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CURSE OF THE PHOENIX - Book Three - by Rachel Firasek

Though she's always hated being a phoenix, Sadie has to admit immortality has its advantages. She's seen and done more in the last 150 years than she'd ever dreamed of, but she can't get past the fact that Osiris has done nothing but manipulate her and her fellow phoenixes. Or that, when her last incarnation as a phoenix comes to a fiery end, the fire slowly begins to consume her body.

Sun god Osiris is ashamed of his role as ruler of the Underworld, but unless he can figure out how to save Sadie, that's exactly where she's going to end up.

Permanently. Terrified he's going to lose her, he takes her on a hunt for The Book of the Dead, which is the only way he knows he can save her—even if it means she'll hate him forever.

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Lisa says

As you will remember from my reviews of The Last Awakening and The Last Rising, I absolutely love this series of novellas. The Last Beginning was no exception - especially when it comes to Osiris, the God who had locked all of these ladies into being phoenixes. I knew that I did not completely understand Osiris but didn't realize how much I didn't understand. While this is Sadie's story, the last remaining phoenix since Osiris has allowed the other two women out, the story is just as much about Osiris. As always, Rachel's writing style grabbed my attention right away and never let it go. I read this story in one sitting. I just could not get enough. It is the absolute passion that Rachel Firasek uses to create the mesmerizing and captivating interactions between Sadie and Osiris, that draws a reader in and results in powerful emotional responses from the reader, both positive and negative.

The fact that there is background provided as to how Sadie became a phoenix and why Osiris has always seemed to have a special affection for her was an excellent way to start not only the story but my deeper understanding of Osiris and his obsession and love for Sadie. And in return Sadie's total dislike and frustration with Osiris. However, this beginning to change rapidly as Sadie has some very painful transitions and begins to flame as she transitions or gets upset. Osiris knows that he can't lose Sadie and will do anything to save her. Even if it is breaking all the rules. The pain and heartbreak of this story was well done. It is amazing to me that what most authors do in a full length novel, Rachel Firasek is able to do in a novella length book without leaving the reader completely frustrated with a lack of true ending which is the trouble I typically have with novellas.

This novella provides an emotional roller coaster of events most of which I never saw coming. It was the perfect ending to an outstanding series of novellas. I am sad to see the end come. I would love to see a fourth story that would give a peak into each former phoenix's life now and just where they are. These ladies have found fresh starts and it would be awesome to see them down the line living those lives.

All in all, I was extremely pleased with the outcome of this book and the wrap up of the series. I cannot wait to see what adventure Rachel Firasek will provide us with next. Be sure to stop by and check out her website, as well, there is always something fun going on.

Chrystal says

This series has been absolutely amazing. Great characters, interesting story lines for each of the phoenixes and romances like no other. In this third and final installment of the Curse of the Phoenix series more of Osiris' story comes out and there is finally a glimpse at his emotional side. I was wondering if we would get to see this.

Sadie's story is so unlike the others - where Ice and Ari both had committed great sins, Sadie had not. During the story we find out the reason that Sadie was chosen to become one of his phoenixes was because of Osiris' selfishness. (I'm leaving it at that so as not to totally spoil things for those still wanting to read this novella). They have this love hate relationship - he loves her unconditionally, but she hates him with all of her being one minute and the next she is drawn to his raw masculinity like a moth to a flame. Their desire for one another is quite smoldering, regardless that Sadie tries her best to not give in to her needs.

When Sadie becomes deathly ill, Osiris does everything within his power to try and save her life. Though they have not been romantically inclined before, he is completely in love with her. With this need to save her life, Osiris calls upon Ice and Ari for some help and it is wonderful to see the other two phoenixes make an

appearance via their new lives.

Overall this story is fast paced, intense and unpredictable. There are things I just assumed would happen and the few small twists were perfect at keeping me on my toes. I loved how this series ended and it is one of my top novella series to date.

Sarah Cass says

The third and (depressingly) final installment of the Phoenix series did disappoint me - because it was achingly short.

Rachel is excellent at putting a lot of story into a little amount of space - but when I saw the page count I shed a little tear. I have thoroughly enjoyed the series and knew I didn't want to end that soon. In fact, I set this book aside and waited to read it to draw out the amount of time with the characters.

Of course, once I started I wish I'd never waited. Osiris and Sadie were such a mix. Osiris, God or not, well - he was SUCH a man. I wanted to smack him sometimes...but it didn't make me love him less.

