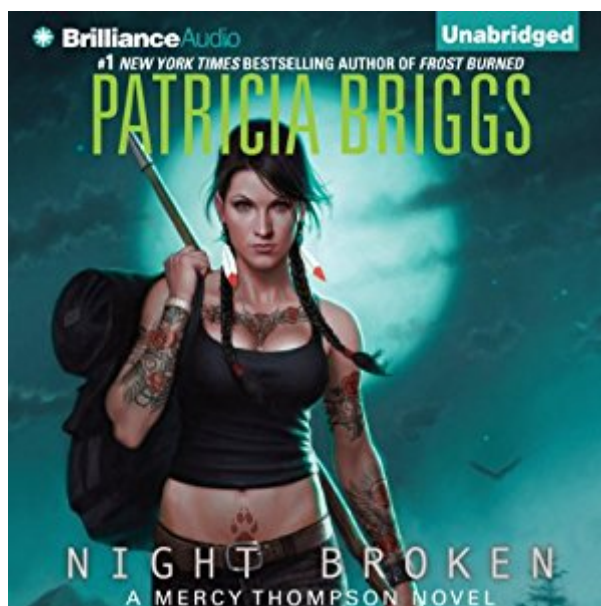


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Night Broken: Mercy Thompson, Book 8



Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling author Patricia Briggs's Mercy Thompson series has been hailed as "one of the best" (Fiction Vixen Book Reviews). Now Mercy must deal with an unwanted guest-one that brings a threat unlike anything she's ever known. An unexpected phone call heralds a new challenge for Mercy. Her mate Adam's ex-wife is in trouble, on the run from a stalker. Adam isn't the kind of man to turn away a person in need-and Mercy knows it. But with Christy holed up in Adam's house, Mercy can't shake the feeling that something about the situation isn't right. Soon her suspicions are confirmed when she learns that Christy has the furthest thing from good intentions. She wants Adam back, and she's willing to do whatever it takes to get him, including turning Adam's pack against Mercy. Mercy isn't about to step down without a fight, but there's a more dangerous threat circling. Christy's stalker is more than a bad man-in fact, he may not be human at all. As the bodies start piling up, Mercy must put her personal troubles aside to face a creature with the power to tear her whole world apart.

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Customer Reviews

I received this book for free from the publisher or author in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.It's no secret I'm a huge fan of Patricia Briggs's Mercy Thompson series. It really sets the standard in terms of werewolf mythos and world-building, series development, and a compelling heroine. When the opportunity to read and review NIGHT BROKEN arose, I jumped at the chance. Given the

synopsis, I knew this was going to be a good one. And of course, I wasn't disappointed. Central to NIGHT BROKEN, book eight in the series, is Mercy and Adam's marriage. What Briggs does so well is show the depth of their commitment and their complete and utter belief and confidence in each other. It was nice to see, after all these two have been through, a book that centers on the strength of their relationship, particularly when it's being tested by a manipulative ex-wife, which I'll get to later. Mercy proves herself, once again, to be completely loyal and dedicated to those she cares about which is of course why she's such an endearing character. But Briggs also takes some time to humanize this wonder woman with moments of childish retribution against Adam's ex (blue dye in the shampoo anyone?). Mercy may be an almost-saint but she, too, can be human, and it was nice to see. Another fantastic addition to Mercy's world is the introduction of Gary Laughingdog. He's the only other coyote shifter, born of Coyote himself, that Mercy knows and he's a fantastic character – hilarious, completely not dependable, and wiley. He has the gift of sight and is a huge flirt which proves difficult for Honey given what she went through in FROST BURNED. I hope Briggs keeps him around because he's a nice counterpoint to Mercy and he adds a bit of excitement and humor to almost any scene he's in. Other strong elements of the book include the continued difficulties Mercy has with her pack relationships. The pack is made up of a bunch of jerks and NIGHT BROKEN really highlights the uphill battle Mercy faces. While there may be some hope it will get better, it angers me how they treat her despite nice moments of support from characters like Warren, Ben, and Honey. Briggs also does a great job of introducing a new mythology that I've never heard of and which feels very original. I love the expansion of the supernatural world beyond the fae, vampires, and wolves that normally take center stage in the series. Finally, there's Stefan. There's a bit of a revelation in NIGHT BROKEN that will impact his relationship with Mercy and I'm curious to see how it will play out. If I had to add some minor quibbles there would be two – Christy, Adam's ex wife, and how the pack supports her, and NIGHT BROKEN's ending. I find it a bit unbelievable that the pack would continue to buy Christy's manipulative B.S. It really goes beyond reason. Her manipulations are obvious and her past abandonment of Adam and their daughter would, in my mind, create a sense of resentment from a pack loyal to its alpha, not continued support. I also wanted Adam to stand up a little more to her; he needed a swift kick to the gonads to get them in gear. And the ending felt abrupt. It opened the door to future fae shenanigans (read: troubles) but I admit to turning the page to see if I was missing something. Regardless, NIGHT BROKEN is packed full of strong writing – great moments of humor, horror, and suspense;

emotion and drama; romance and redemption. It's another wonderful story in a series that sets the bar. NIGHT BROKEN is highly recommended for fans of the series and for those readers who appreciate really thoughtfully written urban fantasy. 4.5 Stars!

