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When a plane crashes in the woods near Jess's home, the boy of her dreams falls out of the sky—literally.

But David's not here to find a girlfriend. He's from another planet, and if Jess can't help him get back to his ship, he'll be stuck on Earth with nothing to look forward to but the pointy end of a dissection scalpel. But her father runs their house like an army barracks. and with an alien on the loose, Major Dad isn't too keen on the idea of Jess going anywhere.

Ever.

So how the heck is she supposed to help the sweetest, strangest, and cutest guy she's ever met? Hiding him in her room probably isn't the best idea. Especially since her Dad is in charge of the squadron searching for David.

That doesn't mean she won't do it.

It just means she can't get caught. Helping David get home while protecting her heart—that's gonna be the hard part.

After all, she can't really fall for a guy whose not exactly from here. As they race through the woods with Major Dad and most of the U.S. military one breath behind them, Jess and David grow closer than either of them anticipated. But all is not what it seems. David has a genocide-sized secret, and one betrayal later, they are both in handcuffs as alien warships are positioning themselves around the globe. Time is ticking down to Armageddon, and Jess must think fast if she's to save the boy she cares about without sacrificing Earth—and everyone on it.

FIRE IN THE WOODS is Star-Crossed meets Close Encounters of the Third Kind!

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Angela says

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Fire in the Woods is a sweet fall read. *The Lux Series* meets *Alienated*, this book will have you feeling giddy. If you know me then you know **I LOVE ALIENS!!! I can never get enough.** But what do I love more than just aliens??? Star-crossed alien human love! I don't think I can stress enough how sweet this book was. When Jess is running to the store to pick up some photos she decides to head through the woods where she is struck with a headache and then stumbles upon the mysterious David. With David having nowhere to go, injured, and with Jess feeling oddly obligated to trust him and help him, she decides to sneak him around and let him stay at her house.

"You see Dad, I can't stay in the house. There's this drop-dead gorgeous guy in the woods, and I promised to bring him ice... Nah. That wouldn't go over well. Certain things a girl should just keep to herself."

The thing I loved about *Fire in the Woods* was that when the aliens came here they think our planet is too cold. I've felt like when we do discover that there are aliens on our planet (because I know we will) that they would comment on it being too warm... So I really appreciated that Eaton took a different spin on this. The other new spin on the alien genre I liked was that David took his appearance from Jess' thoughts. And since she was thinking about two smexy actors she just saw on a movie ad, it made hearing about David a lot easier... If you get what I mean... **HE SOUNDS SO HOT!!!** All muscles and turquoise eyes. Swoon. Jess and David's relationship is fun and entertaining. I loved that David is so clueless to how the human world works and how Jess soaks up every moment of it...

"Muddling around, he felt different parts of the door, and finally found the handle. A smile crossed his lips as he lifted the latch and the door opened. I did my best to hold back a smirk as he stepped out. 'You can fly a space ship, but you can't get out of a car?' his eyebrow arched. 'Do you know how to trigger a stagnant preemptory reaction in an overheard visualization module?' I folded my arms 'How would I know how to do that?' 'Any six year old can do that where I come from.' Well I wasn't born on a space ship.' 'And I've never had a reason to get out of a car before.' I smiled. 'Touche.'"

Yes, the whole book is that adorable. And thankfully there was no love triangle... **THANK THE ALIEN GODZ THERE WAS NO LOVE TRIANGLE!** Even though the love to me started super fast what can you really expect from a book?! At least it wasn't insta love. When the romance does start picking up and playing out it is as equally as adorable as the rest of the book. I love how the both of them had two completely different ways to show affection and that they were both so clueless to when the other one was flirting.

There isn't a whole lot of world building or sub characters in this book, but I felt that that was actually a plus for how this book played out. There is her dad and best friend but neither of them (in my opinion) were

super highlighted characters. I think my favorite thing about this book was the sprinkled in Alien references that we all know and love. This book kept a fast pace through out the whole time. The way *Fire in the Woods* ended was perfect. It did come with a sample for the first chapter of book two and I told myself I wasn't going to read it, but I caved and I'm so mad I did because I need to know what is going to happen.

