate, magic, suspense, action, violence, steamy situations, passion. I loved the last few chapters, as it brought everything together & tied everything together in a nice little crazy bow! Great job Mrs. Wilder & I can't wait until the next one!

K3 says

FATE: the development of events beyond a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power:

Detective Carson Hale fell hard and fast for bartender Leila. After waking up in the hospital with bruised ribs and a concussion, he is confused as to what happened. He remembers asking her out on a date and kissing her, then everything went black. What shocks him is the pictures his Chief shows him of the destroyed bar he was at just a few hours ago and the fact that Leila is completely unscathed from the incident. When he asks Leila about it, he knows that she is lying to him. The thing is, he can't stay away from her. There is something about her that is different from any other woman. There are also strange things happening when he is with her, but hey, being a detective nothing really shocks him anymore, he can officially say he has seen it all.

Leila enjoys her job as a bartender. She also enjoyed her freedom, a freedom she wasn't allowed back home. What she wasn't planning on was falling head over heels in love with Detective Carson Hale. She knows he is able to have an open mind when it comes to certain things but she is concerned for his safety. When the man she has been running away from finds her, Leila is forced to make a decision that no-one on either side will walk away from.

CHEMISTRY: the complex emotional or psychological interaction between two people

I fell in love with Carson's character in Jack and Djinn. He is smart and intuitive, funny, strong, determined and not to mention GORGEOUS. When he sets his mind to something, he becomes obsessed with it and will not let it go. Not fully understanding what is going on with Leila, the one thing he is certain of that that he will do whatever he can to help her. Whether she wants his help or not.

Leila just wants to live her life, she wants her life to be her choice and not the choice of her father. The reality is, her family is old school and they do things the old fashion way whether she likes it or not. She really has no choice. She is beautiful, smart, funny and a bit of a spitfire. She stands up for what she wants and fights everything tooth and nail, regardless of the consequences.

Their romance is like a tornado. It is fast, beautiful and can be destructive. Together and apart, they are able to overcome the obstacles that stand in their way.

Leila and Carson are a breath of fresh air.

Jasinda created some great characters, chemistry between all of these characters in this series. Definitely leaves me wanting more.

Desiree Gorman - A Love Affair With Books says

4.5 hearts!

"Djinn and Tonic" continues the djinn/genie story line and can be read alone but if you are like me, you prefer to read things in order.

Carson Hale is the policeman who spent most of "Jack and Djinn" trying to answer the question of the unexplained things that were happening in Detroit. As the long hidden paranormal activities in Detroit are now being brought to light, he can only try his best to wrap his brain around it.

Leila the bartender is a lot more than she seems. Now, with Carson asking questions and the bar she worked at being blown up and Carson being in the hospital with more questions than answers, Leila is in quite the predicament.

The romantic "chemistry" between these two is off the charts hot. Carson knows there is something different about Leila and he should probably stay away but he can't. Leila worries for Carson's safety, her freedom she has finally found and what this chemistry can mean for the both of them.

When Leila's past and present come head to head, it will take all the power Leila possesses to handle the situation. The ending of "Djinn and Tonic" will have you jaw dropped, intrigued and completely mind blown.

It doesn't matter what genre Jasinda Wilder decides to write, you know it is going to be some of the best stories. Even if you aren't normally a paranormal fan, I can't see how the suspense and intrigue of these stories won't keep you entertained with every page.

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Amy Eppig bull says

I am not a huge fan of paranormal, but when it comes to Jasinda I would read anything :)

Carson was introduced in Jack and Djinn and I was so excited to dive into his book! Sexy, sweet, and such a

hard worker ... he seems incredibly perfect. Sharing his back story really made me so sad for him. What a tragic past for any person to experience.

Leila is a seriously complicated being. Major family problems force her to be a close lipped beauty. Explaining about her super uniquely weird past gives her serious anxiety, and I don't blame her. However, Carson is a very persuasive man.

My hopes were so high for these two right from the start. I think the fact that they are both so unique, so beautiful and so complicated. As always, Jasinda's writing is fantastic. She is one of my favorite authors and I jump at the chance to sink into any of her work.

I would consider this a must read!!!

The Book Trollop says

I really don't know where to begin with this book... I almost stopped reading it a million times because it had subject matter that irritates me and it was driving me bat shit cray cray..

BUT, I am glad I didn't because by the end, I was really enjoying Carson and Leila's story.

