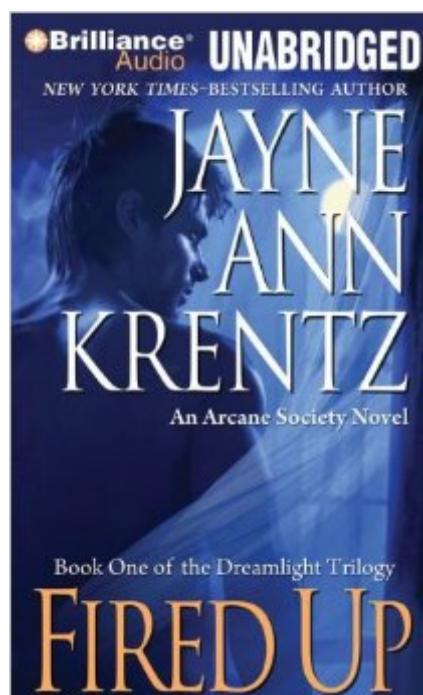


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Fired Up: An Arcane Society Novel (Dreamlight Trilogy)



Synopsis

More than three centuries ago, Nicholas Winters irrevocably altered his genetic makeup in an obsession-fueled competition with alchemist and Arcane Society founder Sylvester Jones. Both men are driven to control their psychic abilities, and their decisions have reverberated throughout the family line, rewarding some with powers beyond their wildest dreams, and cursing others to a life filled with madness and hallucinations. Jack Winters, descendant of Nicholas, has been experiencing nightmares and blackouts—just the beginning, he believes, of the manifestation of the Winters family curse. The legend says that he must find the Burning Lamp or risk turning into a monster. But he can't do it alone; he needs the help of a woman with the talent to read the lamp's dreamlight. Jack is convinced that private investigator Chloe Harper is that woman. Her talent for finding objects and accessing dream energy are what will save him, but a sudden and powerful sexual pull threatens to overwhelm them both. Danger surrounds them, and it doesn't take long for Chloe to pick up the trail of the missing lamp. And as she and Jack draw closer to it, the raw power that dwells within it threatens to sweep them into a hurricane of psychic power.

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Customer Reviews

I love many of Jayne Ann Krentz's books, but this is not one of them. It features the hero Jack Winters, a descendant of the renegade psychic Nicholas Winters who's descendants Jones and Jones have been monitoring to make sure they do not use their psychic gifts for harm. When descendants reach their mid-thirties they sometimes pick up a second gift and descend into

madness. Jack has now discovered a second psychic gift that he hopes will be eradicated via the Burning Lamp. First, however, Jack has to find the lamp. He turns to Chloe Harper, a private investigator, with a family background of psychics. Her ability is as sensitive to dreamlight and its psychic imprints. She finds the lamp for Jack and together they end up battling some evil followers of Nightshade. While I found the story a bit laborious in terms of trying to remember what went on with Arcane, J&J, and the various legends alluded to in previous books, the story did flow. We also get a more in-depth look at Fallon Jones who has appeared in most of the Arcane-based books. I am assuming his story will be out soon too. Ms. Krentz does a good job of fleshing out her psychic aspects of her stories and her characters stay "in character" in terms of their abilities. I struggled with whether to give the book three or four stars. I don't really care for Krentz's deeper journeys into the psychic realm, but do like her writing style. It is my understanding this is the first of a trilogy with the second book going back to the Victorian era (not sure if it is under Krentz or Amanda Quick) and the last set in the future (again not sure if it will be a Krentz or a Castle book).

Plot Summary: Jack Winters is a direct descendent of Nicholas Winters, the madly brilliant 17th century alchemist who tinkered with his own DNA and passed on a curse. According to the myths, Jack will turn into a Cerebrus - a person with three psi talents - and then go insane. His only hope is to locate the Burning Lamp, one of Nicholas Winter's inventions, and a woman capable of working dreamlight energy. Jack believes he's found the right woman in private investigator Chloe Harper, and he hires her to locate the lamp. It's been a while since I've read a Jayne Ann Krentz novel, and I thought she was in fine form for *Fired Up*, the first book in her new Dreamlight Trilogy. However, I do want to point out that I didn't buy this one. I've been waiting patiently to get my hands on a copy from the library, and I might feel a bit differently if I paid full-freight for a hardcover. I'd be willing to pay for the mass market paperback (when it comes out), but no, I don't think the story is worth \$17, or whatever it's going for on right now. Alrighty, with that caveat in place, I'll continue. If you're wondering how this can be book one and book seven at the same time, well, Ms. Krentz has come up with a complicated idea for this trilogy that only makes sense to her current fan base. Her Arcane Society novels are paranormal-mystery-romances where different couples use their various psi talents to solve mysteries. The Dreamlight Trilogy is being inserted in the middle of her Arcane Series, which is already six books strong. I enjoy them a lot. Things get complicated because Ms. Krentz writes under three different pen names, and each persona writes in a different subgenre.

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