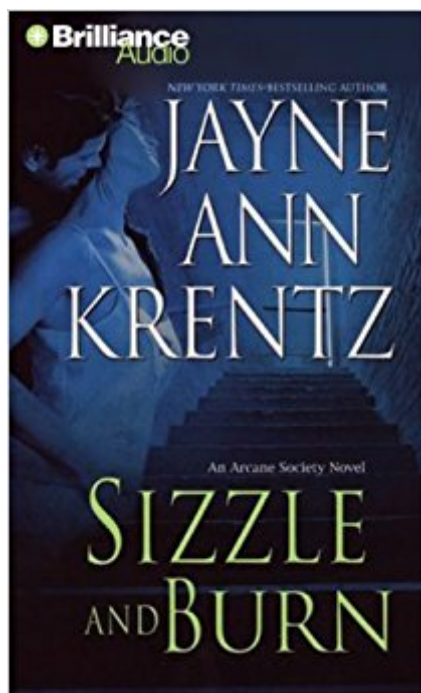


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Synopsis

Being called creepy can be hard on your self-esteem - even for an attractive, independent woman like Raine Tallentyre. That's what happened when she made the mistake of revealing her paranormal abilities, bringing her most recent romantic relationship to a hasty end. Her aunt Vella, a gifted but troubled soul, told her years ago to keep her talents a secret. And now that poor Aunt Vella - her last blood relative - has died, Raine has resigned herself to a lonely life. But when she journeys to Shelbyville, Washington, to clear out her aunt's house - trying to ignore the locals' comments about the "witch" and the "crazy lady" - Raine's highly developed sensitivity leads her to a horrifying discovery: a young woman, bound and terrified, in a basement storage locker. The victim has survived, and the culprit is on the loose. Without warning, a new man enters Raine's life - investigator Zack Jones. Surprisingly, Zack isn't repelled by her powers: in fact, he has his own. While Raine hears voices, Zack sees visions, and within hours of their meeting, Raine experiences an intense, thrilling intimacy - mental, emotional, and physical - that she never dared to expect. There's one complication, however: Zack Jones is working for the Arcane Society. This secret organization, dedicated to the study of paranormal phenomena, shattered Raine's family with an act of betrayal long ago, and she's not about to trust them now. As a killer makes her his target, and a cabal of psychic criminals known as Nightshade operates in the shadows surrounding them, Raine and Zack must rely not only on their powerful abilities but on each other as well.

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Customer Reviews

At the opening of Krentz's disappointing latest featuring the Arcane Society—a covert organization devoted to paranormal research—a costume shop owner Raine Tallentyre hears voices: in her deceased aunt's home in Shelbyville, Wash., she discovers and rescues a potential serial killer victim, and locks in on the disturbed killer's vibes. Raine's aunt also heard voices, but was also known as the town nut; Raine thus hesitates in going public. Meanwhile, Zack Jones is a PI hired by the Arcane Society: he gets a visceral sense of crimes with visions, but tracks Raine because of the secret research her father was doing on a special formula that enhances paranormal powers. Raine, meanwhile, has always believed that her father was killed by a member of the Society—one of Zack's relatives in fact—and is wary of Zack's motives. Krentz, who wrote the Arcane Society novel *Second Sight* as Amanda Quick, knows how to make sparks fly among the gifted, but this outing feels comparatively flat. The paranormal elements don't coalesce with the boy-meets-girl story. A repetitious dwelling on Raine's past, whereby potential partners were creeped out by her abilities, is a less serious flaw than the way the denouement makes use of them. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Krentz adds an intriguing paranormal twist to her already irresistible, deliciously dry humor."aPsychic thrills and sharp wit.a a "Chicago Tribune" aAbsolutely sizzles.a a "State" (Columbia, SC)?Psychic thrills and sharp wit.? ? "Chicago Tribune" ?Absolutely sizzles.? ?"State" (Columbia, SC) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jayne Ann Krentz has done again what she does so well, give us a great read. I must admit the Arcane Society has not been one of my favorite settings for her books but this time I really loved it. It reminded me of the great novels she wrote about St. Helens, AMARYLLIS, ORCHID, and ZINNIA. This adventure is set in our world and time but the romance and paranormal powers are pure Jayne Ann Krentz. Zack Jones is a detective with J&J, the agency is a cover for the Arcane Society to find and help people who are psychic. They also are in a race against the Nightshade Cabel, another group of Psychics who are willing to do anything to gain power in this world. Raine Tallentyre's father was a member of the Society. He was a scientist who wanted to study and evolve the formula the Society protects, that enhances psychic powers. When his lab was discovered and destroyed Raine

