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Love never dies...but it can kill.

Ember is the story of Max Valentine, a teenager with secret abilities and many inner demons. His life revolves around music and his love for it. When his father dies he seeks answers with his last living relative, his fathers brother Frank. Frank lives on the island of Maui and eagerly takes Max in as his own. Max soon learns that healing his past will be more difficult than he could have ever believed.

Max's temper and indecision will send in motion events that will cost him dearly. He will test the limits of his powers and the new relationship with his protective uncle. He will gain a powerful love and lose another. Blood will be on his hands, forcing him to run away from what he wants the most...a new start.

Ember Details

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Nely Cab says

Eighteen year-old Max Valentine has a blazing personality, and that's not figuratively speaking. The main character in Madison Daniel's novel, Ember, can literally ignite himself on fire when his rage takes over, which unfortunately is quite often. Max can only hope that moving to paradise might calm his burning temper. Max takes up his uncle's offer to move to Hawaii to start fresh after his father passes. Upon arrival on the small island, Max is captivated by an exotic beauty named Asia and whisked off his feet by a assertive little blonde named Sam. Double girl trouble is any teenage boy's fantasy, but it becomes a nightmare for Max when Asia reveals her mystery and Sam's jealous ex-boyfriend wants to pound his face in. How will he ever control his temper?

Author Madison Daniel sets his novel ablaze by relating the story of a lonesome boy's struggle to bury his inner most demons while still discovering who he is and finding his purpose in a world where the elements are the embodiment of humans. Each character has a unique and likable personality with dialogue carefully formatted to fit their persona. Ember will be sure to leave you with a burning desire to read the next book in the series.

-Nely Cab, Author of Creatura

Lindsey says

Ok so I won't lie there were times I wanted to tear my hair out reading this. The love triangle aggravated the hell out of me. I absolutely am cheering for Sam! Oh that ending could not have been any better! Looking forward to the next book.

Roxy Carl says

This is my first review ever. I wish I was writing this review because this book was so incredibly awesome and life changing, but I'm not. I'm writing because I hope that this review will stop someone from reading this awful fucking book. If I succeed in making just one person not waste their time and save them from having this awful plot in their heads, I will be happy.

To start off the book is about a hotheaded, temper tantrum throwing, teen named max, aka mad max. He moves to Hawaii to live with his uncle because of family issues (spoiler: they either left him or died). We quickly find out max has a power over fire, and somehow this fire ability allows him to heal himself and others... Makes sense right? We find this out immediately because he really makes no fucking effort to hide it. None. No effort at all, he's all, "just let me heal this dog, now this girl and after I heal her I won't beg her not tell share my secret, instead I'll just let this bitch who doesn't even thank me for saving her life, stare daggers at me and walk away without a word".

Sorry, I'm too frustrated to even continue that... Let's move on to the other horrors of this "book", the writing is awful, and choppy. There is no real plot, just a horny teenage boy leading on two idiotic teenage girls, who after a day of knowing him fight over him. I would not want any teenage girl to read this book. It sends an awful message. He treats them horribly, starts fights, cheats on them with each other, acts like he's chosen

one, then chooses the other an hour later. He claims he's in love with both, yadda yadda, typical love triangle, except this one is even more painful and deserving of rage inspired book throwing.

Characters:

We have Madison valentine aka mad max. He is the fire controlling main character. He is basically a petulant toddler in a sexy male body. Also he carries his guitar with him everywhere, listens to shitty music and goes on and on about how important music is to him. He is in essence, a douche.

Then we have his first love interest, Asia. Asia is beautiful, rich and a total stuck up bitch. She has control of weather and it rains and lightening flashes everywhere she goes. She pushes max away then pulls him back and at one point gets an outline of her lips tattooed on his back. Which he agrees to on a whim, never even asking what she is having tattooed on him. I just, I have no words for the stupidity of this book.

Honestly at this point if you have read this far into this review and STILL want to read it, then there is no saving you my friend. It's all bad. ALL BAD. So bad I cannot write about it any further because it's hurts my brain to think that someone wrote this and actually got it published. And that I was dumb enough to read it.

