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The city of Skyvale's problems have reached the palace. Told from the perspective of Tobiah, the crown prince with a dangerous secret, and set two years before the heart-racing action of *The Orphan Queen*, this 100-page digital novella brings to life one of Jodi Meadows's most beloved characters.

Tobiah Pierce is no longer simply a prince. He wanted to be more and do more after he watched his tutor's brutal murder and uncovered a plot that threatens the safety of Skyvale. With the help of his cousin, James, and the guidance of a girl who knows her way around the city's rooftops, Tobiah is gaining confidence in his new role. He can no longer be just a witness to the evils occurring in his city, but is he willing to risk his reputation—and maybe even his life—to make things right?

The Burning Hand is the third of four prequel novellas that offer existing fans a deeper insight into a favorite character and the complex city of Skyvale, while new readers will find a stunning introduction to this rich world and the heart-pounding fantasy of the *Orphan Queen* series.

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From Reader Review *The Burning Hand* for online ebook

Jules Goud says

Another short and sweet novella! I really enjoy getting Tobiah's perspective.

Mary H says

I think I have hit a wall with Jodi's work because I was able to anticipate a lot of this novella so it wasn't as emotionally impactful as it should have been.

Alaina says

Oh look! My prayers have been answered because I got more of Tobiah!

The Burning Hand is the third novella in a short list of for lovely novellas. It doesn't disappoint either, just like the previous two. It's a little bit darker than the first two novellas as well - but oh man, is it amazing.

I'm secretly, okay not so secretly, falling for Tobiah. It's nice to get more information on him before I read *The Orphan Queen* and I hope that I will love him even more in that book (and beyond!). It's interesting to see what he does in this book. I have no idea what I would do if I saw someone being murdered right in front of me. And then finding out someone you know is under constant threat from the murderer?!? Oh hell no, I have no fucking idea what I would do in that situation. I'd probably run away though. I'm a lover and not a fighter - plus, I'd probably die if I tried to fight since I have no idea what to do other than kick someone..

This novella did have some twists and turns that I honestly had no idea would appear and it definitely made it more interesting. I seriously can't wait to finish the fourth novella so that I can binge read this entire freaking series.

Captain Fox says

Novellas, and this series, are just so addicting!

Carina Olsen says

Finally had the chance to read this precious novella today. And I'm glad to say that I liked it a whole lot. Sigh. I adore this world that Jodi has created. And getting to read so much about Tobiah two years before *The Orphan Queen* is all kinds of perfect. I love getting to know this precious boy; whom I adore so much.

I'm not sure what I can say about this short story, though. Because it is very short. Yet pretty amazing even

so. I just loved getting to know Tobiah a bit more. And reading more about James as well. I love their friendship. Also got to read more about Tobiah's parents. And I just. I don't like them at all.

I'm not sure if I remember that secret in this one, though. Ack. But then I remembered a The Mirror King secret. Sobs. And now my heart is all kinds of broken again. How mean. I have decided to give The Burning Hand four stars, because while I loved it, I also had some issues with how it was written. Which makes me a bit sad. But I also do love the writing. And I adore Jodi the most. She's amazing. And these books of hers are so good. Now I'm dying for the fourth and final novella. Ack. It is going to be awesome. Because there is a villain in this stories. And he is not yet dead. And I want him dead a lot. So yeah. Very excited for the last one :D

I'm not going to say much more about this one. Just that I thought it was awesome. It is a short and quick read. And I'm so glad I finally read it. I'm also forever grateful to the fact that I have already read The Mirror King, sigh. It was such a perfect sequel. If you all haven't read these books yet, then you really must do so. Because they are awesome. And, yeah, I very much suggest reading The Orphan Queen first. Or you will be spoiled. Also, I loved a sighting in this one a lot :) It was pretty awesome.

This review was first posted on my blog, Carina's Books, here: <http://carinabooks.blogspot.no/2015/1...>

Fatima says

This third novella was so much fun to read because it gave us a glimpse of the Black Knife in his early days when he's still clumsy and leading. Tobiah is such a great character and I love his fierceness and his determination.

dianneugh says

This novella is okay. I just wish there was more **oomph** to the action scenes and the *deus ex machina* seems a bit weak for my taste. I don't know if it's just me, but I feel like there aren't enough descriptions for world-building, making it simple instead of vast and complex. The whole kingdom seems like a small city for me.

