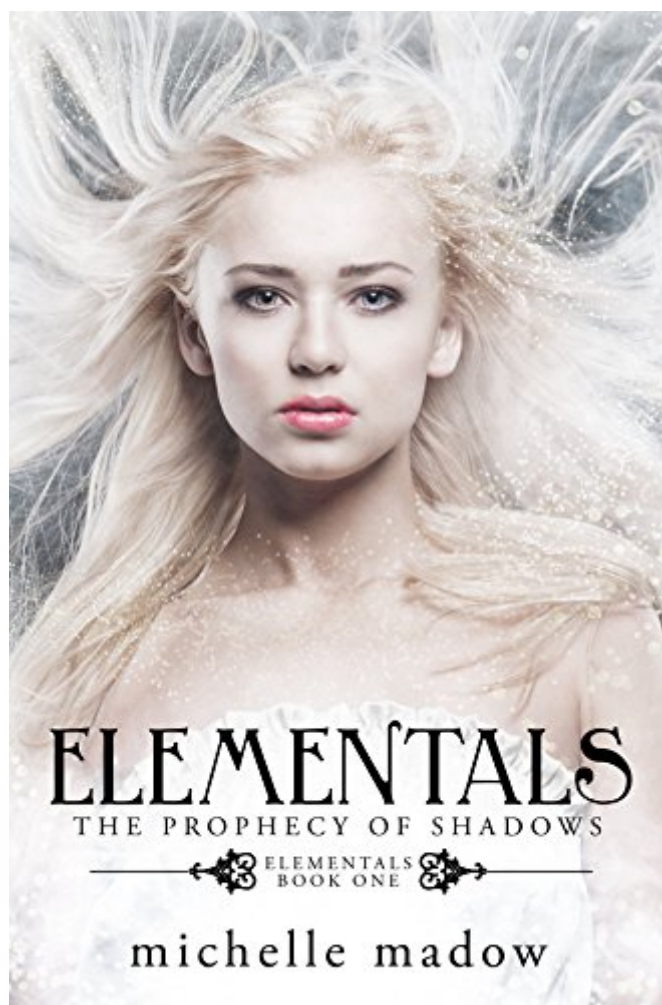


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Customer Reviews

So, I wasn't going to write a long review here, but I read a few of the more negative ones and I wanted to say something... Because honestly, I just don't get it. Nor do I agree with them. This book is great. And more than that, it's an interesting take on two subjects that are very familiar to most readers, not just of YA but of all fiction, and I find that really refreshing. Michelle Madow has always taken existing ideas and made them into something different and unique, and Elementals has that same quality. I think we have a lot of notions as readers about these pre-conceived categories, and I love that Michelle writes outside of the box. But anyway... I approached the book with an open mind and I really really enjoyed it. I love that the characters are discovering their powers and going on this adventure together while trying to figure out who they are, both as themselves and in relation to each other. I love that Nicole enters the situation completely uninitiated and comes into her own as the story progresses. She adapts very well to an unbelievable situation, and I like that in a heroine. As far as the romance is concerned, I get the issues with "instant love" but I also know I've personally felt that way, and I don't think it detracts from the characters. Sometimes you're just attracted to someone, almost mesmerized, and I didn't have to stretch my imagination to get that. I could relate. We still have to see how Nicole and Blake grow separately, and where Michelle takes their relationship (or, indeed, if it will survive). And then there's the Greek mythology aspect, the core of it, which I love love love. I could tell that the author had done her research and that she has an actual love and appreciation for it too - it showed in the writing. And the whole mythological "scavenger hunt" thing worked for me because, as people (or fans of Buffy) know, sometimes there's plenty of magical stuff right where you live. And my favorite thing of all was the exploration of what a human would be like if they had "just a little" godliness in them. I liked thinking about the idea. How would you live? What would it be like for you? And would you embrace it and be a hero, even if it was really dangerous? And Elementals delves into that, along with the color magic, which I haven't really seen anywhere else. The idea that colors have energy and power has been around in psychology and mysticism for a long time, and it's so cool that the author incorporated that into her mythos. So I guess what I'm trying to say is that reviews aren't everything... Think for yourself, and

keep an open mind. This book is really enjoyable and worth the read and I can't wait to see where the rest of the series takes us :)

My all-time favorite book series is Harry Potter (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone), and I have always loved Greek Mythology, so I was so excited when I saw that this book combined mythology and witches. While this book is told from one girl's (Nicole), point of view, though there are really five main characters in my eyes: Blake, Danielle, Kate, and Chris. These five are a group of kids that wouldn't likely be friends at school, but a magical incident that happens one night on a school field trip bonds them together. Together these five are one super-hero team, The Elementals. The main action of the book is a scavenger hunt, which is a neat way to build this world of magic. This first book really helps to lay the groundwork for what I hope is a super fun series to come. My favorite character in this series is Blake because he feels really well developed through his actions and the things he says to Nicole. He's her forbidden love interest. Blake and Danielle are going out (even though Blake keeps saying he's going to break up with her!), but he says he's drawn to Nicole, just as Nicole is to him. Nicole knows nothing can happen, because she is not the kind of girl who is going to be a party to cheating as well, that, and she doesn't want bad blood, especially amongst their group who may very well be destined to save the world together. Though I'm hoping there is more to their relationship that will play out in the next couple of books! What I like about this book is the magic is based in mythology and it's not really heavy high fantasy, which I tend to get lost in as this is based in our world. It takes place in a regular suburban town in New England, and makes it feel like you could almost have this secret world of magical people in your high school too. I know that people say this is like Percy Jackson, but I've never read those books before. If you've ever read Talia Vance's BANDIA books (Silver (A Bandia Novel)), then I think you will like ELEMENTALS. Both are based in mythology (Greek vs Irish), and take place in a regular high school. Also, it made me think about Hercules and there was definitely a moment when I nostalgically started singing "The Gospel Truth" from Disney's Hercules in my head ;) If you're looking for a fast paced urban fantasy book that has to do with prophecies, Greek Gods, witches and magic, then this is the book for you! Looking forward to April to see what's in store for book two!

I wanted to love this book. I love stories with Greek mythology. Unfortunately this one fell far short of my expectations. To start, Nicole (the MC) wasn't a character I could connect with. Her reactions to things were unrealistic and at times I didn't really like her. Then there's the whole "insta-love/connection" thing and it's not excuse to go after someone's boyfriend. Characters need to build relationships just like real people. I didn't really like Nicole's mom or sister either. Both seemed to be self absorbed. Her "dad" never makes an appearance. Some things in the story didn't really sit well with me. Starting with why did Nicole get put into "homeroom" when she had no knowledge of being a witch? Who made the decision and how did they know what she was? Combine that with how easy everything came to the characters and you can see why I had trouble with the plot and the way it was pushed along. The story felt almost forced along without the characters having to struggle and overcome their situations. None of the characters experienced any growth or development. They just accepted what was happening and went along with it. The idea of the story is a good one and could have made a great book if things had been allowed to develop naturally. I haven't decided if I'm going to read the next book in the series yet. Recommended for 13 & up. Mild violence.

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