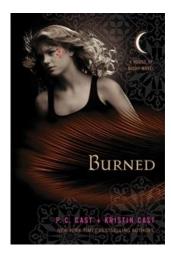
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BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this House of Night installment, three girls are playing with fire—if they don't watch out, everyone will get burned.

Things have turned black at the House of Night. Zoey Redbird's soul has shattered. With everything she's ever stood for falling apart, it's seeming more and more doubtful that she'll be able to pull herself back together in time to rejoin her friends and set the world to rights. As the only living person who can reach her, Stark must find a way to get to her. But how?

Enter BFF Stevie Rae. She wants to help Z but she has massive problems of her own. The rogue Red Fledglings are acting up, and her kinda boyfriend, Dallas, is sweet but too nosy for his own good. The truth is, Stevie Rae's hiding a secret that might be the key to getting Zoey home but also threatens to explode her whole world.

And in the middle of the whole mess is Aphrodite: ex-Fledgling, trust-fund baby, total hag from Hell (and proud of it). She's always had visions that reveal the future, but now it seems Nyx has decided to speak through her with the goddess's own voice, whether she wants it or not. Aphrodite's loyalty can swing a lot of different ways, but right now Zoey's fate hangs in the balance.

Three girls . . . playing with fire . . . if they don't watch out, everyone will get *Burned*.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"The saga of the House of Night series continues to smolder in *Burned* . . . Overall this is a fast and furious read, but a rewarding one." —*Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*

"Burned [is] a strong, moving, powerful addition to this series....The last fifty pages just wrung me out, crying and happy all at the same time. I don't know where in the world the next book will be going but I wouldn't miss it!"

—Night Owl Reviews

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

<u>Austin Memorial Library</u>: "The library is a public library, open to all, no matter their age, race, sexual orientation, religious preferences or social economic standing. City Council adopted the 'Library Bill of Rights' [that] states, 'Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information and enlightenment of all

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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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