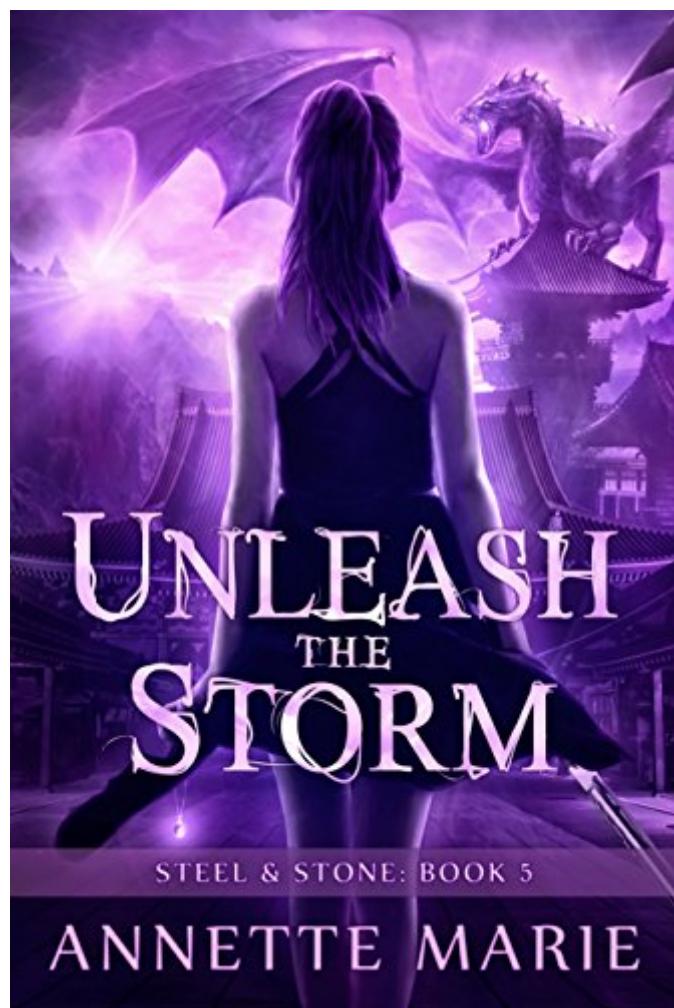


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# Unleash The Storm (Steel & Stone Book 5)



## **Synopsis**

Piper thought she could handle the Sahar, the most powerful magical weapon in existence. She thought she could protect her loved ones and stop a war. She thought she could make a difference. She was wrong, and her mistakes were paid for in blood. Leaving her world--and her failures--behind, she retreats to the Underworld with Ash and the other draconians. They forge deep into long abandoned mountains, the first draconians to fly the valleys and passes in centuries--or so they thought. Until now, Ash's mysterious heritage has been nothing but a name, but his presence does not go unnoticed. A new danger stalks him, one that may be even greater than what they escaped. Cut off from the power she'd come to rely on and lost in a world where she doesn't belong, Piper has never felt so hopeless. But she must find her strength, and find it quickly, before she loses Ash to an ancient power he can't fight, before her home is devastated by the daemon war, and before her mind, body, and soul are consumed by the Sahar's insidious magic.

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## Customer Reviews

Book Review- Unleash the Storm by Annette MariePiper is in the Underworld with Ash. They are helping to lead the freed Dragonians to a safe place. Raum and Ash are scouting the mountains looking for signs of Hades or a safe place to stay. Piper is dealing with the death of her mother and the carnage she left behind. She fought Ash and Lyre but she doesn't remember any of it. Everything changes when she and Ash find the abandoned Dragonian civilization in the mountains. Piper can't believe they found it. However under the huge statue of a dragon, something is moving, catching Piper's eye. It's a real dragon and he goes after Ash. Ash is left unconscious and they are stranded. That's when they meet new Dragonians that secretly live in hiding. They are determined to kill Ash. The dragon will be back for him. The dragon does return and take Ash. Piper is lost and heartbroken. She returns to the Otherworld to find a way to save him. She must return to her daemon family and ask the great water dragon for help. Lots of things are at stake as Hades makes a play for Earth against the RAs. Piper has to be smart and determined to save Ash and the rest of those she loves. This is the last book in Ash and Piper's story. I am sad to see it end. I love these characters. They have both changed so much during the course of the series. The reader has watched their relationship grow. This book is full of battles and desperation. Piper believes she has lost Ash forever. Her devastation is felt from each page. She is desperate to save him fighting for every possibility. I love how tough and determined she is but her vulnerability really comes through in this story. She is dealing with a lot emotionally which makes her relatable to the reader. She is a great heroine. She is smart and capable. She and Ash make a great pair. Add in Lyre and this trio has remained together the whole time as family. You can feel the love they have for each other. The battle scenes are crazy. In fact the battle against Hades is epic. Ash and Piper have to work together in the most surprising way to win. It is an awesome way to finish the series. Unfortunately it makes me sad to see it end. The ending for Piper and Ash was great but left me wanting. I still, however, give it a 5 out of 5.

SPOILERS so don't read if you aren't through the book....There is some strong emotions around the ending of this book and I cannot quite figure out why. First let's just admit the first 32 chapters of this

book are fan freaking tastic. I love this whole series and am going to promptly go start it over now that I finished it. That said...let's consider the ending....the whole point of character growth and hero journeys is to actually grow. Piper was...for all intents and purposes....a girl who depended on the acceptance of men in her life. Her father, uncle, Lyre, Ash and her first naive relationship with an incubus. The whole series she could not see her own strength and self worth. Always thinking she needed rescuing and the approval of men. If the book ended with her taking a throne in the underworld next to Ash all of her growth to become this amazing strong woman with her own future would be for nothing. The groundwork was already laid that due to her overworld daemon blood the underworld didn't feel like home. Her story was left wide open because it was only 3 weeks since they took down Asphodel and she had her whole life of new prospects in front of her. Why should she have life already wrapped up when she didn't think she would live this long? Ash is a guy who loves this girl. Do you really want to doubt that now? Remember that Piper already knew that gaining Ash's respect by becoming his equal would cement her position. When she stopped being scared of his nightmare effect he gained a calm because he knew then she trusted him. His strength in her grew. He opens each day as a gift and doesn't put any expectations on her. He once did. He once dictated her every move because she wasn't an equal. His heroes journey was recognizing her as a true equal and therefore not stepping in to hinder her own future and journey. She fought as his equal to take down Samael. That set the stage. He wasn't her hook up buddy by any means. He said that he was hers as long as she wanted him. That doesn't mean he was going to go have Taroth babies just because she was away. He was as committed to her as she was to him. He just said they didn't need to place their relationship in a traditional way because they were paving new ground. He has a kingdom to oversee. If she gave up her future for him do you think she would be happy? He was an amazing man for not putting his own desires and selfish wants on her. That is true love. Anything else is just obsession and selfish. He trusted their love enough to not put a label on it. I love that! I love the trust, faith and beauty in that. As progressive as our society has become I am still shocked by women getting angry when girls don't give up their futures for the happy ever after. I think Annette was incredibly bold in the way she chose to end the book. What is the alternative? Ash steps away from his blood right to be her lackey keeping Gaians in line or hanging out in the overworld? Eesh people...they are not in middle school. If you don't like strong female choices just read through chapter 32 and end with her sitting between Lyre and Ash sleeping. That might better serve the romantic fantasies of those who want her kept with her daemons.

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