Sadie is probably my favorite heroine - and not just because she has the most awesome name of them all ;) She's spunky has hell, fiery - the perfect match for that stubborn man.

It was over too soon, and for that I was sad. But in the end, the story was amazing, a unique trilogy that is on my favorites shelf forever.

Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says

The last of the remaining cursed phoenixes, Sadie, doesn't understand why Osiris won't just let her go. In her mind, she has done everything he has asked of her for over a hundred years and yet she is still with him. Still working for him. When her last job results in a sickness of flames roaming her body with the rise of her emotions Sadie knows something is wrong. She is getting weaker and paler with every move she makes. Afraid of hurting someone she goes to Osiris hoping he can help.

Osiris is desperate to help the one woman he damned years ago for no reason. He has to have her. Has to keep her and nothing is going to stand in his way. He's a God, if anyone can break the rules he should be able to. Osiris has been in love with Sadie a very long time. Now if only she could admit to herself that she's been in love with him too.

I have been looking forward to this book since I first read Ice's story awhile back. I have steadily followed these characters because I love the way in which they are wrote. I love the depth of the characters and the way they just pull me in and keep me ensconced for chapter after chapter. Osiris, from the beginning was a character I wanted to sink my teeth into. He is guarded and really, unsure of himself though he masks it with superiority and arrogance. Once it comes out that he himself is the fourth phoenix that had been living with Sadie in previous books I knew he must have a thing for her.

The Last Beginning opens with a look back 150 yrs to when he took Sadie from her life and cursed her with the phoenix. He did so in a purely selfish move because she had not sinned and didn't need to repent for anything. In her mind, she thought she was going to hell already and so Osiris just let her believe as much.

The injustice of what he took from her hurt my heart. All because he couldn't approach her and just give her a choice. Again, surely because he was afraid of what she might say.

When Ice and Arabella become mortal again, leaving only her, she becomes lonely. She spends much of the book confused and scared for what her future holds since she believes she may end up in hell. I really disliked Osiris for using that fear against her to keep her close. Though his dedication I suppose should be commended. Especially when Sadie becomes sick and Osiris doesn't know why. He becomes obsessed with finding a cure, regardless of Sadie's wishes.

I enjoyed the fact that they had an intense emotional connection for much of the book. Even if Sadie denied it a lot. They were sensual without trying and when they come together it was almost sweet instead of "wham bam thank you mam". I did get annoyed with Sadie's back and forth on every single thing. Does she go with Osiris? Does she stay away? Does she even like him at all? Kiss him then push him away. For a woman as old as she was, she sure acted really young sometimes.

I also felt like this was wrapped up extremely fast. I think I just wanted something a bit longer. It felt so much shorter than the other two books, though I don't know if it was or not. I felt a bit rushed there in the last few chapters like everything happened way too quickly and was resolved way too easily. The last page or so wasn't enough for me to feel a happily ever after. Maybe it's because I liked these characters so much and had looked forward to it since the beginning. Regardless, I think the ending hurt my perception of it just slightly.

I give The Last Beginning by Rachel Firasek 3.75 stars!

Natasja says

The Last Beginning by Rachel Firasek is the last novella in the Curse of the Phoenix Series and a fabulous ending to this Trilogy.

Sadie is the last of the remaining curse phoenixes and really wants to know why Osiris won't let her go like Ice and Ari. Even though she is the youngest of the phoenixes, her body is already giving up on her. Lately when she gets too emotional her body roams with flames and it has weakened her. The only man who can help her is the very one who turns her into this mess in the first place.

Osiris knows time is running out to save Sadie and he will do anything in his power to save her, even if that means breaking some rules. In order to save her soul from burning, he has to get the Book of the Dead and the help of Ice and Ari to do it. But will they be in time?

From the first novella you can sense that Osiris has a soft spot for Sadie and that there is more behind this Egyptian God of the Underworld. I have to say that I had mixed feelings about him and his selfish acts to have Sadie from the moment he laid eyes on her. He turned her into a phoenix simply because he wanted her. I do believe he has true feelings for her, but he could have showed her that in a normal way. Luckily for him he changed for the better good and Sadie made him see that.

Rachel Firasek has again written a great story with fabulous characters. I loved the fact that all the characters from the three novellas are woven into each other's lives. Ice and Ari both didn't hesitate when Osiris got them back to save Sadie's soul.

