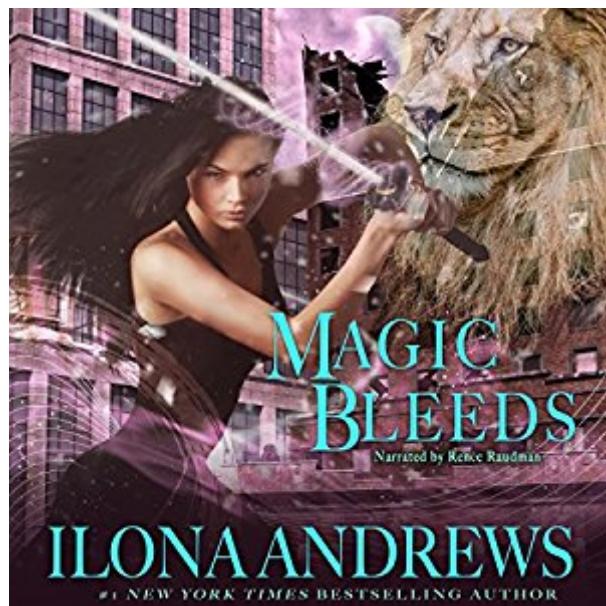


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# Magic Bleeds: Kate Daniels Series, Book 4



## Synopsis

Kate Daniels cleans up the paranormal problems no one else wants to deal with - especially if they involve Atlanta's shapeshifting community. And now there's a new player in town - a foe that may be too much for even Kate and Curran, the Lord of the Beasts, to handle. Because this time, Kate will be taking on family.

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## Customer Reviews

Things are getting more complicated for poor Kate & she's being hunted by her own family. What to do about the Beast Lord? Love him & leave him? Not on your life. The Beast Lord has staked his claim and you've gotta love how Kate responds. A 'shifted' world torn between random waves of magic & technology. A strong, intelligent, & sexy heroine (Kate Daniels). A story with depth and fantastic one-liners. Ms. Andrews' offers us a wonderfully crafted new world filled with shapeshifters, beastkin, witches, vampire navigators, and differing & sometimes warring paranormal police departments. Each of the Kate Daniels books offers a deeper & more complex look at these groups and each allows her relationships with these individuals to grow stronger. I absolutely LOVED the fact that, even though you know she and the Beast Lord, Curran, are 'it' for each other that their relationship takes a while (& several books) to fully develop. Each story shows different aspects of each character, too. I couldn't read the series fast enough & completed the entire series (to date) within a weeks time. So, even though I came to know the series late, it actually benefited me in that I could read them all at one go. Book #1: Magic Bites Book #2: Magic Burns Book #3: Magic

Strikes Magic Mourns Book #4: Magic Bleeds Book #5: Magic Slays Gunmetal Magic (Andrea & Raphael's story) Magic Dreams Book #6: Magic Rises Book #7: Magic Breaks (due out July 2014)

Before I totally fangirl over the Kate/Curran drama ...oh and I totally will....I'll attempt to talk about the rest of the book. One of the things I like about the Kate Daniels series is that the villain is always based in some sort of lore that I haven't been overexposed to I'm not even sure if it is real or just made up. In that I feel like I'm learning a little bit more but also I don't already have a bunch of preconceived notions of how the god/mythical creature should act and it is like starting with a clean sheet. The villain in this installment is undoubtedly the most dangerous and complex that Kate has faced to date. The bad guy carries seven plagues around with them and unleashes them at different times on Atlanta. Each one is devastating and causes incredible havoc. They also have some strange similarities in power to Kate and she doesn't know how to control her power nearly as well and needs to learn fast. Hugh is busy gathering information on Kate to make sure he knows everything about her before presenting her to Roland and is biding his time through this newest crisis. Kate knows that soon she will have to face her father and is desperately struggling with either going it completely alone or letting people into her life. But to do that she will have to come clean and tell the people closest to her who she really is. You can't smell happiness out of a lie. The world doesn't work that way. The character I most enjoyed this book beside the new addition of the attack poodle and Kate and Curran of course was Aunt B. She is sneaky, manipulative, intelligent an opportunist and at times even the voice of reason. I really like the way she runs her clan of hyenas and how she interacts with Kate. Aunt B is the alpha that you definitely do not want to get on the wrong side of. The deal she makes with Kate is one that benefits Kate but also helps her. I like how she is an example and a strong female character without being portrayed exclusively as negative. The plot arc was one of the strongest of the series and delved into the magic of the world Kate lives in even more. This is probably the strongest book in the series to date. Okay on to the fangirling of the romance aspect of this book. There may be a few minor spoilers don't read on if you don't want to know. Cat courting practices are interesting to say the least and a little dangerous it seems to any that stand to close...ehmm Saiman cough cough. I was worried at the beginning of the story that the minor misunderstanding between Kate and Curran was going to derail them for an entire book (I've seen it done in other series and I'm not a fan) but no worries all is made well again before the end. Kate miserable without Curran in her life decides to try to play by his rules and it is about time. I loved that she finally decided, this is what I want, and took charge. Even if later she doubts herself and her choices I admire the initial push in the right direction. There are some very

