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Running Hot (Arcane Society, Book 5)



Synopsis

Ex-cop Luther Malone, lifelong member of the secretive paranormal organization known as the Arcane Society, is waiting to meet Grace Renquist. Hired as an aura-reading consultant in the quest for a murder suspect, she's got zero field experience. She's from tiny Eclipse Bay, Oregon. She's a librarian, for heaven's sake. As for Grace, she's not expecting much, either, from Malone, who walks with a cane and isn't so good with a gun. Nice résumé for a bodyguard. But even before they reach their hotel in Maui – where they'll be posing as honeymooners – Grace and Luther feel the electric charge between them. Problem is, they need to remain vigilant day and night; because it soon becomes clear there's more going on here. Rogue sensitives – operatives for the underground group Nightshade – are pouring into the luxury resort as if there's a convention. Grace recognizes those dark spikes in their auras. And she understands how dangerous these people can be...especially with those para-hunters at their sides. As Grace knows all too well, if you don't control your powers, your powers will control you.

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REVIEWER'S OPINION:I had a tough time deciding between 4 and 5 stars, but somehow I ended up with 4, which fits my definition of "really liked it." The author is using a standard formula, but it works well and is entertaining. There were many lines that had me chuckling. The two main characters are neat. I liked their back stories and their developing interactions. I also enjoyed the author's video clip about the book on her website: krentz-quick dot com.STORY BRIEF:This is

author's 5th book about the Arcane Society, humans with psychic abilities, called sensitives. Grace and Luther can read other peoples' auras. They each have an additional ability. Grace can see more detail about the person's personal life and past activities than Luther can. Luther has a hypnotizing effect. He can use his powers to calm down the other person, put them to sleep, or make them want to talk or do something. Grace and Luther work for the Jones & Jones agency. The agency wants Grace to go to Maui to look at the aura of someone suspected of killing three women. This is her first field assignment. Her past work for the agency has been as a research librarian. Luther is assigned to act as her bodyguard. While in Maui, they discover several high-level sensitives, who've enhanced their talents with an illegal drug and are criminally dangerous.

DATA: Story length: 337 pages. Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: 4. Total number of sex scene pages: 11. Setting: current day Caribbean island, Hawaii and southern California. Copyright: 2008. Genre: romantic suspense with a psychic twist.

OTHER BOOKS REVIEWED: For a list of my reviews of other books by this author, see my 4 star review of "Sizzle and Burn" posted 2/09/08.

RUNNING HOT is the fifth book in the Arcane Society series. The Arcane books are stories regarding people with paranormal talents. Arcane is in danger from insiders who have created an organization to enhance the natural paranormal talents for criminal purposes. The Arcane books cover three time periods: historical (Amanda Quick), contemporary (Jayne Ann Krentz), futuristic (Jayne Castle). Each book and time period can be read independently, but they work together to give an overarching story that is more satisfying than the individual parts. A new reader, however, can pick up any of the books.

RUNNING HOT is the story of Luther Malone, an ex-cop, who is twice-divorced and after having been shot needs a cane. His paranormal talent is seeing auras. He also has a hidden variation where he can influence the auras of other people thus giving them a little push in the direction Luther wants. Luther lives in Hawaii and gets an assignment from J&J (the Arcane's investigation agency) to escort a librarian to a Hawaiian resort to help look for a murderer. Luther doesn't expect the little old librarian to be Grace Renquist, a sexy, young woman with secrets. The two are instantly attracted to one another and share a similar talent. Grace also sees auras, but she can use it like a fingerprint to identify someone and profile them. Grace also has a secret ability. She has used her talent to kill.

Luther and Grace are damaged people. They have both been deeply hurt and are alone in deep ways. This is the story of how they build intimacy with one another and build a family that neither has had. There is an exciting plot dealing with Nightshade (the conspiracy within Arcane), but the heart of this story of Luther and Grace finding one another.

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