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With Kira injured and dying, Octavion's last hope is to plead with the king of Panthera for a cure. But King Ramla's magic isn't free. The price he asks Octavion to pay goes against everything he's fought so hard to protect and could destroy his bond with Kira. Will Octavion trade his crown and swear allegiance to a kingdom feared by all, or will he sacrifice the woman he loves to remain faithful to his father and Xantara? Find out when BROKEN takes you on a journey into the savage and unpredictable world of Ophira.

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Titan says

1.5 stars

Back when I first read *Bound*, I knew I would like it, and for a long time I put it off simply so that I *could* give it the time and attention it needed. I did much of the same for *Broken*—which, in hindsight, was probably the worst thing I could've done. Not only had I spent so much time away from the story that I forgot all the important stuff (I thought I remembered, but boy was I *wrong*, and there are no reminders), but I also grew apart from it in a way that I never really regained. *Bound* and I got along splendidly. It surprised me with its awesomeness, truly. *Broken* left me hanging in the middle of the road without the hope of hitchhiking down Interested Highway.

Broken's title is not a misleading one. It picks up right after the events of *Bound*, with Kira's injuries having put her in a steep sickness and Octavion's desperation to cure her of it, at any cost to himself. And this right here is the only reason I probably read this book—for Octavion, and his seriously unmatched love for Kira. He is so completely in love with her that he redeems every other cardboard, skim-worthy element of this book.

Whatever spark *Bound* had, *Broken* strips it away and throws it to the dogs. Glimmers of sweet banter between Octavion and Kira—even between Kira and Ussay, the commoner who lives in the Royal's castle as a handmaiden, and Cade, who I thought should've been gay, and Nigel, who seemed incredibly sweet even for his brief air time. So, I guess, it boils down to the reason I read and completed this book was *all* because the characters.

Other than Kira herself, of course. The girl was mired in insecurity and insipidity the whole way through, and there isn't a single pet peeve I hate more than a perfectly functional and totally workable relationship coming to ruins at the hands of a girl who, despite all signs pointing north, decides to head south instead. Like, really? The man clearly loves you. All it took was one second—maybe two, at the max—of her misreading a situation to undo everything she and Octavion worked for in their relationship. Besides which, she's also morphed into this crazily vindictive, bullheaded, petty twerp of a nitpicker.

Coupled with the angle of absolutely nothing of import happening until the last, like, 100 pages, half of which I skimmed because what the fuck, *Broken* fell apart in more ways than one for me. It felt like an entirely different book than *Bound*, and, in many ways, you know, it totally is, but at the same time, that's not exactly an improvement on its part. I really wanted to like this one—at least as much as I did its predecessor—and I even went into it without any preconceived notions of whether I'd like it or not to help boost my chances of enjoying it, but no. This one's a big fat no for me.

Still interested in the third book, *Beloved*, though; if for nothing else, then to see how it all ends.

Jillian says

I hate it when the character you're rooting for gains a whole bunch of kick-butt powers only to lose them all

in book two! This girl can't even walk without hurting herself.

Broken is a perfect title for this slow, slightly letdown of a sequel. I'm holding out hope that Bryant will rally her troops and create a third book I'm proud to admit to reading.

I have to admit that, although I'm usually not a fan of reading from the POV of THE GUY, it was enlightening to hear this guy's thoughts while his girl was laying half-dead in the next room...for half the novel!

3 1/2 stars.

Heather says

Ahhhh-mazing. I stumbled upon the first in the Kindle store, it was a free download. I finished Bound in one night and then downloaded this book the next morning. This was better than the first. Such a unique take on the fantasy that has been out there recently. Does anyone know how many books will be in this series? I am dying to read book 3,, Beloved, but I believe it doesn't come out until 2013. =[

Andrea Heltsley says

Before I read Broken, I had the pleasure of reading Bound. Bound is the first book in The Crystor Series. I loved Bound and was beyond thrilled when I found out the adventure would continue in Broken.

This book takes place in another world and Earth is left behind. I was a little unsure at first because I am more of an urban fantasy fan. I like a little fantasy in my real life, not a whole world of fantasy. I have to admit, this book was amazing and I was engrossed in it for the better part of a day.

Kira and Octavion made such a great couple, full of normal insecurities in a blooming relationship. I enjoyed seeing it from Octavion's point of view, even though I wasn't sure I would. Lydia isn't present in this book and for that I was a little bummed. Alteria was present for a short while though.

The author did such a great job pulling images from your imagination with her descriptive writing. I felt like I was there in Xantara. New friends were introduced, adding to a web of complex characters. I liked that intricacy she weaved.

I have finished both Bound and Broken with a frenzy. Now I am hoping for a third book in a speedy like fashion. I am dying to find out what happened.

If you like fantasy with some romance, then this series is for you. I highly recommend it, Bound and Broken are a great start to a new series.

Ali Cross says

I loved BOUND. I loved that Kira was a normal girl faced with an impossible turn of events. Loved the

different take on fantasy (other worlds, a dangerous curse), and loved Bryant's fresh and readable voice.

But BROKEN.

Wow.

