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Adamant: The Alliance Series Book One



Synopsis

Two worlds collide... literally. Ever since a devastating magical war tore apart Ada Fletcher's homeworld, she and her family have lived undercover on the low-magic Earth, where their magic will go undetected. Stuck in a dead-end job in London, Ada has spent her life hiding her true identity while risking her life to help others escape the deadly battle between magic-wielders and the ruling tyrants. Until she loses her job, is chased by a rampaging monster, and is arrested as a prime suspect for a murder she had nothing to do with. It really isn't Ada's day. Kay Walker, grandson of the Inter-World Alliance's late founder, expects to spend his first week as an Alliance employee hunting rogue monsters, not solving his supervisor's murder or questioning a strange, fierce young woman caught trespassing in the Passages between worlds. Killer or not, her abilities raise questions about the Alliance's history, and the closer he gets to the truth, the higher the body count rises. The last thing Ada wants to do is help the infuriating Alliance guard who arrested her, but it soon becomes clear that the Alliance knows too much about Ada's homeworld and her magic. More, in fact, than she knows herself. One thing's certain: she's not the only one keeping secrets, and trusting the wrong person might cost more than her life.

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(<http://ianwoodnovellum.blogspot.com/2015/03/adamant-by-emma-l-adams.html>) at my blog dedicated to reading, writing (no 'rithmatic!), movies, & TV. This is book one of the 'Alliance'™ series, and I have to report that this author impressed me on two counts of my pet peeves: She wrote the first volume in a series and had not one, but two first person PoVs and I actually liked it! Down to details! This is a universe where a system of tunnels or passages connects multiple worlds. An Alliance has sprung up to police these worlds and prevent illegal transition between them, but there's a rebel faction which smuggles people between worlds, and one of the two main characters is a part of that, having been smuggled herself a long time ago. The work is dangerous because in addition to being caught by the Alliance, there's also the risk of running into strange alien 'monsters' in the passages, as this girl does. She goes by the storied first name of Ada and the mutinous last name of Fletcher! I love an author who can put great names to their characters, and I think those two particular names were chosen wisely in Ada's case. The chapters alternate between Ada and Kay Walker, on opposite sides of the legal fence. Ada is helping illegals to come to Earth to escape problems on their home world whereas Kay is a new graduate working for the alliance. Their first encounter is a very fleeting one as Kay sees Ada running fast from a storage area, from which Ada's just lifted some bags of bloodstone 'an alien substance useful for disguising illegals. And for other purposes as you shall discover if you read this! There's not only sci-fi here, but also magic.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review. Once I read the blurb from Adamant I knew I had to read this. Adamant is easily my favourite book by this author, even though her other two books are also really good, Adamant is even better. It has magic, some almost sci-fi elements and an interesting story. It also has a rich world and it had me captivated from the start of the book. Adamant has a fast paced story, with lots of build-up to the big event towards the end of the book when everything falls on its place and makes sense. There's even some murder mystery part going on, with related murders and at the end we find out who the murderer is. There is a plot for this book and most gets resolved at the end, but there are also storylines that are set up for the whole series. Some issues were resolved a bit too easy at times, but the story went smooth and the easily solved things didn't bother me too much. This book is told from two different points of view, s

there's Kay and Ada. I was a bit confused which gender Kay was at first, but I guessed a boy, which turned out to be right. I liked how the author choose for the dual perspective of telling the story and it worked quite well, at the beginning of each chapter it is announced who's point of view it is, so I was never confused. Both are great characters, Ada was a bit too confrontational for my liking, but she had a reason to be. There was also some character development over the course of the book. Both characters have a past which continues to interfere with their current lives in a certain way. While I liked both main character there was also a nice cast of side character, I liked Ada her brothers and Markos, but there where also some less likeable characters. The world building is magical.

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