Mercy Thompson is one of the best Urban Fantasy series around. Maybe the best of its kind. While other series start out good and promising they then fall and buckle under the weight of extended contracts, and trying to stretch a story that was originally a trilogy into five or more books. Not so Mercy Thompson. Patricia Briggs has consistently released installments that are engrossing and maintain a level of stable entertainment that few can boast of. NIGHT BROKEN is another action packed, fantasy driven installment in what is without a doubt my favorite series barring Harry Potter. Mercy Thompson has gotten her man. The good looking and loyal pack Alpha Adam Hauptman is her husband and their bond is as stable as ever. So, when his ex-wife needs a place to hide out from a stalker ex-boyfriend, Mercy magnanimously offers the woman a place to stay. This opens a can of worms, because while she left him Christy still believes she has full rights and ownership to Mercy's husband. Adding insult to injury, the pack who are not big fans of Mercy as Adam's mate...love his ex. Besides a manipulative ex and her stalker, Mercy is pulled into an investigation of brutal murders that the authorities believe are the crimes of werewolves. It's pretty amazing how innocently Mercy stumbles into trouble. Trouble finds her. In eight books, I cannot think of a single mishap that she purposely brought on. People are just drawn to the mischievous coyote in her veins. NIGHT BROKEN is pure unadulterated entertainment. It encompasses everything I love in Urban Fantasy. Sassy heroine, super hot hero, action, drama, interesting villain, great side characters and of course fantasy. The fantasy in NIGHT BROKEN takes an interesting turn. After eight books, Ms. Briggs evolves her mythology. We're getting more than the usual vamps, werewolves, Fae and occasional coyote lore. It's brand new and it is big. At moments in this book it is really difficult to decide who Mercy can and cannot trust. She's surrounded by haters at every turn. There's the manipulative Christy, who is a lot more interesting than I thought she would be. Honestly, any woman who can manipulate people who know they are being manipulated, is a well written antagonist. Then there is the pack. For several books it has been clear that the pack is not 100% on board with letting a coyote into a world of wolves. They have been against Mercy at every turn and with the added memory of the human and domesticated, Christy, Mercy really has to watch her back to make sure she is not stabbed in it. Add to that the ever present Fae threats. For quite sometime Mercy has been in possession of an ancient Fae artifact and now that the Fae have locked themselves away in their mound, they want it back. Mercy is all too willing to return it, but the

pesky walking stick has a mind of its own and always returns to Mercy. Its connection to Mercy is forever saving her life and putting her in danger. Now to the murder investigation, it is gruesome. It's the kind of thing that you can just see in your mind and know that if you were standing next to Mercy your stomach would roil. The hunt for the killer is really fascinating and it's interesting to see all these different story lines connect, because while this story is broad, it is a small world, after-all. This book is a funny, smart, romantic and action packed thrill ride! I laughed, I cried, raged and rejoiced. The ending is wrapped up and yet opens the series to new possibilities and Mercy to new struggles. I am excited for book 9. Another great installment to the Mercy Thompson series. Oh, and Adam is still my FAVORITE guy! :0

Night Broken is the weakest of the Mercy Thompson series to date. Although there is the requisite bad guy, the focus of the story is Mercy versus Adam's ex-wife. Adam himself is portrayed as a wimp who, despite Mercy's assertions, does not in fact have her back, but instead expects Mercy to keep the peace by tolerating one provocation after another from his ex, who is ensconced not only in their home, but in the bedroom that adjoins theirs. Mercy herself is portrayed as so tolerant of the ex that she repeatedly pulls her verbal punches for fear she will be unfair to this witch. Meanwhile, most of the pack sides with the ex. Prepared to be irritated with the lot of them.

I just read this for the second time (along with the rest of the series) and I just can't get past the whole Christy crap. I agree with other reviewers opinion the Adam really dropped the ball with how he let Christy take over the entire house including their bathroom. He then let's Aurelia not only treat Mercy like crap but even lets her interrupt their alone time together because Christy was waiting supper??? Then even Warren snarks about how he didn't see how much of a manipulator Mercy was until Christy came! Betrayal much, Warren? And of course Christy is telling Mercy to just die already when she very nearly was dying and all she gets is banned from the hospital rather than run out of town? Plus I just don't get how the hell the pack can stand by Christy when everyone knows how she has always treated Jesse and Adam. If Christy stays in town I'm not sure I will even read the next book as much as I love the rest of the characters.

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