Carly Wallace says

Hi y'all Anne here and I've just finished reading Ember by Madison Daniel and yes it's 4:56 am and I am writing my review because a book like this can not wait. Ember is an amazing book, I'm going to start right at page 1 where you meet Max and his suffering and turmoil is already painted right there for you in a heart wrenching scene that will leave you with a multitude of questions left wanting answers. The back drop for Ember is Hawaii and the author describes his locations and scenes in such detail that you can smell the salt in the air, feel the ocean breeze pull through your hair, or even feel the sun as it soaks into your skin. The details given allow the reader the ability not only to read a story but also play out a scene as if it were a movie, now helping this along is Madison Daniels' amazing idea of combining his book with a selected soundtrack and it works. It lends an ambiance to the chapters that gives the reader the gentle nudge to feel the scenes not just read them. Each chapter has an assigned song to set the tone and the mood, or sometimes intensify the already tense interaction between the characters. From chapter one there are notions set into motion that help build not only the story but each character line, from Max and the mystery girl cruising down the road locking eyes, to the careless tragedy that occurs forcing Max to push his limits within minutes of entering his paradise. Max is a tormented soul, he knows pain and bears a guilt that haunts his dreams and ripped apart his life. His lovable Uncle Frank is a heart warming guy who doesn't tell Max what to do he simply guides and supports him through his new life on the island. Max soon finds out that things are gonna go so right that it'll go wrong. Samantha and Asia have both caught his eye and he has both the girls attention, as different as night and day Sam and Asia they both volley for Max's attention. Max soon learns how special both girls are both to him and for him, but of course where a love triangle is involved someone is always going to get hurt. But who is strong enough to hold on the the fire that burns this passion. The emotional twists in Ember are insane it's like a time bomb on every page, just when you think you've figured it out guess again cause it's fixing to flip and break your heart. This book is a male point of view for most of the time which is nice for a change to get a little peek into how a guy sees and handles all the emotions of being different, new, afraid, and hurt all at once. The author kept the focus in balance the whole story it never wondered off or got confusing, it is an overwhelming ride through fire, lightning, and pain. From all those things comes discovery, understanding, and eventual healing. I cried at several parts in this book but the end was astonishing and had tears rolling down my face not for one character but for all of them! All the characters are bound together so tightly that for one to hurt is for all to be affected. I loved that I got attached to this book and was able to connect to the characters and feel for them. The music pulsed right along with the feelings and emotions making it that much more involving and capturing. I could quit reading tonight until I was through the whole book because the emotions and the music sucked me in and refused to let me

go until my eyes welled up and the words The End came into focus. I couldn't think of a better way to read this amazing story than with its own beautiful music to coincide the rush of feeling and imagination. I was carried away into a story that was full of twists and turns that kept me gasping for air and my temperature rising. 5 out of 5 stars for Ember by Madison Daniel and 10 out of 10 stars for the combination of the music into the words there by transcending the read into an experience. Look, Listen, Fade Away. Downpour book 2 is next I'm gonna love this.

Desiree says

The story was catchy--here are my problems with it: elementary grammar and punctuation errors, lots of them, distracting amounts of them! Lethargic narration, lots of places they could have tightened up dialogue, plot, etc. First person narration by a character that can somehow narrate events with great detail that he was not there to witness himself. Abundant sexuality among high schoolers. Now while this may represent reality, I wouldn't recommend this to a teenager when the main character speaks of sex as a way to decide which girl he really loves. Which brings me to the point that Max is fabulously immature, selfish, and a great slacker--what an inspiring character. Also, he's living out every teenage boy's wet dream to have two beautiful, popular girls fight for his love (Again, "love" is repeatedly used, when lust seems the driving force). I was confused by the use of a time stamp at the beginning of each chapter--completely unnecessary, unless you want to emphasize that sex, love, and murder can all happen as the result of teenage hormones in less than a few weeks. I would recommend finding a real editor and starting over--this book has great potential for certain demographics, but the presentation is currently extremely weak.

MoonGlitter says

I'm feeling the heat.....and I LOVE it!!

Max Valentine is not your ordinary, everyday Romeo. He has a history that haunts him day and night and he has abilities that can be both a blessing and a curse. Add a bit of a temper to that and things tend to heat up pretty quickly in this book ;) After the death of his father, Max needs a fresh start. He moves to Hawaii to live with his Uncle.

Asia is a mysterious local girl who Max feels instantly drawn to as soon as he sets eyes on her. She is beautiful and she seems to have a calming effect on Max and is able to sooth the fire within him. She also has a dark gift of her own.

Sam is your typical 'girl next door.' She's smart, and attractive and can 'fit in' anywhere in life. Max has feelings for Sam that he can't deny. He tried to keep her shut out but he found out that it was impossible. But Sam has a jealous ex boyfriend who makes life very difficult for Max.

