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# Fire Touched: Mercy Thompson Series, Book 9



## Synopsis

Mercy Thompson has been hailed as "a heroine who continues to grow and yet always remains true to herself."\* Now she's back, and she'll soon discover that when the fae stalk the human world, it's the children who suffer.... Tensions between the fae and humans are coming to a head. And when coyote shapeshifter Mercy and her Alpha werewolf mate, Adam, are called upon to stop a rampaging troll, they find themselves with something that could be used to make the fae back down and forestall out-and-out war: a human child stolen long ago by the fae. Defying the most powerful werewolf in the country, the humans, and the fae, Mercy, Adam, and their pack choose to protect the boy no matter what the cost. But who will protect them from a boy who is fire touched? \*Library Journal

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## Customer Reviews

The Mercy Thompson series has been one of my favorites since I picked up book 1 several years ago. It is always well written, the plots varied and full of twists. This latest incarnation is no different but the plots are becoming deeper, the interpersonal relationships are becoming more involved and add depth to these stories. I can tell you I read this book in 1 day, I could not put it down. As the synopsis indicates this book starts out with a rush of action in a battle with a troll which was awesome but it was just to setup a much more involved plot that takes us places we have never been before in this series and turns a few things we have believed in the last couple of books are now portrayed in a bit of a different light. We are fast approaching all-out war between humans,

werewolves and the fae so in addition to everything else that has to be avoided at all costs so hang on tight, things are going to get rough. There is a bit of tragedy that makes me kinda sad. I can't say too much about the actual story because the action pretty much starts on page one so anything beyond that becomes a spoiler. Bottom Line: As always the writing, story and plot are exceptional. The characters are varied and rounded out, no cardboard cutouts in these books (it is still hard to keep up with so many of them). The pack bond relationships are brought out more in this book and a lot of the disharmony we have seen in the last few books will be resolved firmly. So enjoy a great book, I sure did 5 Stars easy and you will NOT be bored on any page

It's a pretty rare thing for a series to really hold on to its spark after nine installments. But this one does it. Reading this book was like falling back into a familiar world I know and love. I didn't want to put it down, not because it was an adrenaline filled ride, but because I cared what would happen next. Mercy Thompson is a fantastic heroine. She is not the strongest or the most powerful, but she is astute and loyal, and when the chips fall, she comes through every time. I left the last book a little bit angry at the pack and at Adam for the way the whole thing with his ex-wife played out. But I am happy to report, this issue got the resolution I needed here --and in pretty short order. Patricia Briggs dealt with the elephant in the room, and I am ready to love everyone again. The cohesiveness of the pack is actually a really important part of the story, as they must band together to face off with the Fae. It's not quite as dire as it sounds. I mean, yeah, it's dangerous, but this isn't the kind of gut wrencher as, say, Iron Kissed. My heart wasn't in my throat while I was reading. This book did excite me, though, because I felt like Mercy and Adam were establishing themselves as a force in the world on an entirely different level. I saw their bond deepening and their standing elevated, as their network of allies showed its worth. Without giving too much away, Mercy essentially claims the Tri-Cities as pack territory. They are protectors. They are enforcers. And not everyone likes it. Not other packs. Not the Fae. But it is what it is. And I love how Adam stands by her --and the way the pack falls in line. I love the new addition of Aiden. And I liked seeing Thomas and Margaret. The origin of their story is in the short "Fairy Gifts" and I would love to get to spend more time with them. The book isn't as action packed or quite as dense with the mythology as some of the others in the series. But I think I enjoyed it more for its character focus. I love Mercy and Adam when we see the depths of their feelings for each other. I love it every time Mercy is an underdog and she wins against the odds. I love Ben. I love Jesse and Zee, and even the volcano-dog-guy is growing on me. I am still excited to see where Mercy's story goes next. Rating: A-/B+

never thought I'd say this but, this book was just ok. good writing but this just wasn't like the Mercy Thompson books that I have come to love. It wasn't worth the 14dollars I paid for it. spoiler coming, I didn't like that Brian just dropped her like a hot potato and the death of the walking stick just wasn't right. Mercy was too politically correct to safe. it was like she was more of a supporting character in this book. I truly hate to say this because this is my favorite author and series. this was too short, it didn't feel like a full book. none of the usual characters showed up no coyote no Stefan. heck Mercy didn't even shapeshift. the ex wife didn't even need to show up in this book. there wasn't any deeping of the love between Adam and Mercy or their mate bond. Nothing exciting happen in this book it just left me feeling disappointed. This book left Mercy looking weak and alone. the thing Adam did with the pack should have been done a lone time ago, but the way the pack just was ok now Mercy is great now right after was just not believable. To put this to a close this book left me feeling sorry for Mercy something I never felt for before and didn't like, I will read the next one but if some of these thing are not fixed I will have to leave this series behind and that saddens me. Please Ms. Briggs bring the real Mercy back !

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