Well, lets come out with the one thing that drives me crazy, and that is insta-love... I literally cringe and want to run away from the book when the big "L" word is thrown around after only a five minute conversation (no that didn't happen in this book, but almost). I didn't feel the connection between the two characters. They barely talked before they were claiming to never want to live without one another...

It just seems fake or rushed or any number of insincere things...

Yes, I know people believe in love at first sight but this wasn't even "like" at first sight because they met each other before this book and then all of a sudden they were obsessed with each other after one kiss??

huh??

I guess that was one HELL of a kiss... lol

BUT with that being said, continuing with the story, I got "it" towards the end. They have a strange relationship, a fast-paced, rushed relationship that went from 0-100 in a matter of moments. And even if it was crazy fast, it had a lot of chemistry, just wish I could have felt it a little more.

Another thing that bothered me with this book was Carson... He seemed like an intelligent guy in the previous story, I liked him in that book. He was putting clues together and trying to explain the unexplainable. But then in this story, he seemed slow on the uptake. Leila would do things and he was like, "oh, I guess she's not human"...

Ummm... wow, welcome to the club captain obvious... haha..

He is a very analytical guy and even when she did things right in front of him, he was still so lost.

Poor guy...

The story itself was fast-paced, full of romance with little paranormal aspects sprinkled in here and there to make it a little stormy (PUN intended). I thought there would be more paranormal and more explanations told in this book but it is solely based on a relationship, rather than djinns and ifrits...

So, even people who do not care for paranormal stories, will like this series because it has a lot more romance than anything else.

The sex is freaking, outrageously hot but I didn't expect anything less with a Jasinda Wilder novel. When her name is on it, you know the book is going to be epically humid...

Just have your husband or B.O.B on standby because you will definitely need it.

But, even with the lack of information that I wanted, more questions than answers, and even with the insta-love, I still enjoyed this book because the ending made it much more enjoyable. I am looking forward to the last one and really hope I can find out about this feud and how everything is going to come together or go down in the end.

Plus, the last book is about Nadira and OMG she is one kick ass Djinn!!! I loved her in this book and I am really looking forward to her story!!!

Beth says

Detective Carson Hale has been having a hard time believing what went down with his last case. Needing a drink, he goes down to his local bar and chats it up with the beautiful bartender, Leila. Leila's presence and calming demeanor helps Carson talk about the case and ease his worry. An instant friendship and attraction blossoms, while one kiss sends the walls crashing down and Carson to the hospital not knowing what exactly happened.

Leila Najafi is trying to get control of her life. Moving from Chicago to Detroit has only made matters worse with her family, but she will not let the Old Ways ruin her life. Carson is a breath of fresh air who takes her mind off all of her troubles. She knows she can never be with him, but she cannot keep herself from staying away. Time is running out, she must say goodbye, Carson does not fit and Leila is the only person who can stop a war from becoming a reality.

What a whirlwind of a story! This sexy paranormal elemental story has it all. Djinnis, Ifrits, the push pull, the danger, the crazy, and one of the sexiest bonding scenes we have read. Jasinda Wilder brought us into her world and made it unbelievable. We are digging this series and are happy to see that Nadira will have her story told.

4.5 Sighs paired with a Gin and Tonic (of course!)

Beth says

The Perfect Blend of Contemporary Romance and Ancient Mythology

Djinn and Tonic, the second installment in the Houri Legends series by Jasinda Wilder, was an exciting and enthralling read for me with the perfect blend of contemporary romance and paranormal world building. Jasinda excels at writing a variety of genres in romance and she brought her “A” game to this series creating an exotic new world with ancient Arabic mythology weaved in with a contemporary setting.

Djinn and Tonic picks up right where the first book in the series, Jack and Djinn, left off with Detective Carson Hale drinking away his frustrations from a pervious case at a local bar. He begins to share details of his strange case with Leila, the bartender, who listens to him intently. The two have an undeniable attraction to one another that neither one can fight, but that electric chemistry leaves to an unfortunate incident that has Carson injured, confused and wanting to uncover the mystery surrounding Leila. And there are a lot of questions. Carson wants Leila with a desperation he doesn't understand, and he wants to find out more about Leila, which turns out to relate to his previous case.

This series is unique to me because Jasinda weaves in elements of Arabic mythology into the plot. I find this fresh, exciting and unique. I've never read about a new paranormal world like this before in a romance. In addition, she takes these elements and places them in a contemporary setting which makes the story interesting. There is much more of a paranormal presence in this book than the previous one, and Jasinda is building a larger plotline than just the romance in this book. This has me anxiously awaiting the final book in this series, Djinn and Juice.