I have to say that this short series was definitely worth to read and I'm curious to see what other books this author has to show me.

GONZA says

Serie :CURSE OF THE PHOENIX

- The last rising
- The last awakening
- The last beginning.

Stavolta vorrei parlarvi di una saga che sembra conclusa, anche se la mia speranza è che l'autrice scriva anche un quarto libro su un certo traghettatore di anime, ma va bè come si sa chi visse sperando....

Le protagoniste di questa serie sono tre "donne" costrette dal dio egiziano Osiris ad essere le incarnazioni delle fenici, mitici uccelli che rinascono dalle loro ceneri e recentemente tornate alla luce della ribalta grazie ad Harry Potter. Costrette a queste reincarnazioni per espiare i loro grossi peccati e a sacrificarsi per salvare le anime di umani più meritevoli di loro, capirete che non sono proprio le personcine più simpatiche dell'universo, costrette ogni paio di settimane a morire nei modi più atroci.

La protagonista del primo libro è niente di meno che la vedova di Osiris, la dea Iside (Ice) che per salvare il suo amato ha scombinato le leggi dell'Universo e quindi, mentre era in tutt'altre faccende affaccendata, ha causato la morte del figlio e dei suoi fedeli.

La seconda fenice è invece Arabelle (Ari), ai tempi sacerdotessa voodoo che incapace di controllare i suoi poteri ha causato la morte di tutte le persone del suo villaggio.

La terza e per ora ultima protagonista, quindi siamo arrivati all'ultimo libro, è invece Sadie, che potremmo chiamare la "fenice per caso" che ha catturato l'attenzione proprio di Osiride mentre come un novello Paperone prima della Numero Uno cercava oro nel Klondike.

Tutte e tre queste eroine, per una volta non tremebonde verginelle quanto piuttosto donne massicce e incastrate, troveranno il loro alter ego maschile e quindi pane per i loro denti. Non voglio svelare e spoilerare di più perchè mi auguro davvero che questa serie venga tradotta al più presto per una serie di ragioni fondamentali: intanto le fenici ancora non erano state (ab)usate nel paranormal romance e quindi un plauso alla fantasia dell'autrice che le ha addirittura mischiate con la mitologia egiziana.

Secondo poi nel primo libro abbiamo anche un ribaltamento dei ruoli intesi come piuttosto statici del romance classico in cui l'uomo non vuole che il sesso e la donna invece si vuole sentire impegnata in una relazione. Quale piacevole novità trovare un uomo che s'impunta e non cede ai piaceri della carne fino a che la donna non capitola, devo ammettere che già questo basterebbe a farmi apprezzare il libro, i dialoghi poi sono simpatici e più di una volta mi sono trovata a ridacchiare per qualche rispostina pungente qua e là.

Ultimo, ma non per questo meno importante, a metà della storia troviamo una "clamorosa svolta" tale da farci ripensare a tutta la storia in corso d'opera, quindi dimenticata le classiche storie in cui sappiamo da dove partiamo e dove arriviamo anche se non la strada che i due personaggi percorreranno per arrivare a stare assieme.

Chiaramente non è che non ci siano anche alcune cosette che mi hanno convinto poco poco, però tutto

sommato la storia merita e anche il fatto che l'autrice tenga basso il numero delle pagine azzera i tempi morti ed evita di farci leggere ripetutamente le solite cose tipo "...si guardarono negli occhi e tutta la loro esistenza cambiò improvvisamente...." etc.etc.

Elena R a.k.a. Lunies R says

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Linda says

I have read this series from the very beginning. This is the 3rd & final installment and features the story of Osiris, the god who was responsible for the women becoming phoenixes and Sadie, the last remaining phoenix.

I really enjoyed reading about Sadie's background and how Osiris wrongfully took her... as Sadie had not "sinned" and did not owe retribution for past wrongs as the other phoenixes had when they were taken. We learn much more about Osiris in this installment, and while he's not fully redeemed in my mind, he came out of the story better than he went in...

The story revolves around a life-threatening condition that Sadie develops that shouldn't be... Osiris and Sadie search for the Book of the Dead to find a possible "cure."

I always enjoy updates on how favorite characters from previous books are faring and Rachel lets us revisit the phoenixes from the prior installments as they are called upon by Osiris to help save their sister phoenix. Along the way, we visit exotic locales, meet up with other deities, and enjoy flashbacks to each of their pasts.

While Osiris & Sadie yearn for each other like one would crave a forbidden fruit on the vine, there was more emotion between the two of them than romance.