and her Aunt went into hiding and now her name has come up in the fight against Nightshade. Raine has been living quietly outside Seattle, she has been helping a detective solve cold cases. But Raine is lonely and knows only too well that men have a hard time accepting her gifts. Together Zack and Raine must face the danger, now that Nightshade seems to want something from her. Zack must protect her from the Cabel, as well as convince her that Jones is not another name for the devil. Zack and Raine have to discover that tho they are strong psychics, they are twice as strong together. I loved it but I always like Jayne's books. She knows just how to make a romance hot without making it too graphic. I like the way we know the feelings of both parties and the adventure and mystery are great too.

SIZZLE AND BURN is the third book in the Arcane Society series. The Arcane series is a series about the society for those with psychic powers and those within the society who are attempting to create ways to enhance their powers for evil. The series takes place in three different eras (historical, contemporary and futuristic) as Jayne Ann Krentz writes books for this series under her name and two pseudonyms (Amanda Quick and Jayne Castle). SIZZLE AND BURN is the story of Raine Tallentyre, who hears voices when she touches items related to strong negative emotions. She has been working with the police to help solve cold cases. When she makes a discovery, she comes to the attention of a serial killer. Zack Jones is a psychic investigator who comes to meet Raine because of her family's history of working on a formula to enhance psychic abilities. The Jones family has been prominent in the series as the "good" guys. The Jones family has been in charge of the society since its founding. Raine and Zack have a very strong attraction to one another and their talents are similar. Zack gets images of death and violence when touching objects. The similarity of the talents of Raine and Zack makes for a particularly emotional book since both suffer for their talents. The time that the two spend together dealing with the backlash from use of their talents creates a deep intimacy between Raine and Zack. This couple is also the most connected yet since they begin to have a mental intimacy where they can sense each other being in danger. These psychic intimacies combine with shared secrets to provide a solid foundation for their relationship. Raine is a particularly strong woman because of her past and her particular talent. She is definitely a partner in this investigation and not someone who needs to be coddled and rescued. Zack is a strong, principled man but his vulnerability with Raine is also very attractive. The suspense elements of the story are unpredictable and keep the pages turning. For fans of the series, there are more revelations about the conspiracy that is slowly being revealed in this series. This book feels most connected to the first book of the series SECOND SIGHT because it is in many ways a

contemporary analog to that book. Krentz has done a good job here, however, in not making this book dependent upon the previous books. A new reader can still enjoy this book even though it is best read as part of the series. While the story introduced here is wrapped up in this book, there are obviously still questions that need to be answered about the larger conspiracy. Luckily those questions operate as incentives to read more books rather than giving the impression that this book is incomplete. This is one of my favorite books of the series.

Jayne Ann Krentz is one of those authors where I buy everything she publishes, even stories published under other names. I will admit that there have been a few duds along the way, but this one was stellar. I am enjoying the series more than I thought I would (I'm not into paranormal story lines in general). I won't try to recap the story line, but if you are a fan of her work you will certainly enjoy this book. Both hero and heroine are likeable, and the chemistry between them seems believable. I hate it when an author has the hero and heroine fight with each other for 90% of the book, and fall in love the other 10%. In this story the H and H obviously are intrigued with each other and willing to take a chance together from almost the moment they meet. Highly recommended.

This book is a great read! It's fun, romantic and suspense-full... Krentz writes a great paranormal romantic book, same as all the others in the series. Raine is a clariaudient (hears voices), which makes her a good candidate to be considered the town witch (or the town mad woman!) as her aunt was. Zack is a sensitive that gets visions from the objects he touches, but as he is a Jones, he works for J&J using this talent. The story is set against the Arcane Society setting, with the Nightshade situation as detonator. They make a great pair to solve mysteries!!!

A pair of para-physics team up to solve the murder of the heroine's aunt and investigate an para-physic cabal who rely on murder to get what they want. Great love story between the two leads; lots of sexy romance as the story proceeds to the capture of a bad-"guy" team of para-psychics and also a serial killer not associated with anything psychic - just a simple, scary nut-job! Interesting, captivating story! And I really loved the love-story!

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