Jasinda mixes in quality character development with an intriguing plot. The story is told from both Carson's and Leila's POV, which enhances the reading experience. Jasinda knows how to write beautiful love scenes too. I mean, have you ever read about a couple making love inside the vortex of a tornado? Some of the scenes in the book, especially near the end, reminded me of an action movie! Mixing in romance with a little action and suspense gives this series an “on-the-edge-of –your-seat” experience, which is very enjoyable.

There is some “insta love” in this book, and the characters acknowledge this and how crazy that concept is to the logical mind. There is a connection between Carson and Leila that the reader understands is “other worldly.” Leila is different and unique, and to me, it is understandable that her relationship with Carson would be as well.

I thought there was a great addition of secondary characters too. Jasinda does a stellar job mixing in romance, action and suspense in this book. The reader gets a glimpse of the characters from the next book, and I can't wait to read it. If you enjoy contemporary romance and crave a little something “extra” with it, then this series is perfect. Technically, a reader can read this book as a standalone, but I would encourage you to read Jack and Djinn first because there is so much back story from that book that relates to this one.

Five stars!

Favorite Quotes:

“Do you like me, check yes or no.”

“I cannot imagine a moment in my life that hasn’t contained him...Now, he is my reality.”

“I’ll follow you to the ends of the earth, and I’ll save you from whatever it is you’re planning to do. I just found you and I’m not going to let you go.”

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Kelly Mccurdy says

~~I was given this book by the author in exchange for my honest opinion~~

This is the second book in the Houri Legends series, and just like the first, this one does not disappoint. This book follows Carson and Leila. Carson is trying to come to terms with what he saw with Miriam. Leila is trying to persuade him that some things are harder to comprehend when something happens. Carson is so enamored with Leila that he is having a very hard time getting her out of his head. He feels like he needs to protect her and he needs to be there to help her. But more importantly, he needs to be there to love her.

Leila has secrets. Her secrets are ones that can't be told to just anyone. She wants more than anything to tell Carson why she can't be with him, why their love will never work, but just can't do it for some reason.

This book has more action in it than the first. I love it! There is a good mix of action and love in the book that it makes it a great read. You are sitting at the edge of your seat to find out what happens next. Jasinda knows how to write a great love story. She has mastered it in my opinion. She has now written a great paranormal romance book. I can't wait to see what happens in the next book.

Jen says

Note: This ARC was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Carson Hale is a police detective who has just closed the strangest case he's ever encountered in his entire career. But it appears that things are about to get stranger as he finds himself in the hospital after spending time at his favorite bar with the beautiful bartender who serves his favorite gin and tonic. He can't recall what caused him to land in a hospital bed but the one thing that he does remember is finally exchanging a kiss with Leila and asking her out to dinner.

Leila Najafi left Chicago and her family behind in order to lead a freer life in Detroit. There she meets Carson and while she's attracted to him, she doesn't want to drag him into her world, a world that has too many secrets. Her past soon reaches her and forces her to do something on the very night that she's in the bar with Carson. When he asks her what happened, she evades his questions but knows that she won't be able to keep hiding the truth from him for much longer.

Even as Leila tries to nip things in the bud with Carson, the connection between them is already too potent for either of them to deny. But the obligations forced upon her by her father have her choosing between

doing what will be best for her family or following her heart. And once again, Carson is coming across things that don't make very much sense, but if his feelings for Leila are as strong as they already are, he must decide if he's ready and willing to fight for her.

Djinn and Tonic is the second book in *The Houri Legends* series by author Jasinda Wilder and suffice it to say that this simply blew me away (yup, pun intended). While the first book was pretty good, this new release was fast-paced and kept me entertained from start to finish. There's some drama, a bit of action, a dose of humor, and enough paranormal romance to satisfy this bookaholic and I readily admit that I quite liked this book much more than I did its predecessor.

Leila and Carson were such great characters, both strong yet sweet and sensitive in their respective ways. Leila's loyalty to her family and need for independence and freedom make her an easy heroine to root for and Carson has been interesting since book one and I was glad that he finally gets his own story told. Interestingly, neither of the lead characters are djinns but they are connected to them by way of Nadira Nasri, who was introduced in *Jack and Djinn*.

