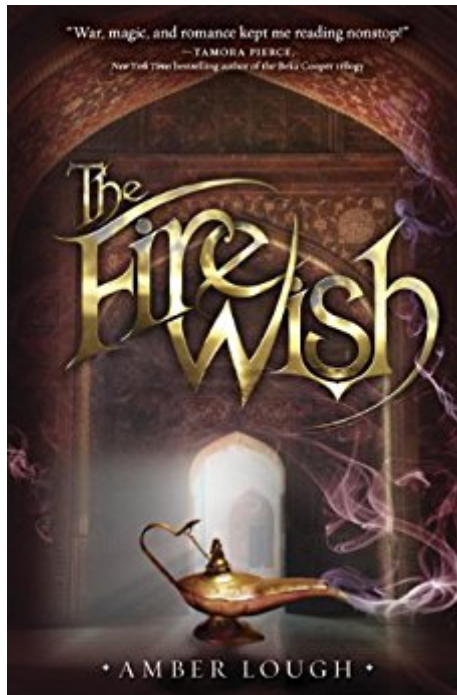




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# **The Fire Wish (Jinni Wars Book 1)**



## Synopsis

A jinni. A princess. And the wish that changes everything. . . . Beautifully written and accessible fantasy for fans of Tamora Pierce, Rachel Hartman, and Laini Taylor. In this romantic and evocative fantasy, Najwa is a jinni, training to be a spy in the war against the humans. Zayeel is a human on her way to marry a prince of Baghdad which she will do anything to avoid. So she captures Najwa and makes a wish. With a rush of smoke and fire, they fall apart and re-form as each other. A jinni and a human, trading lives. Both girls must play their parts among enemies who would kill them if the deception were ever discovered enemies including the young men Najwa and Zayeel are just discovering they might love.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm surprised I hadn't heard more about this book when it first released. I preorder in paperback because it was only \$5 and really enjoyed the entire story. The first 50 pages were slow only because it took sometime to get used to all the names and who was who but after that the story quickly escalated and you're caught up in a world of jinni, prince & princess and wishes. I loved

Najwa's story and her admiration of the prince from afar. I thought we got a true glimpse of Zayelee on the beach with Atish, hopefully we get to see more of her true self in *The Blind Wish*. I love the magical world created and I'm looking forward to finding out more in book two. I'm hoping for more romance and the war to be settled.

On my quest for diversity in literature, I discovered a blog post about a white woman named Amber Lough who grew up in the Middle East and Japan, and then wrote a fantasy book about characters from that area, called *The Fire Wish*. Could a middle-aged white woman really do justice to a book about Arab teenagers in the desert? She seemed to have done her research, and I was willing to give it a shot. After all, who doesn't like a book about genies? Djinn? Jinn? In this book: Jinn. Well, even if you aren't a big fan of the topic, I strongly suggest you give this book a chance.

**The Plot:** Zayelee is a headstrong young teenager living in a small village three days' travel away from Baghdad, in a time long before electronics. She is chosen, against her will, to be a prince's bride in an act of good faith between the tribe and the palace. Zayelee is desperate to get out of this arrangement, even considering running away with her blind younger brother, but eventually is forced to make the journey along with her older cousin Rahela, who is terrified of the jinn, having survived a jinn attack when Zayelee was born. Najwa is a slightly timid teenaged jinni, just learning about her own abilities in her underground world. On one of her spy tests it turns out that she is the only jinni anywhere who can get past the human palace's jinn wards and enter. She also discovers some very important information about a young girl who has been chosen to be the first bride of the younger prince (sound familiar?). Wanting to know more about this princess, Najwa breaks the rules and uses her invisibility spell to visit her. Then she gets caught. By the future princess. Zayelee is delighted to have caught herself a real, live jinni, and demands a wish from her. Najwa is forced to grant Zayelee's wish to have Najwa take her place as the princess, but instead of returning home, Zayelee finds herself taking Najwa's place in the underground jinn caverns. Suddenly, neither girl is having nearly as much fun as she thought she would, and both must find a way to escape their situations without being caught. Najwa, with only the jinn-loathing Rahela as her ally, cannot wish herself out of her situation, and Zayelee has quite a bit of difficulty pretending to be a jinni when she is not. With the impending royal marriage and both the jinn and humans on the verge of war, it is a race against time to set things right.

