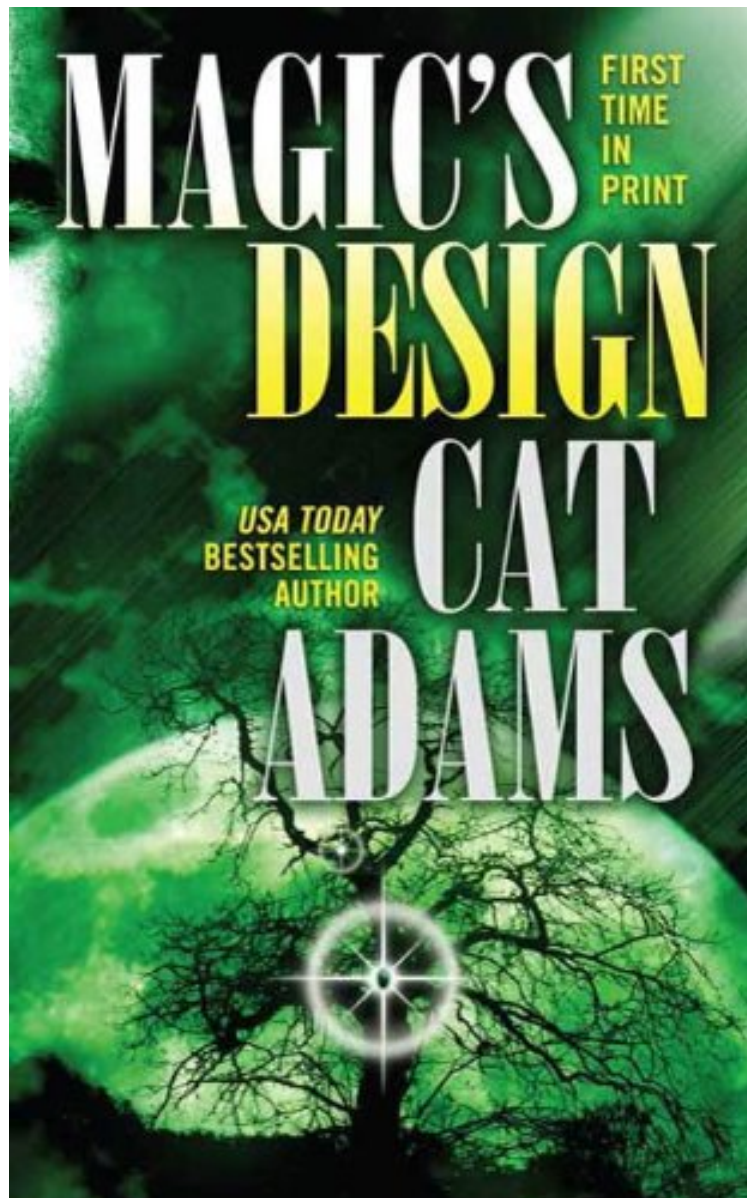


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Von Cat Adams : Magic's Design before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magic's Design:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A bit too complicatedVon Helen HancoxThe writing team of C T Adams and Cathy Clamp, here writing as 'Cat Adams', have

produced yet another book. Their speed of output is very impressive, as is the evident thought that they put into making their books something more than your standard paranormal romance. 'Magic's Design' is a standalone novel, as far as I could see, but I felt most of the time whilst I was reading it that I was missing rather a lot of information. It's set partly in our world but also in a magical world underneath the earth whose inhabitants worship four special trees but whose inbuilt magic is dying. When Talos, an agent sent to live in the normal world, discovers some strange goings on, he also runs into Mila, a woman with a gift of healing... but perhaps more. This is where the book gets complex. The world created by the authors is very unusual, with painting of hens' eggs a significant step in a battle against evil. Who would have thought it? Mila as a heroine is a bit too unlikely - she suddenly finds herself thrust into a bizarre world of magic, painted eggs, special trees, etc, but seems to cope with it all marvellously - while also trying to do her normal job in a legal practice at the same time as saving the world. The romance between Tal and Mila was fairly subordinate to the overall plot of the book, and for this reader the plot didn't quite work. I wasn't ever entirely sure what was going on as there were so many changes of direction and so much magic and other stuff that the reader couldn't predict. Although the authors' style is good, I was just too confused by the events of the book and didn't find it entirely satisfying. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 20090 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 2.5 stars! Von Detra Fitch Talos Onan is a midlevel commander in the Overworld Police Agency (OPA). The agency is tasked with the duty of protecting Earth from all magicians intent on doing crime. Talos, born into the mage guild of firecrafters, is one of three officers who attempted to halt a secret underground prison break. When they fail, Grand Master Vegre escapes. Vegre is an infamous fire mage. He is the only Guilder known to control the Creeping Darkness. It is a spell that removes heat and light so completely as to achieve total darkness over an area. Vegre and his minions intend to totally change the world to fit his desires and rule over all people, whether they can utilize magic or not. As for magic, it has become scarce. The Sacred Tree of Life is the source of all magic in the world and it is dying. The only guild house able to heal it is the Parask, the soul-conjurers. However, all magicians in this generation were told that those of the Parask Guild betrayed them and doomed millions of humans to death. The Parask were shunned, outcast. Many were executed. Mila Penkin works for a law firm. New Year's Eve is approaching and she has booked the office party at the Palace Hotel. Mila has always had the gift of healing, but her memories have been blocked. She recalls nothing of magic or her training. With the help of her grandmother, Baba Nadia, Mila must somehow break the mental barrier and remember her soul-conjuring training. Then they and the attractive constable, Talos, must save the world and heal the Sacred Tree.*** Lots of "verve" in this story. It has a wonderful plot, but the story does not flow smoothly at all. There is A LOT of background information that readers must wade through. (Magic history, Parask Guild history, Mila's history [before her mental block, as well as after it], the Sacred Tree... the list continues.) That does not leave much room for the trust to grow, romance to bloom, or for taking action. The trust and romance felt very rushed to me. Mila's block was overcome too easily, too quickly. I do not believe she should have been able to work magic at all, much less well, before her block crumbled. If this is a stand alone tale, my opinion is that it is good and worth your time to read, but nothing special. If this is the first of a new series, my opinion is that the story makes a solid foundation, but all the background information did not have to be stuffed in the first book. It could have easily been spread out to the next couple of stories. I could find no "series title" listed at the web site of Cat Adams (a.k.a. C.T. Adams Cathy Clamp) or the online book stores I visited.***Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.

Kurzbeschreibung They were destined to save the world from an ancient evil. Talos is a magic wielder, born into the mage guild of firecrafters. As an agent of the Overworld Police, he has come from a secret land to protect Earth from magicians intent on enslaving humanity. Mila has always had the gift of healing. But this very modern woman never realized that her skill was born of an ancient magic that only firecraft can fully unlock. Together, Tal and Mila discover that the source of their powers is in unity. Love's shining light might burn them alive protecting the magic of the world, but if the Tree of Life dies, and all the magic in the world is extinguished ... will it matter? Magic's Design is an "intricately detailed and densely complex fantasy romance" (Booklist) from USA Today bestselling author Cat Adams. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Pressestimmen "I read the book in one sitting. I look forward to the next book in the series, because it has to be the beginning of a series. A world this enjoyable deserves more than one visit. This book has some new twists in the werewolves tail that were very cool."--Laurell K. Hamilton on Hunter's Moon