If BOUND was a five for me, BROKEN, is a seven, an eight . . . a TEN!

Reading it was like having someone grabbing my heart in their fist and squeezing it every few pages. Every time I thought I had it figured out and that such-and-such was going to happen (no spoilers here!) I was taken right to the edge and then . . . delivered a surprise.

The only bad thing I have to say is . . . I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT BOOK!!

Megan says

How could they possibly leave us hanging like this! The anticipation for the next book will be the death of me! Kira can't be dead, I refuse to believe that. She is simply at Nigel's and he is nursing her back to health. I hope there won't be any love connection there, Octavion and Kira have enough problems as it is. And Lydia needs to return before I really lose it!

I love how long these books are. The story isn't perfectly organized and there are a lot of events that happen back to back, keeping me on the edge of my seat. Most of everything is unpredictable and its mind boggling to process sometimes. It seriously brought me out of the sci-fi fantasy box I've been stuck in. I really need the third one ASAP!

Ashly says

Wow these books just keep getting better and better. I cannot wait until 2013 to finally get the last book in the trilogy. Kira is one kick ass young woman and I cannot wait to see what is held in store for her next!

Laura Bastian says

Book 2 is awesome. If you liked Twilight, you'll love this. If you didn't like Twilight, I think you'll still like this. Though Kira is a human in love with a man who craves her blood *spoiler alert*(he's part wild cat from a different planet). Kira is a much stronger character and has lots of spunk. You see how she won't let Octavian control her. The only thing I found annoying about their relationship is that she kept doubting herself too much and doubting his feelings for her. The characters were totally in love, but the romantic scenes never went above a PG rating in my mind. They maintained decent interactions with each other, but I still felt the heat and steam. You don't need to have sex in a book to make it romantic and Mrs. Bryant knew how to make it romance without the smut.

I loved how Mrs. Bryant told the story from his and her viewpoints.

The characters were well developed. The trials and conflict of a new world were there and I loved being able to see this new world through Kira's eyes. The story kept me very engaged, but I almost felt like the main

threat never materialized. I know it will come up in book 3 but it was sure forefront in my mind, and when it didn't deliver at the end I was only okay with it because of the way it did end. I seriously can't wait to get my hands on book 3.

Auburn1975 says

I really loved this beautiful new series; well written and exciting (heart still racing) from beginning of book one to very end of book two. I have hardly seen any author evolve their characters as does Ms Bryant. Can't wait for final book to be released to learn if the curse will be resolved, what all happens/who will live & where, what gifts will be lost and gained in the end. Oh, book two does have a huge cliff-hanger so you might want to wait to read the 3 books together.

Juana says

oh "Broken" is great Kira continues to grow now she is not the "mouse". In broken a lot of things happen to Kira and "Al" yes you have to read broken to find out who Al is. Octavio is force to ask for help in exchange of something that will affect him,his Family as well as Kira. Broken gives you a full view of how life in Xantara is, but to me it also left a lot of unanswered questions.I enjoy Broken more than bound it also has it's sad moments and happy moment. I hope that Kira and Dimples (Octavio) get 2 be happy at the end. Overall Broken is worth reading :).

Velma says

Love the book so far - a real page turner. I wish I could read faster to find out what is going to happen next!!

RaShelle Workman says

Gorgeous cover!

Victoria W. says

I'll confess I almost didn't read this series.

Someone compared it to Twilight and I cringed, put it down, and said not for me. Until I needed something to read and 4 hours later still hadn't put the book down, much to my husband's amusement.

The Crystor Series is not traditionally classic literature. It, most likely, will not be an enduring classic. However, for those who like a good sci-fi with a female lead, The crystor series is a fun option. If you're impatient, be warned, the third one comes out in 2013.

So dislikes . . .

Still not a huge fan of Octavian.

I understand he's a wounded, cut-off character but, every time I start to warm up to him, he goes and does something stupid. I'm also not a fan of the secret he chooses to keep from Kira in this section of the trilogy, no matter what his reasons.

Other dislike,

Sometimes the plot feels a bit cliche, usually around the royals interactions with the commoners.

Likes.

Kira, Lydia, pretty much any important female character. I'm fine with mousy female characters in literature, I know they exist in real life, therefore, they should exist in writing.

I love when characters grow in the story. Especially in YA feeling books, because it reflects real life, and these female characters are certainly wrestling with their lives.

The plot.

I hate reviews that give away plot. So, all I shall say is. . .

Is it 2013 yet?

Actually, I will give one thing away, it's a cliff-hanger ending so be warned. Still recommend the series.

Must . . . find . . . out . . . ending!

Trisha Walton says

I cannot wait until book #3 comes out. This ended with a cliff hanger...what a great book!!!

Jessica says

Absolutely adore this series! My heart stopped at the end and I immediately had to go to Ms. Bryant's website to find out if there was going to be a 3rd book! Broken picks up right where Bound left off and the story delves more into who Kira becomes, the progression of the crystals magic, and how her relationship with Octavian unfolds. You also learn more about Altaria, as well as Lydia and Octavian's family and heritage. This book def has more spunk and wit, but more emotion as well.