All in all, Rachel writes very engaging tales and ... and this is no exception.

Pragya says

OK, first things first, I love the cover. Secondly, this is the third book in the series but I haven't read the first two. That doesn't really faze me out since every book in the series should stand by on its own. And this one does too, except I was a bit confused in the beginning and had to cautiously step into the book.

Well, this book is about fantasy and though I am not too big a fan of this genre, I liked this book fairly well. It has a plot to keep you occupied, there is enough stuff to trigger your imagination. I kept visualizing all the places and the Gods and all.

The beginning of the story is really well done, it lures you in. And I think that should be the first basis of a writing. There are so many books that are supposed to get good later on but since I don't like how it begins, I end up abandoning it.

Having said all that, some things didn't appeal to me (though they could have been changed in the final version). I couldn't imagine a God's life-love wearing a tank top and jeans. It just plays havoc with all my imagination. Also, thinking of a God in jeans and another one saying 'guys'. Umm, it doesn't work for me. It completely shatters my becoming one with the fantastical creations.

I so wish that there was more in the book except the God yearning for his maiden and trying to save her. I don't know what but something more.

In all, a quick read that is good enough for a one-time read.

I am torn between a 2.5 and a 3.

Amber says

2.5 stars

The Last Beginning is the final installment of the Curse of the Phoenix series. When I requested this novella, I did not know it was a the third in a series, but The Last Beginning can act like a stand-alone if you have yet to read the first two novels. I am sorry to say that despite its easy follow-along story, this book became a chore for me to finish.

Sadie is a woman living during the Gold Rush and trying to make an honest living after her husband dies. Her pure soul catches the sights of the sun god Osiris who wants her more than anything but cannot have her. Despite Sadie not having an immoral bone in her body, Osiris takes it upon himself to make her a phoenix-a creature that must find the good in humanity and must die for every countless soul so that they may live on. One day after Sadie saves an old woman from certain death, she notices something different about herself-she's on fire. Sadie must team up with the man she hates the most to figure out what is happening.

The plot is pretty straight forward. Sadie hates Osiris, Osiris loves Sadie, Sadie just might be dying, Osiris and Sadie fall in love. Rinse and repeat. I really wish that this wasn't a novella because this book definitely needed to be fleshed out. The action seemed to jump from scene to scene with no real flow. It was basically "we need to go to this place" and so they do. I was also disappointed that we really didn't get to see Sadie in her Phoenix-y element. Instead she runs between the Otherworld, and at the previous phoenixes' homes in an effort to bring back familiar characters from the previous two installments.

My major issue with this book was the characters and their lack of personalities. Sadie is presented as a strong-willed character but yet, she falls into Osiris' arms just to remember that she hates him. I also despised Osiris. He went through RIDICULOUS lengths to makes Sadie notice him just to be surprised that she wasn't confessing her love for him. Yeah if I found out some guy was manipulating me for his own lust I don't think I would be that accepting either. Nothing Osiris did made any sense, and for such a strong woman Sadie sure did have many lapses in judgment.

The writing was consistent but I did not find it to be very engaging. The writing seemed to tell more rather than do which I think is partly because Firasek wanted to include the stories of the past two phoenixes.

Overall this book was not for me. The plot and characters were very bare, with forced action and love scenes. There is a possibility that I may have liked this book more if I read the first two books, but at the moment I have no plans to pick up the first two.

I recommend this novel for fans of the first two installments and those who like paranormal romances.

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Joint Review with Elena

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Katrina says

((Dont you just love the cover)) Being a cover Love Kinda girl this one is just gorgus !!

Book three of the Curse of the Phoenix series *The Last Beginning* is a wonderfully delivered story. With characters that will draw you into the pages and a plot that will have you reading from beginning to end , sighing in contentment at a well scripted ending to a fantastic trio.

If you have read the first two books it gives you the storyline of the phoenixes, but I especially enjoyed the fact that Rachel filled us in with this story on how Sadie became a phoenix. I wasn't sure to be angry and Osiris or feel sorry for him. Loving someone and not wanting to let go - he turned her into a phoenix for his

own reasons.

In The Last Beginning we see a love - hate relationship between the pair but in time as Sadie grows weaker and her flame is taking over she sees Osiris for a different man rather than a God whom doomed her to the life of a Phoenix.