Max is being pulled in two different directions and throughout the book, you can feel his confusion and angst. I must admit, I found myself changing my own mind several times about who I thought Max should end up with. Both girls are good for him in different ways. Ember is a compelling love triangle that is told from Max's perspective which I think is brilliant! It's very refreshing and appealing to read a story from the guys point of view for a change.

Another thing makes Ember so unique and adds it's own charm is that it has a excellent playlist of songs that help you to lock in the emotion for each chapter. I had a lot of fun looking up and downloading several songs

and making my own Ember playlist ;)

The ending of this book is bursting with hot action that is sure to get your heart racing! I was taken on a roller coaster of emotions and my heart sank when I realized that I had come to the end of my journey when there was still so much story left to be told! I'm excited for the next installment of this series to make its way to my Kindle!! Please, HURRY!! ;) *I TRY to be patient....I really do!* ;) And just a side thought.....wouldn't this make a fantastic movie?!?!

Jacque Talento says

Max's life hasn't been easy with the ability he holds. His mother left him and his dad passed away. He's moved to Hawaii to live with his uncle. New school, new friends, new life is all Max can think about until he meets Asia. Everyone fears Asia and the rumors are all around. She has abilities as well and is shunned at the school he thinks she should be going to. Sam is the girl that her dad works with his uncle for. She's a beautiful girl that pulls him into a safe direction that he has never felt before. Kai is the friend that he feels like he has had a lifetime with. Max is drawn to Sam and Asia. His mind struggles with him as to who he should be with. Mia is a secret that he doesn't want to share with anyone because of the pain it holds for him but he does eventually answer to her connection with him. Who should Max be with? Who is going to be there for him when his abilities take control and will she be too scared to allow it into her life? He's being pulled in so many directions with his feelings, he is having a hard time deciding. Each girl makes him feel special in their own way but who should he choose? Wonderful story. I'm so glad I got my hands on it and I look forward to reading more of Mr. Daniel's work.

Daniela says

WARNING: The review contains vulgar words.

0.5 stars A true waste of my precious time!

Ember. *me no me gusta face* So, we have Max Valentine a screwed up ~~dork~~ teenager with some secret powers, I believe? And his life which "revolves around music and his love for it". So original. Fantastic. **BRAVO.** And one day he saves Asia Lyn Michaels' life. Asia is a spoiled ~~cunt~~ brat. And apparently she discovers Max's secret. Right. **BORED.** *From that moment on they are connected, no matter how much they fight it. Such an epic read, right?* Yeah, and the story becomes more spicy. Actually, Samantha Ann Summers a ~~dumb girl~~ is his soul mate. Whoa! Can you believe it? I can and I'm bored. *Dude, where did I put the knife, I wanna cut my veins, it will be less painful than reading this SHIT.*

Blah blah. Let's skip the story. In the end "*He will gain a powerful love and lose another.*" **BULLSHIT!**

Let me explain this ~~book~~ **grime** to you. Max Valentine is a retarded horny teenager who thinks he loves those two stupid bitches. You're a teen and you believe you've found your soul mate? **Bitch, please. Cliche.** Asia and Samantha, two fucked up cunts, fight over a loser. And something about some secret powers. The end.

This book has nothing original, it's full of crap. **Do you really want to kill your neurons by reading this? DO YOU?**

I'm truly disappointed that my colleagues are interested in this rubbish. And normally I do not criticize the authors but Madison Daniel is **rude**. He manipulates some naive 14-year-old blogger who thinks "Ember" is a master-piece and it needs to be published by a major publisher in my country??! **THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS.**

OVER MY DEAD BODY IS THIS SHIT GOING TO BE PUBLISHED IN MY COUNTRY, GOT IT?

All of you, who are spreading "the love" are pathetic. This fake author doesn't deserve our attention. We Romanians are not his trash. I hope I made myself clear. I'm so disappointed. **That's all.**

Kathryn says

WOW!! I just finished Ember by Madison Daniel and OMG....it was sooo freaking good!! I have been waiting for this book for soooo long...I can't even tell you how long. And lo and behold, I had it sitting in my kindle...*facepalm*

Madison Daniel has introduced us to a unique individual in Max Valentine and WOW, his world is filled with so much action, emotions, joys, heartbreaks, and of course MUSIC!! I absolutely love how much music is involved throughout this whole book. I know that it a testament to Madison himself, but being such a music lover myself, I was taken aback at how much it played in Ember. You could feel how each song played throughout the chapter and tied it all together. And, the music choices, PERFECT!! Love every one of them!!

