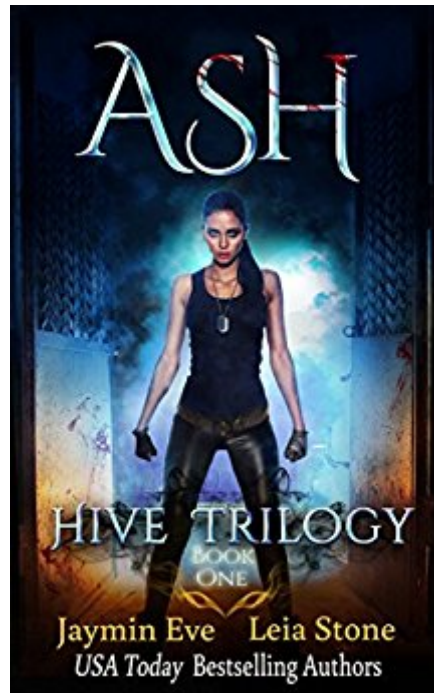




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Ash (Hive Trilogy Book 1)



Synopsis

The USA TODAY bestselling series! Are you an Ash? *Increased stamina* *Lack of appetite* *Anger outbursts* *Insatiable thirst* *Beauty & Strength* *Male* Call the hotline if these symptoms come on suddenly! Turns out Charlie Bennet was all of those things except the last. Don't let the name fool you, Charlie was all woman and she wanted nothing to do with the ash â until the day she found out she was one. It all started when infected bats bit a small group of humans and created what are now called vampires. Then, the male vampires knocked up some female humans and the result was a gorgeous race of all male ash. Superhuman freaks that had looks to kill. Charlie is the first female ash, aka unicorn of the Hive â the gated compound in Portland that the humans have designated to isolate vampires and ash from society. Problem? The Hive is full and only a select few will be allowed to live there. To live at all, really. If Charlie wants to earn the right to become a citizen of the Hive, she will have to survive the culling â a series of fights to the death. And guess what? Just because she's a girl doesn't mean she'll get special treatment. Good thing there's Ryder, the mysterious lead ash enforcer, who seems to always have her back. But when secrets bubble to the surface, it will take more than one guy to save her. **Recommended reading age is 17+ due to language

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Customer Reviews

At some time in the past, a virus ran rampant, causing humans to turn into vampire-like creatures. The offspring between a human and a vampire is called an Ash. They are always male and have increased health, stamina, good looks and the need to drink blood. Charlie Bennet is eighteen and wants to live a normal life with her best friend. That all changes when Charlie becomes the first female Ash. She is forced to live in the Hive and fight to the death for a place in the community. Her trainer, Ryder, is too hot for words and just as deadly. With his help, she learns to fight and stay alive. But, the secret as to why she is the first female Ash complicates things, and soon others want to capture her and study her blood. Who can she trust? And will she survive?

My Thoughts-If it is any indication, I immediately went to buy book 2 and found it is only for pre-order right now! So, obviously, I liked it. Charlie is a great character who handles all the things thrown her way with spunk and passion. She is believable and enjoyable to read about. Her relationship with Ryder is a given but doesn't get very far in this first book. Hopefully, we'll get more in book 2. The plot is unique. The idea of only male offspring is intriguing and the way they are mixed into society is detailed and involved. Plus, all the girls seem to fall for them, except our hero of course. When Charlie ends up in the Hive, we see what jerks some of them really are. I find it interesting that only she seems interested in retaining her humanity. The whole complexity of the Hive and the goings on there are great. The background about the virus and the vampires is a good read too and adds texture to the story. One note of caution, the language is coarse, more so than most YA. Overall I have to give this book 4.5 stars and I can't wait to read the next. Yep, I did pre-order it.

I'm giving one star for the awesome premise and another for the funny one liners. What I found missing:- outside twists. You have twists in relation to Charlie's role but no plot twists with any other character. Almost everyone is stuck playing their designated role of good guy or bad guy with hardly any depth/history. Motivations were just provided right away and I was never given a chance to ask "hmmm? I wonder why he said that to Charlie?"- epic fight scenes. The plot gears you up for these intense fight scenes and, to me, the fights end up feeling forced and anticlimactic. Sometimes the fight descriptions were just glossed over or told briefly as an afterthought.- believable plot. Charlie gets her way a lot. The men in her life say no, she gives a few threats/jokes, they chuckle and give her what she wants. Even if, by doing so, they might risk her life as well as their own. To me, these

moments did not ring true for their characters. My conclusion? I wish this book had been fleshed out more to add some mystery, intensity, and believability.

I enjoyed this book, even though it was a little predictable. It was well paced, full of action, and sexual tension. I will also say, it needed to go through edits another time or two. There were several grammatical errors. I liked Charlie. She was independent, strong, stubborn, loyal, and protective of those she considers family. I felt she got her way a bit too much though. Just because she's a "unicorn" shouldn't mean she should get her way as often as she did. Ryder and the rest of the "sexy six" are badass ashes who are enforcers (protectors of the hive). They're all smexy, loyal, protective. I love how they bonded and quickly let Charlie and Jayden (Charlie's bff) into their tiny group. The sexy six caved to Charlie's requests a bit too much for my liking. They were supposed to be super tough enforcers, but once she asked them and cracked a couple jokes, they tended to give in pretty quickly. Overall, I'd rate this a 3.5-4 stars. I'll continue reading the series to see what happens next.

I'm new to Jaymin Eve but as a paranormal YA fan, I've been recommended her time and again. And I have to say, they were right! After sucking down this fascinating tale in the time it took my to fly across the US, I've added all her other work to my TBR list! This is a unique take on vampirism in which we are introduced to the attractive, mysterious, dangerous, and solely male species of male-vampire hybrids: the Ash. But of course the little that is known about these recluses who live in the Hive is retracted when Charlie becomes the first female human-vampire offspring to crave blood. Charlie--the narrator--is a very strong-minded character, although being unwillingly thrust into the brutal Hive world forces her to harden enough to put on a warrior exterior, while she still adamantly maintains her caring and protective attitude for those in her 'family'. It both helps and hurts that she is being trained by one of the head Ash: hot-stuff Ryder, even though he is very closed off, uninterested and ruthlessly cold regardless of how much Charlie and all their friends try to get him to relax. I love the interplay between all the characters, with many snort-out-loud moments (especially with gutter-focused, outspoken Jayden, and Ryder's group the "Sexy Six"). The downside is there were some plot holes (or at least skipping over a few things that needed explaining or more detail) and a few unbelievable she-gets-her-way moments especially when she's being very stubborn or rude (although she is the only female in a male world, so maybe that's not that fantastic), but I am intrigued to see what happens next with the mystery that is Charlie and how she will save herself and those around her as the threats pile up.

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