**The Verdict:** Holy wow, I am a little embarrassed at how quickly I stalked Amber Lough's twitter, tumblr, and personal website to find out when the next book comes

out. The Fire Wish is told from alternating points of view, which made it a little difficult to follow at times, but even that could not slow down my voracious appetite to know what happened to these two girls. I wish (haha, get it?) I could say more about the plot of this book, but IâfÂÂ âÂ âd be giving away some major spoilers, and this is one book I do NOT want to spoil for anyone.

Visually rich, lyrical in spots and filled with exciting, breath-holding moments. It's "The Prince and the Pauper" set in ancient Bagdad, but in this case the pauper is a Jinn. A wonderful read.

I really enjoyed the read. I had a hard time putting it down. I had never read anything about jinnis before and it was a breath of fresh air.

So so so so good! The audio book was great as well and I cannot wait to get my hands on the next one.

Predictable but interesting enough to keep you reading.

THE FIRE WISH was an exceptional book that I devoured so quickly. Then I became furious with myself for reading it so quickly, because I just wanted to continue Najwa and Zayelee journey so badly!!As this being my first jinni book, I was curious to see what was in store. And I am thrilled to say that I loved the the unique world-building, and the thick-plotted world in THE FIRE WISH!! And after reading this book and practically loving it, I know it will not be the last jinni book I read!! A jinni, and a princess trading lives??? YES, that is enough to make me want it. It's different then your normal YA book, and that's one reason I loved it!! And another reason I had to read it was that Aladdin was one of my favorite Disney movies growing up, and though it was different, it still had similarities, and I loved that!!THE PLOT...Najwa is a jinni living in the Kingdom Jinn, training in the Corps to be a spy in the upcoming war with the humans. But the day she breaches the humans wards in the Baghdad palace, everything changes. On her third trip sneaking past the palace wards, her luck finally runs out and she is caught by Zayelee and forced to grant her a wish that will change both girls lives, forever...Zayelee is a human living with her tribe when the Vizier walks into their village and informs them that the Prince of Baghdad is looking for his first bride. But it's only when her father and the Vizier inform her that she will be Prince Kamal's first wife, and the Princess of Baghdad, that Zayelee's world gets ripped out from under her, and her life is forever changed!But when Zayelee runs into the only thing that can save her from her horrible fate at being a bride to a

man she doesn't love, she eagerly takes it! She forces Najwa, a jinni that snuck past the palace defenses to grant her a way out, but the wish doesn't turn out to be what she thought it would be. With a wish went wrong, Zayele a human, and Najwa a jinni, find themselves switched and forced to live each others lives, if they can pull it off. Living in two very different worlds, and with the jinni and human war on the horizon, both girls know that getting caught as each other is not an option. One wrong move could cost them their lives...A magical adventure...Ooh, that was just a beautiful story on so many levels!! It was truly one of a kind, and with a writing that captivated and allured me, I know for sure that I will be reading more from this author!! But I have to admit that the beginning of this book had me tempted to put it down for a while. But as the chapters went on, and I found myself slowly getting more attached to both characters, I just knew there was no putting this down, and that I HAD to stick it out to the end to find out what would happen to both this girls. And I am sooo happy that I did not let the slow beginning weigh my decision to DNF this for a while, because I would of been furious at myself to not reading it when I had the chance!!! I was also a little skeptical when I started reading the dual POV's. I'm not to eager to jump into a book if it's told from two POV's. But surprisingly, it was easy to adjust to the two very different lives, and the change of character. And after a few chapters, I was quickly immersed into the flow of the story, and I thoroughly enjoyed both characters POV!! Overall, I highly recommend THE FIRE WISH for any YA, fantasy fan who wants a different kinda read, with awesome characters, a ongoing war, and two very sweet romances that will have you yearning for more. If you can get past the slow start and the dual POV's, then I think any YA, fantasy fan will love this one as much as I did!!! NOTE: I received an ARC from Random House for reviewing purposes. All opinions expressed are my own and are not influenced in any way!!

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