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Two secret worlds. One unstoppable passion. A fiery secret that Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) could destroy them all.

Kingdoms of Fire and Ice, Book 1

Prince Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) Zayne Godfrey, heir to Edana's throne, is betrothed to the lone princess of rival kingdom Forath. While his heart is not in the arranged marriage, he will do his royal duty.

When he finds a beautiful stranger cornered by a pack of wolves, he doesn't hesitate to shift

into his golden dragon form to save her. She thanks him by taking one look at him and fainting dead away.

Photographer Adelaide Miller is in England for a career-making shoot when a bizarre jogging mishap lands her in a dangerous, medieval-like world of royals, wizards and dragon-shifting men. Her first instinct is to find her way back, but the fire-breathing prince intent on protecting her threatens to melt her heart.

Zayne's burning passion for Adelaide not only jeopardizes the fragile peace between two kingdoms, it uncovers a ruthless plot to destroy his family. Remaining together may change Adelaide's very definition of home—and expose one searing secret that could forever shift the balance of power in Zayne's world.

Warning: If you smell smoke upon opening this book, please don't dial 9-1-1. That's just the hero and heroine burning up the pages. Uncork a chilled bottle of mead and enjoy!

Dragons Among Them

Kyra Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) Jacobs

Dedication

To the power of dreams—may they take you wherever your heart desires to go.

Chapter One

Adelaide Miller stood at the window of her postage-stamp-sized hotel room and marveled at the English landscape a pane away. Sure, the Midwest had rolling fields and open spaces, but nothing like this. Everything here was so green. A whole new world, just waiting to be explored.

And an ocean away from the crappy childhood she planned to spend the foreseeable future trying to forget.

She turned from the view with an appreciative sigh and dropped into her room's lone chair. This trip wasn't for exploring, it was for work. And after forking out *Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice)* nearly all the money she had, if tomorrow's shoot didn't go well, she might end up stuck on this side of the pond.

"But it will go well," she whispered to her reflection in the tiny room's chipped mirror. *Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice)* Addie had an eye for photography—her teachers *Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice)* had always said as much. The steady line of work since graduation proved it. Even so, *Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice)* between the jet lag and the great beyond beckoning her to come out and play, she felt rather out of sorts.

Nothing a nice long run couldn't cure. Thank goodness she'd packed her Spandex and

Sauconys.

Addie yanked her hair into a ponytail, then grabbed her running essentials—shades, earbuds, iPhone, its worn armband case, pepper spray, and room key—and headed for the door. Two minutes and a quick consultation with the middle-aged, heavily accented British doorman later, she was jogging across the hotel's parking lot and out onto the streets of Watford, Hertfordshire. The midafternoon traffic went from sparse to nonexistent as she headed out of town and turned down a worn gravel road. Away from the hustle and bustle of civilization, Addie allowed herself to absorb the majesty of the countryside.

Soon she settled into her usual Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) pace—not a Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) full-out run, but not a walk either. Just a good, healthy clip to get her heart pumping and mind clear. Though, no matter how fast or far she went, the ghosts of her past always seemed to follow.

The road snaked up and over the rolling green hills before her, a brilliant afternoon sun hovering above their crests. Its rays competed with the cool UK air and chased the chill from her bare shoulders. A few miles farther, Addie drew upon a field dotted with black-headed sheep. She couldn't help but grin as she watched several wobbly legged lambs frolic amidst the fleecy congregation.

“Sorry, Adam,” Addie breathed as she slowed to a stop and hit pause on her playlist. The Maroon Five song's high note was instantly replaced by the bleating members of several dozen living, breathing cotton balls. The largest sheep in the flock turned to watch her watching them, its eyes unblinking.

“I know, I know,” she said to the fuzzy beast. “Typical city girl, standing here gawking.”

Its jaw shifted to chew whatever Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) it'd been munching on a moment before, but the sheep remained tense, wary. With a laugh, Addie offered it a mock bow, then started off again on her run. She glanced Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) over her shoulder at the flock one Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) last time, then turned her attention back to the phone in her armband and Adam Levine.

A car horn blasted.

Addie looked up in time to see a small black car fishtail on the gravel road ahead and skid sideways toward her. With a shriek, she dove out of the way and tumbled head over heels down the road's sloped shoulder. What should have been a short tumble seemed to stretch on and on.

When finally she rolled to a stop and the vertigo had passed, Addie sat up and stared out at her surroundings. Everything looked...different. The lush green fields she'd admired only moments ago were now Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) covered in dense, straggly underbrush.

Just how far had she fallen, Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) exactly?

Addie stood and gave herself a quick once-over, relieved to find no blood or protruding bones. But the change in scenery had her utterly confused, and she couldn't help but wonder if she'd hit her Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) head during the fall. There hadn't been woods nearby a moment ago, had there? And where were the rock-wall-lined open fields? Or the sheep?

That was when she heard rustling in the direction of a cluster of thorny bramble maybe twenty paces away.

"H-hello?"

A startled bird took wing overhead. Addie flinched from the sound, but nothing else came into view. She kept her sight trained on the underbrush and reached for the bottle of pepper spray at her waist.

"I-is anyone there?"

Silence followed. Utter silence. No birds, no bugs, nothing.

She'd just begun to think she'd imagined the noise when dual low, throaty growls reached her ears. A scream wedged in her Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) throat as Addie took off at an all-out sprint in the opposite direction.

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Prince Zayne Godfrey snaked his way through Dragons Among Them (Kingdoms of Fire and Ice) a wall of dense underbrush, cloaked by deep shadows in the Forathian forest. He'd intended to return to Edana's castle today, perhaps grovel a bit for his father's mercy after delaying the king's agenda yet again. But upon waking, the prince decided hunting sounded infinitely more exciting than groveling and far safer than marriage. If only he could convince his father of the same.

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