Fire in the Woods does lean more towards the book *Alienated* than it does *The Lux Series* with it's light and care free attitude. I see why so many people are gushing about this book. Overall it's a quick fun and entertaining read alien fans everywhere will enjoy. It's been a good while since I've read a really good alien book and *Fire in the Woods* provided a much needed dose.

Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says

You can also read my review here!

Ooooh. ALIENS!!!

Oh but he doesn't look like that though. Yep, you guessed it. He's Hot! Which is never really a bad thing (for me at least) This reminds me so much of Kyle XY and the start of *Smallville*. Are you guys familiar with that? A big unexplainable thing has exploded and the next thing you know there's a weird and good looking guy hunching in the woods! To bad for Junie because her Dad is the head of the team that's looking for your alien. That would really suck.

Fire In The Woods have a really interesting and intriguing plot. And I was pretty much invested the whole way even though it was a little slow for me. Jessy's voice isn't really that hard to understand and I just flowed through out the story because of her easy and simple voice. David on the other hand left me with a big question mark. To say that I'm intrigued is an understatement. I want to know more. And by the way things ended, I'm pretty sure I'll be devouring the next book when it comes out. WHO ENDS BOOK LIKE THAT???? Oh yeah... every author does.

The story is really well thought but it was a little slow for my liking. It took like 8 to 10 chapters before the real action happens. I know that it's necessary for the characters to be introduced to us but I just think that it took so long that some chapters were just unnecessary. I was pressing the next button like crazy when things started moving though. I wanna know what happens next and where Jessy and and Davids relationship will go next. Okay, so I'm really a big fan of the romance here (no surprise there, I guess) but really, even though it ended that way.. I'm rooting for this two. I shipped them from the start and no one will stop me now!

Overall, *Fire In The Woods* is a enjoyable Sci-Fi read for me. Though I had some little problems, I'm really looking forward for the sequel! Hot alien, quirky heroine and exciting plot.. what's not to like?

Christina Morden says

That was an extremely well executed first book. I loved the characters and the way we found out things over time. I'm excited to continue.

Emma says

No. Just... No. I had oddly high expectations of this book and I don't even know why. This was a big disappointment for me and it took me about 2 weeks to read this book.

Jess is kind of an idiot. She meets this gorgeous guy in the middle of the forest, who obviously has no clue about anything. And there's a missing fugitive and she thinks "well, this guy can't be that guy. He just happens to be in the forest and he is wounded and he doesn't want to be found. No way he could be the missing person!" Like, really? There was a huge chaos going on yesterday and his father asked her to stay home. Well, Jess doesn't listen even though it's dangerous to go alone. Naaahhh, she just wants to go and take some freaking photos for her future career in National Geographic.

And then she brings that gorgeous guy inside their house who has this weird thermo-whatever disease that can't even be found from the internet. And she thinks "well, if he says he has the disease, it has to be true."

David was a boring character. I just didn't feel any connection to him (or to Jess) and they didn't really have any chemistry. This weird love came waaaaay too fast. They have talked like a few times for a couple of days and they already love each other. And of course there just has to be a protective ex boyfriend who came out of nowhere. This book was FULL of cliches that I hated. Oh, oh! And whenever Jess cursed, it was written like Fuc... Shi.... and that also annoyed the hel... out of me.

The reason I gave this book 2 stars and not 1 was because I saw potential in the plot. I really did. It was interesting, I have to admit. I guess a lot of people could actually enjoy this book but this just wasn't for me. I would have probably liked this too if I just had liked the characters even a little. But, if you like fast romance and action, you could try this one. Why not?

Kayla says

Spoiler-free review:

This book was such a fun read! I flew through it for a couple reasons:

- 1.) The writing style=phenomenal
- 2.) The characters= hilarious and cute as hell
- 3.) You wouldn't think that an alien book, where the aliens are actually confused by how foreign Earth is to them, would be a unique spin on an alien story but-at least with the alien books I've read-it is. The only alien book that I've read that has even come close to doing this before was Alienated by Melissa Landers but I think Eaton does an even better job.

From page one, this story was full speed ahead. Just about every page was action-packed. One small complaint I had was that the developing romance seemed a little lacking in areas where I was looking for more but I felt like that was definitely rectified by the end of this novel. Eaton proves to be a master at evoking emotion in her readers. I cannot tell you how many times I felt second-hand embarrassment or even fear for these characters!