The love was passionate and heart-warming, Osiris not being able to give up on Sadie even till her last breathe. Rachel has certainly thrown a curve ball in this story, giving us more than we anticipated and an ending that was certainly not predictable!

A short read filled with the entire goodies one could want, after finishing this story there are no loose ends, no questions just an ending to a well delivered series. Smooth flowing storyline and chapters, well put forth plot and overall a sad tale to see end.

Rachel Firasek delivers what every reader wants, anticipation, mystery, romance and a tale that you will remember after you have turned the last page.

I rated The Last Beginning 5 Hearts as every story in this series will take a small piece of yours ! Its heartfelt, romantic and just leaves you starry eyed and sheepishly grinning ! What every reader wants RIGHT !

The BookChick says

The first two books in the series were definitely better reads for me but I liked this one because Sadie and Osiris got their happily every after.....after all of their pigheaded and arrogant antics.

Natalie says

The Last Beginning is the last book in this wonderful series, and as happy as I am after reading it I have to say I am sad at the same time. I am sad to see this amazing world and cast of characters Rachel has created has come to an end. I love finding a world and set of characters that you can tell right from get go the author has poured so much love and passion into creating, it wasn't just a series of books, it was her baby, born, nurtured, loved, guided, and lovingly cared for, but like all of our children they grow up and we at some point have to let them go.

I have reviewed and posted of each in this series and I hope you all have had the chance to read them all and enjoyed as much as I have.

I really am having a hard time choosing a favorite character, Rachel has done such a phenomenal job at creating them you just love them all, Osiris you hate but end up loving and understanding better by the end of the last book, I would have to say Sadie is my favorite but really loved them all.

It truly couldn't have ended a better way, I was quite surprised at the curve Rachel throws in there, didn't see that one coming at all. This last book takes you for a roller coaster ride like no other that you don't want to miss, it has everything you are looking for in a great book, romance, suspense, mystery, humor, a fantastic plot, and characters you will fall in love with and not want the stories to end. Rachel has masterfully created

three books that will be on my shelves forever, Thank you Rachel, well done! Well done! I can't wait to see what Rachel comes up with next I know it will be smashing!!!!

Kayla Tocco says

This review and others can be found at <http://www.wholelatteromance.blogspot...>

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I'll be the first to admit that while I haven't read the first two books, I jumped at the chance to read this when I saw it on NetGalley, Egyptian Mythology has always been something I've been interested in and this story sounded right up my alley. I was, however, disappointed. I'm not sure exactly if it's any one thing over the other, more so than a combination of things, but I really just could not connect with this story. I found the characters to be superficial, shallow, wishy-washy, arrogant and the execution of the plot was weak at best. I haven't read the first two books in the series, and I didn't feel as though I was missing any information when reading it, it did indeed stand alone, but I just couldn't connect.

The Blurb:

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My Take:

I found Osiris to be selfish and arrogant, which in the beginning of a story is fine, the problem was right up to the very end he continued to be selfish and arrogant, even as he 's trying to save Sadie's life, I don't get the feeling he's doing it for her, but for him which takes away all the romance in the gesture of trying to save Sadie.

I found Sadie herself to be shallow and wishy-washy, I want him, I don't want him, flirting and then don't even think about it. It was like she was two different people and it became annoying.

Frankly, for Osiris to be an Egyptian God, he didn't come across as godly, in addition to his selfishness (which, okay that's a bit typical of gods,) and arrogance, his obsession with Sadie was a bit too much to handle as though he was a puppy. He didn't come across as manly or alpha to me, as a God should in my

opinion, especially one such as Osiris. Obsession isn't sexy, it's creepy.

The sexual chemistry for the two was non-existent though the author did try, and I think for the most part it was due to the characterization of the hero and heroine. I felt like it was just thrown in there for the sake of it. Most of the time I felt like Sadie really truly did not like Osiris which is why I felt like the sex and sexual tension was just thrown in.

I felt like I was floating above the story rather than being a part of it. As I said earlier, I just didn't connect. I really really wanted to like this story, which is why I finished it. I was hoping by the end that everything would fix itself, but sadly it didn't.

The story is on the shorter side, around 100 pages or so and perhaps this is one of the reasons I didn't connect, there was just too much plot and history between the characters to fit into roughly 100 pages. I felt that I was being told most of the history of Osiris and Sadie's relationship rather than getting to see it develop. This story, had it been executed better, could have been great. Sadly, it wasn't.

My Rating: 2/5 lattes
