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Vanish: A Firelight Novel



Synopsis

An impossible romance. Bitter rivalries. Deadly choices. To save the life of the boy she loves, Jacinda did the unthinkable: She betrayed the most closely guarded secret of her kind. Now she must return to the protection of her pride, knowing she might never see Will again... and worse, that because his mind has been shaded, Will's memories of that fateful night and why she had to flee are gone. Back home, Jacinda is greeted with hostility and must work to prove her loyalty for both her sake and her family's. Among the few who will even talk to her are Cassian, the pride's heir apparent, who has always wanted her, and her sister, Tamra, who has been forever changed by a twist of fate. Jacinda knows that she should forget Will and move on, that if he managed to remember and keep his promise to find her, it would only endanger them both. Yet she clings to the hope that someday they will be together again. When the chance arrives to follow her heart, will she risk everything for love? In best-selling author Sophie Jordan's dramatic follow-up to *Firelight*, forbidden love burns brighter than ever.

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Customer Reviews

The forbidden fairytale comes to an abrupt end for Jacinda. She's done the unthinkable, revealing her draki nature to humans, all to save her hunter boyfriend, Will. Now Jace and her family are on the run trying to get out of town and back to the pride. Leaving Will was hard, but coming home again is proving unbearable for Jacinda. Her rockstar fire breathing status has been downgraded to total loserdom. In a strange twist of fate there's been a complete role reversal between Jace, the

newly named outcast and her twin Tamra, who is now the darling of the pride. Though happy for her sister, Jacinda can't help but see through all the fawning to the heart of why her mother risked so much in fleeing, she and Tam are only valued for their gifts as property instead of people. With her mom's steady decline into depression, and the separation from her sister just to start, the pride's punishments to force compliance are doing more to damage than to tame Jace. Jacinda's increasing isolation and loneliness is only punctuated by the loss of Will and the knowledge that he won't remember why she left or worse forget her all together. But does the heart that truly loves ever forget. Sophie Jordan takes us on a roller coaster ride of excitement and fluctuating feelings. With an emotional whirlwind worthy of a Disney or Hallmark movie. Vanish opens the story with their great escape and continues the journey alternating between internal turmoil and thrilling peril inside and outside the pride. Sure Sophie follows a typical series arc of: Book 1. Fall in love, Book 2. Anguish so you can appreciate love, but it's what you do with the tried and true template that counts. Vanish is anything but typical.

The Short Version: Kicking up the overall emotional intensity, Vanish picks up quickly after the close of Firelight and doesn't bother recapping previous events. With the same strong writing and bold storytelling, but building both the world and characters in surprising ways, this one raises the bar from the first book while still playing on the great elements of Firelight. Tying things up with a great plot and stunning writing, Vanish will lure the reader in and not let go.

The Extended Version: Jacinda goes through an immense array of emotions in this one, suffering some major setbacks and heartaches but seeming to always be able to find a way to push through. Her motivations are very clearly defined and presented while still leaving plenty of things for readers to get subtly and between the lines. Though she is caught up on Will quite a bit at the start, it's understandable why and Jordan doesn't only rely on this element to propel things. Jacinda's internal strength grows in this one, and her drive to find the good at the end of a hard road is endearing and refreshing. Cassian has a stronger role in this book, and a presence that is hard to describe but completely appreciated. Intricate in nature and intense in personality, there are some very key and poignant scenes between Cassian and Jacinda that truly speak to not only the characters but Jordan's innate writing ability. Tied by what he wants and what he's expected to do, the full nature of Cassian's life and personality comes through in fantastic ways that really build him to be something great. The plot of this one is certainly filled with plenty of unexpected twists, and is, in whole, unpredictable.

SPOILERS FOR BOOK 1When Firelight, the first book in the series, leaves off, Jacinda and her family are fleeing home to the Draki pride they ran away from, narrowly escaping hunters. Jacinda's betrothed, Cassian, came back for them and is bringing them home. She's leaving behind her boyfriend, Will. Her twin sister, Tamra, had previously been believed to be "dormant", but in the last few pages of Firelight, she surprised everyone. (I'll admit, I totally did not see it coming, lol)As Vanish begins, Cassian, Jacinda, her mother, and Tamra are rushing back to the pride. As soon as they arrive, they take Tamra to someone who can heal and train her in her new talents. Jacinda and her mother, however, are placed under house arrest. They're traitors for leaving the pride, and are treated with suspicion and derision. Jacinda is having a hard time going from the pride's "golden girl" to a pariah. Her mother's response to the situation is to lose herself in a bottle, ultimately forcing Jacinda deal with her situation on her own. Cassian is still pursuing her, but now she's aware that her sister is also a suitable candidate to mate Cassian. She's pining for Will, and being pursued by Cassian's uber-creepy cousin and watched by the pride. When a series of events leads her back outside the pride, she's going to be in more danger than before, but this time she's not alone...My thoughts:Vanish is an excellent follow-up to Ms. Jordan's YA debut, Firelight. The stories are so different: In firelight, Jacinda flees the pride only to find acceptance in the forbidden love Wil provides. In Vanish, she's back in the pride that needs her, but now she's an outcast.

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