David's character was truly well done. In most cases, I wouldn't usually go for a lead character as jumpy and as easily scared as David appeared in the beginning but I actually thought it worked given his situation. I think it would have been strange if David had been confident and reckless in his new surroundings because that really wouldn't have made sense for the story. Props to Eaton for that!

I liked Jess as one of our main characters. I'm extremely picky about protagonists but I truly enjoyed her personality and her passion. It never felt like she was too much or she was trying too hard. She was really just a curious, adventurous and brave teenager who knew when to trust her gut. She also had some pretty funny one-liners. That goes for David as well. There were some great quips and amusing banter between the two of them.

Another point I feel I should bring up is how well done the end of this novel was. As I said, there will be no spoilers in this review so you don't have to stop reading but I honestly felt like I was there with these characters that I have grown to love. Eaton took her opportunity at the ending of this novel to really let her skills shine. The visuals her words were capable of provoking were incredible.

Overall, this novel surpassed my expectations. Truly a job well done and I'm already dying to get my hands on *Ashes in the Sky*, book two in the series!

Hayley says

I'm a little conflicted with this book, I really liked the majority of the writing, it was fun and sassy, and at the start I really could relate to Jess. And there were beautiful bits of writing like "So beautiful, but nothing more than an elaborate trap." But then there were parts of the dialogue I hated, such as the phrase "David would never hurt me" being used on multiple occasions, and then through the dramatic scenes the dialogue appeared to fall a bit flat for me, "I love you too, David". It just got a bit fluffy for me.

Which leads me to my next point, I'm aware David has initially influenced her to trust him, but even after she finds out, I find it frustrating how much she trusts him and doesn't question his motives. I also like that David isn't a macho type of guy like you get in the typical YA books, it's a nice breath of fresh air to read about a sweet guy who gets scared of birds haha! That was pretty adorable.

The overall plot was really good, it's fast paced and action packed pretty much the whole way through. The world building within the book is great, you can imagine the space ships- which sound beautiful- and picture the world through David's eyes, which gives you an interesting new perspective.

I would recommend this book to somebody looking for a sweet romance, with some alien action thrown in. It really is a lovely read.

Katie (The Book Sphere) says

Actual Rating: 3.5 stars out of 5.

Fire In The Woods drew me in within the first few pages. The story takes right off with a crash on the military base that Jess and her dad are living on. When a couple days later, Jess finds a guy in the woods, she starts to wonder whether he could be the guy that her dad and the entire military base is looking for. When it turns out that David is not only the guy everyone is searching for (and considered dangerous), but that he is also an alien. Jess goes on the run to not only try to save David but to try to save Earth as well.

I really enjoyed Jess as a character. She was realistic to me. Her sensibility, her occasional humor, and her passions for the things around her showed through and made her seem like a real person to me. I also enjoyed relationships with those around her. Her best friend, Maggie, was another favorite character of mine, she was a wonderful comic relief to the story. And David. I was a bit hesitant to like him at times but by the end of the story I ended up really liking him a lot. I especially loved that he was an alien, and his story was one of my favorite parts of the book. I loved hearing about his race, his life and how he lived. Kudos to Jennifer for the unique story!!

While there were parts of the story that didn't flow the best, in my opinion, the story still hooked me in and kept me there until the very last sentence. It grabbed from the first few pages and kept me completely into the story beyond the last page, I was left wanting more. I would recommend this book to anyone that loves space, aliens, romance, adventure or survival aspects.

Lisa says

I found this book a bit slow at first but about half way it started getting better I wouldn't read it again but I might read the second book.

Ben Alderson says

This book was amazing! I loved every minute of reading it! Such a fantastic, sassy and interesting take on aliens!
So excited to see what happens in the next book!

Rebecca says

3,5 stars-

!Fire in the woods began appearing as a poor paranormal romance and ended as an epic sci fi tale. Having only read a mere handful of books incorporating aliens I was happily thrilled by what Jennifer M Eaton has written. The first half of the story wasn't much, merely a build up to the epic second half that saw the introduction of the aliens, and the narrowly avoided alien apocalypse.