There was no putting this book down once I had started and the story was creatively crafted by the author, making me want to have the third book in my hands as soon as possible. I happily recommend *Djinn and Tonic* to my fellow bookaholics who love romance novels in general and/or paranormal romance stories specifically. Expect an intriguing story involving ifrits, djinns, and humans with memorable characters that demand attention. I'm giving this new release 4.5 stars, rounded off to five stars for Goodreads' purposes! ♥

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Victoria Colotta says

The second book of the Houri Legends series is a story about the all consuming love that every romance reader hopes to have in their life one day. It is a story about a world of old customs and expectations brought upon a young woman by her family. It is a story about rebellion. It is a story about fighting for what you want. This is the story of Leila and Carson.

I'll follow you to the ends of the earth, and I'll save you from whatever it is you're planning to do. I just found you and I'm not letting you go.

Detective Carson Hale has had quite last month or so. He has been involved with a case that turns out to be anything but ordinary. In fact, as the book opens he is sitting at his favorite bar thinking about how to process the fact what Miriam showed him. Just when he starts a conversation with Leila Najafi, the bartender. He can tell that she is more than what she seems and has a story to tell, but doesn't push...at first. As the two interact more and more, the chemistry is obvious. However, Leila is hiding some things and Carson does not want to let it go.

I am a woman, not a chess piece. I want a man to love me for who I am, not for what I have, or who my father is.

Leila is a woman with a past. She is not only the daughter of a ...businessman, but she is also an ifrit (similar to a djinn, but not the same). Add to that, she ran away from home because of her father's old world views that is forcing her to be betrothed to a nasty and evil man. She wants nothing more to be with Carson and

never have to deal with the mess that is surrounding her family.

He is breath, and I am wind; he's is motion and I am air.

The story of Carson and Leila is one that you will not soon forget. Their love and passion will bring them together, but their bond will be what either breaks them or allows them to be together.

Taylor Irvin says

DJINN and Tonic (Book 2 in the Houri Legends)

Holy S@\$&! This book will literally BLOW YOU AWAY!!! Sorry for the shouting cap, but man as I said in my review for Jack and DJINN, adult paranormal romance normal had no appeal to me. This series has changed all that for me. There is a part of me that sees myself in Miriam and Leila, that has walked in their shoes and breathe the same air. Remaining spoiled free on this book is so hard, because the power that Jasinda lays in these pages is powerful, mind numbing, and made it hard to breathe. As with Jack and Miriam, Carson and Leila are stunning, there is no couple on earth that has an easy path. Whether the path be stormy in the beginning, middle, or end, there is always clouds and rain. That may sound contradictory if you have read Jack and DJINN, but every fire has to whether the rain a few times. So when you pick this book up remember, it was crafted in love and you might just find love in it too. So, yes this is another 5 Flame review from me. So bravo Jasinda, for rocking my world and leaving me a bit singed after.

All Romance says

MICHELLE'S REVIEW

You lovers know that I am not much of a paranormal reader. It's not that I don't like it- it just tends not to be my preference. But I am a fan of this series from Jasinda Wilder. There's something so intriguing to me about these elemental goddesses. Maybe it's the strong female characters that attract me but whatever it is-

This is the story of detective Carson Hale who we met in book 1 and Leila Najafi. Carson thinks that Leila is just an ordinary waitress at a bar. One he wants to know. But when a steamy kiss turns into a stay at the hospital- Carson knows something is up.

Because of his involvement on the strange case in Jack and Djinn with Miriam- Carson is starting to understand that there are forces around him that aren't quite human.

Leila and Carson fall in love pretty fast. It may be the only thing I wasn't wild about but Jasinda does make a point to have the characters acknowledge how insane their love is. So I can appreciate that at least we all agree that it's insane but it works.

Leila is an Ifrit and essentially a princess in her world. Her father rules a clan and as a result of some poor business decisions, finds himself forced to marry his only daughter off to a terrible man named Hassan. This

guy is the worst. What I love is that Leila is not into this at all and makes no effort to pretend that she is.

It's awesome. She's kick ass about it and fights him back time and time again. But she falls between the burden of protecting her family and following her heart that belongs to Carson. And then it's like:

Perhaps the real star of the show here is Nadira. We met her in the first book where she was pretty amazing in helping Miriam realize who she was. But here we see that she is basically the biggest badass around. She kicks so much ass it will make your head spin. I can't wait for her book!!!

This is definitely different than a lot of what Jasinda writes but I like it. It's a contemporary romance that has these extra paranormal elements. The sex is as hot as we have come to expect from Jasinda and the characters are sexy and real which is why I like them. While the instalove did throw me off a bit, the overall story kept me hooked and I raced through the last half of the book to see what happened.

Can't wait for more!