Kirsty (Amethyst Bookwurm) says

After watching his tutor being murdered and discovering that Skyvale is under threat, Prince Tobiah is determined to stop the murderer Hensley. With guidance for Romily, a girl who knows the way around the rooftops, is Tobiah willing to risk his reputation or his life to make things right?

The Burning Hand is the third prequel novella in The Orphan Queen series and my favourite so far but also the darkest. I love getting to know Tobiah better and seeing how much he wants to help his country despite how corrupt it is. I also liked how clumsy he is compared to the vigilante we know and love. I also did not see that twist about James coming. I really enjoyed The Burning Hand and would recommend it to fans of Jodi Meadows Novels.

This and my other reviews can be found at Amethyst Bookwyrms

rachel says

I still think these novellas should be combined to form a complete full-length prequel, but obviously that isn't happening any time soon so I'll stop saying that...

Anyway, this story was everything I needed. If you adored Tobiah in the main series, you should have already picked this mini series thing up by now. It is everything we could have asked for on that front. Tobiah's characterisation is just on point. I just love seeing him evolve into the character we'll later know him to be. He was so innocent and naive in the first prequel novella. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing him work out where he stands on these massive/important debates and overcome so much of his privileged perspective.

Meadows' writing style just makes these novellas pop. She is so vivid with her descriptions. Her fight scenes are realistic but engaging and nail-bitingly suspenseful. The banter and dialogue between characters is always perfect, and I just want more from her asap!

Paul Decker says

I really enjoy when YA series include novellas between the releases of their books. It ties the reader over and allows them to keep in the world of the series. These novellas focus on Tobiah and are prequels to the series.

James takes on a little more of a focus in this novella. Tobiah is still learning how to operate as a vigilante. He tries to balance being the Black Knife and his responsibilities as an heir. I give this novella a 5/5.

Greyscotty says

Moving on - or is it back? - to the main stories. Like I said I want to finish all of them before passing judgement, as it were.

Kayleigh {K-Books} says

The Burning Hand Review on K-Books

Once again, I couldn't wait to jump into the third prequel novella about Tobiah's story before the events of *The Orphan Queen*. *The Burning Hand* really upped the anti and the danger in this incredibly addictive story. After seeing the brutal murder of Professor Knight Tobiah is more determined to see justice.

I really loved every moment of this novella. Jodi has done such a fantastic job of having these novellas stand alone but also come together as if it could be put together as a full-sized novel. I love that about them and I

cannot wait to read the final novella.

Marty says

3.5 stars

Em The Reading Challenge Challenge says

Very dramatic. That bombshell with James caught me off guard. Will be interesting to see how things wrap up in the last novella.

Katerina Kondrenko says

4.5 out of 10

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Living A Thousand Lives (please use Chrome/Yandex browser or Android/IOS to see the page; otherwise, spoiler-tags I use to make my post compact may not work)

Short-Soundtrack:

Inon Zur – Covert Action

Inon Zur – Dust & Danger

Icon Music – Quick Burning Wick

I was hoping so badly for badass girls not to be the Ospreys. But that were them. And that's ridiculous! Little girls are stronger than a bunch of merciless criminals. So much for believable situation. I liked Tobiah's transformation, but the plot... it's again full of contrived coincidences. All these 'at the very last moment did happen this and that' destroy my excitement, I can't worry about MCs, if they always are to be rescued as if by magic.

PS: James... (view spoiler)

The Orphan Queen (???????? ????):

- The Hidden Prince (???????????? ?????) #0.1/2
- The Glowing Knight (???????????? ?????) #0.2/2
- The Burning Hand (???????? ?????) #0.3/2
- The Black Knife (?????? ??) #0.4/2

- The Orphan Queen (??????? ?????) #1/2
 - The Mirror King (????????? ?????) #2/2
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