The alien species within the novel are absolutely fascinating and i can't wait to read more about them in the sequel.

I did have some issues with this book, mostly being with Jess, our annoying, both weak and strong protagonist.

Oh Jess, she really was an idiot at times, to Anyone reading this review, if theres ever a fugitive on the run and you mysteriously come across a super hot guy in the woods, no matter how attractive he is, please dont help him. Chances are, he won't be a nice purple alien.

Jess was also kinda rude to food service employees, and at times didn't really see the risk in her being on the run with an alien.

My main issue is that JESS WAS TOO FOCUSED ON SNOGGING DAVID INSTEAD OF FINDING OUT SUPER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT HIS SPECIES??? I don't know about you, but if i was on the run with a freaking alien, i wouldn't be making out with him, I'd be getting nerdy and grilling him on information, because fuck yeah, aliens.

Despite this, and despite how the first half of the story had little to it, the second half was absolutely phenomenal and gave a fantastic introduction to aliens, I Especially teared up when David and Jess's father's told each other they should be proud of their children, even though they could barely understand each other. The end was left not necessarily as a cliffhanger, but with uncertainty, thank God my edition comes with the first chapter of the next novel!

I give Fire in the Woods 3.5*, it was a fairly enjoyable read and had opened me up to the world of aliens within novels, of which I now very much desire to delve into.

Libby Wyatt says

I really enjoyed this book as part of Benjaminoftomes' read-a-long! I thought the romance was adorable and very teenage innocence. David was so cute and I loved how Jess was portrayed as the stronger care taker in the first half of the book. It was easy and fast to read. Having read the first chapter for the sequel I'm a little annoyed that the author is taking that angle but who knows, it might be interesting.

J. Ford says

Fire in the Woods has everything a young adult, sci fi romance should have: action, adventure, a snarky, head-stong heroine and a cute, innocent, hottie alien that bares a strong resemblance to Taylor Lautner (though he's not mentioned as such in the book. That's just my vision.)

From page one, the action keeps the reader engaged, from low-flying military aircraft, to explosions, to confrontations with Major Dad. Our heroine, Jess, is determined, she's got an agenda and she's not going to stray from it, even if following her gut leads her into a precarious situation that turn into life and death situations.

Jess, as a character, is such a typical teen. One moment she knows exactly what she wants; the next she's scared, questioning herself, unsure of her decisions or what she thinks she should do. Think Rapunzel in the Disney movie, Entangled, but instead of pleasing her mom, she needs to please her Dad, but she can't because she has to help the hottie alien she found in the woods (instead of finding the lanterns). In short, Jess is testing her wings and learning to fly and the journey isn't as easy and fluffy puffy as she thought it would be.

David, the hearth-throb of the story, adds a little twist to the plot because he's not only gorgeous ... he's an alien, you know, from like planet Erestopia or something like that. He's also trying to do good in his papa's eyes, but after he crashed an alien craft on earth, he's not betting on any glowing reviews and congratulation hugs. In fact, he's pretty darn scared of what's going to happen. And then of course, Jess shows up, and well,

you're just going to have to read the rest to find out what transpires.

I'd like to say this is strictly a teen romance, but there's a bit more to it. The story touches on following your heart and your dreams and what you feel deep inside is right. It's about defining what a teen expects of him/herself and not adhering to what adults expect. It's a story about right and wrong, about accepting people for who they are, despite how different they might be. It's about coming to terms with death AND life, guilt over past wrongs and the process of making the right in the future. It's also a doomsday story where adults are at fault for the way things are, and how teens aren't so stupid and can change the world if given the chance.

I really enjoyed the book on so many levels. There were times I'd wished the pace had slowed down just a tad so I could catch my breath, but there was another part of me that really liked the fast pace. I felt the teen voices came through loud and clear and I thoroughly enjoyed the action-packed, rollercoaster ride that Jess and David take us on.

If you're looking for a deep, serious, intense sci fi in line with Ray Bradbury or Frank Herbert, you're not going to find it here. But if you're looking for a great YA sci fi read with memorable characters, an engaging plot, and a lot of action-packed teen fun, this book will entertain for a couple of hours. It is un-put-downable and a delightful read. I give it 5 stars out of 5.