As I started Ember, I didn't truly know what to expect...I have had several people tell me how much I was going to love it and LOVE it, I do...but as it has ended....I am still trying to wrap my head around everything that happened throughout. It is a book that captures you from the beginning. It is fun and witty. Great characters that will consume your thoughts having you try to figure them out and our hero, Max, is someone that I think everyone can relate to. And Max's situation...lets just say, I am soooo eager for Downpour to come out...hmmm....How long do I have to wait??? UGH!!!

A definite must read for 2012!! HIGHLY RECOMMEND!!!

Paranormal Reads says

"Music is Life...Embrace it.."-M.D.

Max Valentine; a musician, romantic, an unshakeable past, hidden abilities..

Max is a Californian who was sent to Hawaii to live with his last living relative in a kind of means to start over. What he didn't expect was to have his heart pulled in two different directions and have to keep an eye on his famous temper. One that got him the nickname, Mad Max.

There is his opposite, Asia, who can calm him with her beauty or touch. But Asia has so much of her own pent up anger and secrets that she can't let down her walls to let Max in. Then there is Sam, the girl who is like his soul mate that can slow Max's embers by showing a smile or lighting him up with her jade green eyes. Sam just can't let go of her past relationship with her ex boyfriend to really give herself to Max fully. Max has to figure out his feelings for the two girls. Though along the way he runs into bumps that change his life forever.

Madison Daniel did a phenomenal job writing Ember! This was my first male written book and I would not have guessed if I didn't know. The romance in the story is beautifully written and the heartache is all there to go with it. I loved that I felt like I was there in Hawaii living Max's life and going through all of his experiences. Ember was a perfect motion picture in my head as the words flowed, making everything extremely vivid. The story was kind of written in a diary format which I thought was very suiting considering a lot happened everyday. Though Max kind of got on my nerves with Asia and Sam because he kept switching back and forth between them. And with the ladies, at first I was torn between the two but I finally found that I was rooting for Asia. The ending left me on a cliff hanger that has me wanting Downpour so bad to find out what will happen next.

I have to say bravo to M.D. Hats off to you for writing a wonderful book with great characters to add to our never ending character crushes.

Most definitely 5/5 stars and if you haven't added this book to your tbr pile, its a must!! Grab it as soon as it releases!!!

I would like to also add that PR is now an Ember Head :)

Leigh says

I really liked the premise of this book, and moreso the fact that it was written in a male POV. But that is about it, unfortunately. There was way too much repetition in this book. If I read about anymore lightening or thunder, I thought I might lose it. I understood why it was there, but wow! It was just overdone. It would make for a great drinking game, however ~ take a shot every time thunder is written. You'd be drunk by page 10.

I also didn't care for the fact that Max was so undecided about the two chicks in his love triangle. One second, he is absolutely in love with Asia, and then the next, he is all about Sam. I can understand feeling torn between two prospective girlfriends, but his waffling was like an watching an awful tennis match while on speed. Talk about some serious whiplash!

Overall, though, I think my biggest complaint has to do with the mechanics of the writing. The book is told from Max's 1st person POV. I don't mind 1st person whatsoever. However, what didn't make sense to me was how at times, Max would leave the scene, and yet continue to "tell the story" of what was going on while he was gone. That just isn't possible. This happened on more than one occasion. Further, there was a severe lack of continuity with the story. So many times, I had to go back and reread sections at a time. For example, one second, the characters are in the kitchen, and then next, Max is getting in his truck. What? How did that happen? And this would happen without there being any break in the conversation that was taking place. It really threw me out of the story.

All that said, it kills me that this book ended on a cliffhanger because now I want to know what happens. Maybe I can find someone to spoil me with the deets.

Tracey (Life and Literature) says

Man oh man!!! M.D. sure knows how to deliver the goods!!!

Madison Daniel could write the blurbs on the back of cereal boxes and I would rush to read them!! His

writing appeals to me that much!!! I loved everything about this book.

So here's just a small snippet of it's awesomeness.....

THE COVER: Simply gorgeous!! As soon as I saw it I was just, **WOW!!!**

MAX VALENTINE: He's tattooed. He loves music. He plays guitar. He sings.... Everything I love in my book crush!! But this boy has endured pain!! He's endured heartbreak!! He's a little bit broken.... That just makes you love him all the more!! And he is about to have his world rocked by two very different girls!!