good steamy scenes and I love that everything isn't roses for them right after. They have distinctly different personalities and wants. Curran is desperate to protect Kate and Kate is desperate to run into the face of danger and sacrifice herself if needed. But tenderness and vulnerability are definitely there at the blooming of their relationship."People think I built the Pack, because I'm the guy who has the welfare of all shapeshifters in mind. They're wrong. Everything I built, I did so that when I mate and have children, nobody can touch my family. (...) I built all this so I can protect you."Plus being Mated to the Beast Lord isn't all glamorous. You live in a glass house always surrounded by people watching looking for an edge something to give them the upper hand looking for any weakness to exploit. I couldn't believe how fast some of the pack turned after the main battle.I'm ecstatic that Kate and Curran have finally made some progress on this front since the tension between them was killing me. Like the end of other books in this series it really just made me want more. I can't wait to see what will happen to the main Alpha's next.

I am so in love with this book and the series as a whole. I didn't think that it would be possible to love this book any more than I did the first time that I read it but it seems that I was wrong. I liked it even more this time. I know where the series is headed so looking back at earlier books and remembering the events that laid the groundwork for later books is just so entertaining.I love Kate. She is a strong, kick-ass character that cares deeply about others and tries to do what is right. She doesn't always put herself first and is willing to sacrifice in order to help others. She takes on a lot of responsibility even for things that many would walk away from without any guilt. In this book, we get to see her admit to herself that she wants things for herself. When those things are at risk, she will fight as hard as she can to keep them.As much as I love Kate, I might like Curran even a little more. My husband knows when I am reading one of these books because I have been known to look at him and ask him why he can't change into a lion. I don't think that he is impressed by these kinds of questions. So the fact that Curran is a lion AND the beast lord is just plain cool but there is so much more that I love about Curran. He knows what he wants and is willing to be patient in order to get it. He is fierce needed but he always brings a sense of quiet strength anytime he is part of a scene. And he loves Kate.The story is exciting in this book. It was really pretty cool to go back and read this book again after reading the newest book in the series, Magic Binds. I really wanted to go back and see a certain character the first time they were featured in the series. This book is really a turning point in the series. There are a lot of things that change in this book. Really most of the big things in Kate's life change in this book. Kate and Curran finally become a couple. She makes an important decision regarding her work. Even her living situation changes.I loved the narration. It is so odd to

me that I didn't like the narrator for this series when I listened to the first two books because now I think she is perfect for the series. I think that Renee Raudman's narration added to the enjoyment of this book for me during this re-read. She handles a lot of characters really well and uses a wide range of voices during the story. The emotions of the characters really shine through in the narration. I actually listened to this audiobook for hours at a time and loved every moment of it. I would highly recommend this series to anyone and everyone. This is a series that really needs to be read in order since each book builds on the previous books. This is a series that I will re-read many times because it is really just that good. The writing team of Ilona Andrews have created such an amazing cast of characters in a unique world and I can't wait to continue with my re-read.

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