I received an ARC of Fire in the Woods in exchange for an honest review.

Anna (Enchanted by YA) says

I'd heard a lot before release day about this book, and while aliens aren't usually my favourite thing to read in YA, after I heard a comparison to the Lux Series by Jennifer L. Armentrout it was a must-read. I owe a lot to that series (though I haven't read the final book...) since it introduced me to book blogging and without which I would probably be watching tv right now blissfully ignorant to the fandom life; but I'm going off topic, because what I was getting at (somewhat slowly) is that Fire in the Woods has also now inspired me to look at more photography.

It's hard not to feel that excitement when you're reading from a perspective with enthusiasm radiating off the pages. I do have an Instagram account (ignore my shameless self-advertising) devoted to my blog and of course books, but that's only one section of photography which I find interesting.

Again, I digress. This review is such a ramble I'll admit but stick with me!

So what definitely won me over and gave Fire in the Woods my 5 star rating was its brilliant set of characters. It's no spoiler that David is an alien (since it's stated immediately in the synopsis, and if you haven't read that you'll figure it out soon enough; either from me telling you right now or when you start the actual book).

I thought it played into his character well because you saw the beauty of everything often taken for granted as a stranger does, making him less of a stranger in a way. Also he was hilarious! One scene particularly stood out to me when he reads someone's mind and they're thinking of... something aliens who've never kissed before are a little unnerved by. It cracked me up so that's why it's one of many favourite quotes.

There were so many moments like this, along with lots of action that comes naturally from a national man hunt. I rushed through the last few pages apprehensive of its conclusion and I had every right to be since the

ending was so open. Not cliffhanger open, but enough that I'm dying for the sequel to be in my hands right now!

This rambling review cannot do the book or the author justice, but I definitely recommend it because even if like me you're not the biggest sci-fi fan I'm sure a fast-paced and epic plot will at least intrigue you to pick it up...!

Posted on: <http://enchantedbyya.blogspot.co.uk/>

Lainey says

My full video review of this book will be available September 30!
I very much enjoyed it!

Brianna Maddox says

Full Review on Brianna's Bookish Confessions.

3.5 out of 5 stars

I read this along with one of my really good book friends so it made reading this book even more fun! She was actually the one who really introduced this to me. Basically by saying it's about aliens and is a little similar to the Lux series by Jennifer L. Armentrout. Now if you know me and have seen my reviews, you'll know I'm a HUGEEE JLA fan and the Lux series is one of my all time favorite series. So to find another book that has a hot alien, I'm down for reading!

Now, don't get me wrong, I REALLY still enjoyed this book! But, on Goodreads it still shows it is a standalone but on the book there's a possibility of a sequel... If there is a sequel (which I'm hoping), I would bump it up to a 4 star rating. I felt that the ending was really rushed and we don't get any answers in the end. I'm really hoping there is a sequel to answer all these questions I have. I immediately started sending like 50 messages to my friend (she finished it before I did) trying to understand the ending.

I really liked this world! Our main character, Jess lives on a military base with her dad. Her mother recently passed, so their interactions with each other aren't what they used to be. It's been hard for them lately. Jess likes photography and one day something crashes on the military base and it's not something small. Being ordered to stay inside by her father, she disobeys to go take pictures of the crash. While in the woods, she begins to hear a high pitched noise and it completely deafens her for a short period of time. She is then immediately introduced to David who has been alone in the woods. David though doesn't seem normal... Something is really wrong with him. He's always cold, and not just normal cold. His body basically shuts down because of this. Jess tries to do all she can, but the only thing that will really help David is to take him to her house where he can warm up. David is a threat and Jess doesn't realize this until it's too late. Now she's on the run with David trying to prove he's not the bad guy.

I really did like the concept and plot to the story! This isn't a spoiler, I promise. David is the alien and the way Jennifer M. Eaton describes him as an alien is so interesting! It's definitely VERY different from the Lux aliens and I'm really glad it was.

I also really enjoyed Jess' character at times. Sometimes I wanted to slap her for some of the choices she made. But overall, she was a great character and really funny at times!

I really hope there is a sequel because I have so many unanswered questions!
