



***Storm and Fury* by Jennifer L. Armentrout**

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\*Grade Range: Grade 7 and Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Eighteen-year-old Trinity Marrow may be going blind, but she can see and communicate with ghosts and spirits. Her unique gift is part of a secret so dangerous that she's been in hiding for years in an isolated compound fiercely guarded by Wardens—gargoyle shape-shifters who protect humankind from demons. If the demons discover the truth about Trinity, they'll devour her, flesh and bone, to enhance their own powers.

When Wardens from another clan arrive with disturbing reports that something out there is killing both demons and Wardens, Trinity's safe world implodes. Not the least because one of the outsiders is the most annoying and fascinating person she's ever met. Zayne has secrets of his own that will upend her world yet again—but working together becomes imperative once demons breach the compound and Trinity's secret comes to light. To save her family and maybe the world, she'll have to put her trust in Zayne. But all bets are off as a supernatural war is unleashed...

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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### *Booklist*

Longtime fans of Armentrout will be thrilled that hero Zayne finally gets a series of his own. First introduced in the Dark Elements series, he returns here with his delicious world of demons and gargoyles in an explosive new story. Eighteen-year-old Trinity Marrow's ability to communicate with spirits makes her a target for demons, so she's guarded by gargoyle Wardens, sworn protectors of humankind. Her path crosses with Zayne's when he arrives at Trinity's compound with news that demons and Wardens, of which he is one, are both being slaughtered. With a supernatural war on the rise, Trinity and Zayne must work together to find out who is committing the murders, thwart a supernatural war, and protect Trinity's life at all costs. While the pacing feels off-kilter at times and the beginning may drag for some readers, the second half of the book kicks up the action and skyrockets readers to the end. As always, Armentrout excels in building a paranormal romance world that is believable, accessible, and riveting.

### *School Library Journal*

Gr 7 Up—This first installment of the series is a spin-off of Armentrout's "Dark Elements" trilogy with some of the same characters. Eighteen-year-old Trinity Marrow, who is losing her sight, has a well-kept secret. She can see and talk to the dead and must remain in a compound that is guarded by Wardens who are shape-shifting gargoyles. They must protect her from demons who want to capture her to take on her special powers. However, a new threat arrives, and Trinity joins forces with Zayne, a Warden from another clan, in order to save her family. Fans of "Dark Elements" will be excited for Zayne to find romance with Trinity, who is a strong character with good

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instincts. The action and suspense build with each chapter, making this a compelling read. Readers will anxiously await the next installment in this series, and libraries will find it difficult to keep this one on the shelf.

**VERDICT Recommended. Fans of the "Dark Elements" trilogy will enjoy revisiting this world with the same characters.**

#### **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.