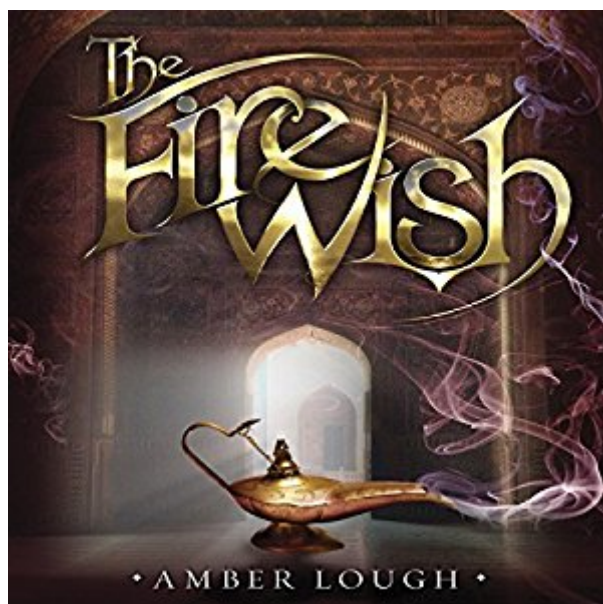


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The Fire Wish



Synopsis

A jinni. A princess. And the wish that changes everything.... Beautifully written and accessible fantasy for fans of Tamora Pierce, Rachel Hartman, and Laini Taylor. In this romantic and evocative fantasy, Najwa is a jinni, training to be a spy in the war against the humans. Zayeel is a human on her way to marry a prince of Baghdad - which she'll do anything to avoid. So she captures Najwa and makes a wish. With a rush of smoke and fire, they fall apart and re-form - as each other. A jinni and a human, trading lives. Both girls must play their parts among enemies who would kill them if the deception were ever discovered - enemies including the young men Najwa and Zayeel are just discovering they might love.

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Customer Reviews

THE FIRE WISH was an exceptional book that I devoured so quickly. Then I became furious with myself for reading it so quickly, because I just wanted to continue Najwa and Zayeel journey so badly!! As this being my first jinni book, I was curious to see what was in store. And I am thrilled to say that I loved the the unique world-building, and the thick-plotted world in THE FIRE WISH!! And after reading this book and practically loving it, I know it will not be the last jinni book I read!! A jinni, and a princess trading lives??? YES, that is enough to make me want it. It's different then your normal YA book, and that's one reason I loved it!! And another reason I had to read it was that Aladdin was one of my favorite Disney movies growing up, and though it was different, it still had similarities, and I loved that!! THE PLOT... Najwa is a jinni living in the Kingdom Jinn, training in the Corps to be a spy in the upcoming war with the humans. But the day she breaches the humans

wards in the Baghdad palace, everything changes. On her third trip sneaking past the palace wards, her luck finally runs out and she is caught by Zayelee and forced to grant her a wish that will change both girls lives, forever...Zayelee is a human living with her tribe when the Vizier walks into their village and informs them that the Prince of Baghdad is looking for his first bride. But it's only when her father and the Vizier inform her that she will be Prince Kamal's first wife, and the Princess of Baghdad, that Zayelee's world gets ripped out from under her, and her life is forever changed! But when Zayelee runs into the only thing that can save her from her horrible fate at being a bride to a man she doesn't love, she eagerly takes it!

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The Fire Wish by Amber Lough
Book One of The Jinni Wars trilogy
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What I Liked: A jinni-related book! I don't think there are too many jinni-related books in YA literature, especially these days. I don't see why not, there is so much one can do with jinni and wishes and such. If you're looking for fantasy novels featuring jinni, there is this one, and one coming out in October - Exquisite Captive by Heather Demetrios. I have that one - look out for my review in late August/early September ish. Najwa is a jinni, Zayelee is a human. Both live in two very different worlds, but the worlds are connected by one thing: the jinn and human races are at war. Jinn are not permitted to enter the palace at Baghdad, due to strong wards. But somehow, Najwa gets in. And on her third time to the palace, she gets caught. By Zayelee, who is on her way to the palace to become the second prince's bride, against her will.

The Fire Wish is a lovely and magical story set in ancient Bagdad during the time when the humans and the jinnis, former allies, are at war. Zayelle, a young girl of the Zab tribe, learns she is obliged to marry the son of the Caliph. Upset she must leave her family; she and her cousin begin the barge ride to Bagdad. Najwa, a young jinni trained to spy on the humans is caught by Zayelle who then uses Najwa's magic to make a wish: she wishes to go home. As fate and wishes are fickle, the two

girls end up exchanging places instead. Najwa now finds herself in the Caliph's palace in the human world and Zayelle is trapped in the jinni kingdom. But, even stranger, the girls are so similar in appearance that the physical exchange is not noticeable. However, the two girls must then impersonate one another in the two very diverse worlds. The Fire Wish stands out as it is the only young adult/teen novel set in the Middle East and is a refreshing change from the ubiquitous dystopian or vampire love story. The human women wear hadjibs for modesty and must never be unaccompanied in the presence of males unless it is their husband. They follow ancient cultural standards, which make for an interesting variation on the romance element of this story. Jinnis, however, do not seem to have this same standard and it is interesting to watch the modest human Zayelle fall in love in such a non-modest manner. I wish there had been more tension concerning the two girls impersonating one another in the vastly different worlds. They blend in too quickly, especially Najwa which I found to be the most surprising. The romances, and consequent falling in love parts, are overly hasty and feel forced. It also took me a few chapters to get into the rhythm of two first-person narratives.

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