ROMANCE: I haven't read a lot of male written YA books that contain romance. But the ones that I have read have been pretty lacking in how believable that romance was for me. So I was a bit worried about feeling that sense of disappointment when I read Ember. But oh my gosh!!! This book oozes love, romance and passion so realistically!!! Madison Daniel has restored my faith that a male author can deliver some YA romance just the way I like it!!

MUSIC: This was one of the things that I loved most about this book. Music is such a huge part of who I am. I love it!! And so to read a book that featured music in such a way..... For me it was so subtle, but at the same time so prominent!!! There is music throughout the book. That's a part of who Max is!! But what grabbed me was at the start of every chapter is a song title that relates solely to that chapter. And the song choices were just perfect. I found that after I had finished each chapter I would look back again at the song choice to reflect on exactly how it fit. It wasn't until after I had finished the book that I went and listened to each song and really got the feel of it. What an amazing way to experience the emotions of a book!!

THE CHARACTERS: Sam, Uncle Frank, Kai, and Marcus were some of my favourites, but I even loved the 'bad' guys. They all had their place in the story and they all played their parts perfectly!! Outside of the romantic relationships in the book, I loved the interaction between Max and his Uncle Frank. There was such an ease to it.

So I say a huge thank you to Madison Daniel for writing a book that is still swirling through my head days after finishing it! Don't deny yourself the pleasure of reading Ember.... I guarantee that from the very second you start reading, you won't want to put it down!!

manda says

The **full** review can be read at elfswood.

This is the hero:

And this is his story:

Misty Blankenship says

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What an emotional roller coaster.....I am truly speechless

Fathima says

" Love at first sight . I've always heard that said in movies or my favourite books but i never believed in it for a second . Death at first sight . That was much more my style . You know the whole James Dean kind of thing . Love fast , die young sort of culture . Soon enough i would have experienced both " - Max Valentine

With a beginning like that , how could one not read a book that i would like to call ' the experience of a lifetime ' ! This book makes me want to move to Hawaii and experience the events unfolding in the book with my own eyes .

Cover-Speak : I absolutely and instantly fell in love with the cover of this book . Why am i saying that ? Well , its because that i've come across a lot of books in my recent endeavours that feature couples , hot girls and hot guys , or nature related elements like Waterfall , Flowers , Mountains and many more . But not a Burning or a semi-burnt paper . Very different , very intriguing .

Ember tells us the story of 18 yr old Max Valentine , who is haunted by the nightmares of his past . In an attempt to re-discover life and make a fresh start , Max moves in with his Uncle Frank who lives in the Enchanting Maui , an Hawaiian Island . It is here that Max meets people who bring out the best and the worst of/in him . How these characters influence Max and in what way does it affect him is the story of Ember .

Things i loved about this book :

- 1) The Characters : The characters are so well written by the author , that they feel so real and an instant connection is made with them once the reader has completely faded away into the book . Max Valentine is my ultimate favourite . He comes across as a normal teenager with anger management issue . But these issue can cost him dearly if he does not learn to control it . Max is soooo much more than what meets the eye . A guy with a golden heart he has his set of insecurities . He is undecisive at times but i still found him to be the most exciting character in this book . Other important characters include Asia Lyn Michaels , Samantha Summers , Max's Uncle Frank , his best buds Kai and Marcus and ofcourse the bad guys !! All these characters are interesting in their own ways . I can go on and on talking about them but then i would give away possible spoilers and i dont want do that ;)
- 2) A feel of Hawaii : The authors description of Hawaii seems so real that i could actually feel the cool wavy breeze of the island carrying with it the sweet scent of the flowers and trees and the intoxicating and refreshing scent of the ocean !! Oh yeaaaaah !!
- 3) Music and story : I loved the electrifying combination of story and an awesome playlist . Yes , Ember comes with a personalized playlist created by the author himself . Each chapter has a song attached to it that sort of defines the mood of the chapter . Looooooved it , best part about reading this book - two of my fav things in the world bought together !!!

Parting thought : What did i learn from this book ?? Well leaving the supernatural part of the book aside , the story is about redemption and forgiveness . I believe every human being makes mistake and everyone has regrets . But to learn something out of your past mistakes and never regret what choices you made in your life is living life to the fullest . Why am i saying all this . Point here is that Ember really gave me a lot to think about . It is the story of loving and being loved . There were times i could'nt stop myself from crying a little . And there times i laughed like really hard .

On the whole a very exciting book . I was waaaaay to excited to read this when i bought it and i can proudly

say it didnt disappoint at all . I wish i could give it more stars .. Madison Daniel is one helluva author and i cant wait to read his other works not the mention the sequel to Ember, Downpour !!
