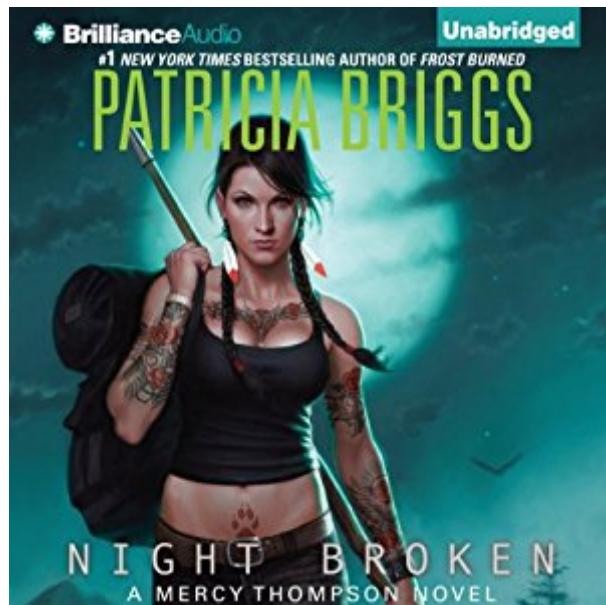


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Synopsis

#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' 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 a 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.

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.

When a book is quotable, I'm gonna quote!"Adam snorted as he pulled on a faded green t-shirt that said "I Heart Coyotes." Yet another sign that folding my clean clothes wasn't too big a price to pay to make him happy. He didn't have any "I Heart Christy" shirts--or I would have burned them already." "I thought we should apply that kind of thinking to the matter of Cristy's stalker." He gave me a skeptical look. "No, really," I said. "Now that we know that Flores is really this nasty, fiery, superpowerful nothing-can-kill-me demon from hell, maybe we should consider just giving Christy to him?" He laughed. "I'm serious," I said. "Seriously? Do you know how many guilty people are in jail? None." Gary's voice rose to imitate a woman's voice. "Honest. I didn't kill him. He fell on my knife. Fourteen times." You would think that our favorite coyote, Mercy, would have enough to deal with in her life when it comes to adversaries of the supernatural and furry variety. But she may have to confront her biggest challenge yet in the form of the former Mrs. Adam Hauptman. That's right, the ex is in trouble and on the run from her psycho boyfriend. And Adam wouldn't be the Adam that Mercy knows and loves if it wasn't in his nature to help others, especially the mother of his child. The ex, Christy, is only safest in Adam's house and with his pack even though several things aren't quite adding up. But one thing is as clear as day, Christy wants Adam back and isn't afraid to play dirty to get him. Mercy isn't going to take this lying down, but Christy's peculiar psycho boyfriend may have more going on than some crazy stalker tendencies and as more bodies pile up, it's up to Mercy to put a stop to it.

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