

Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin, #1) By Victor Gischler **Ink magefesa pressure** The Ink Mage is in essence a fairly traditional fantasy adventure story about a young girl (who also happens to be a duchess) who comes into power and has to rescue her city. **Booking manager** Perhaps the worst character offense the author commits is to sacrifice one of the characters in the goal of a tragic moment near the end.

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It's one kind of cool idea surrounded by a bunch of clichés. **Ink Mage ebook3000** Here though Rina just rides around the countryside (not bothering to warn her King that his country has been invaded) collecting tattoos so she can be strong and fast and heal. **Booking magenta** With the help of her bodyguard Kork the battle-trained young Rina narrowly escapes the slaughter and makes her way to the lair of an ancient sorcerer—the Ink Mage—who gifts her with a strange beautiful set of magical tattoos. **EPub Ink mage kentucky** Now a duchess in exile Rina sets out on a quest to reclaim what is rightfully hers aided by a motley assortment of followers who will help her in her cause—some for noble reasons and others for their own dark purposes. **Booking magazine uk** Only few wizards remain with the knowledge of how to apply and implement these tattoos; Rina meets one of them after her parents and duchy are ripped from her by an invading force. **Booking magenta** Each tattoo grants a specific ability but what I liked most is that many of the tattoos don't necessarily grant a superpower; they just make someone especially good at a natural human skill. **Pdf image extractor** The more ordinary tattoos are the ones that prove most useful to Rina and I think that makes a good point that you don't need to be more than human to make a difference. **Ink magic world of magic** You see The Ink Mage exists in what is definitely a simplified and romanticized fantasy world so these sudden plunges into realism only serve to highlight the artificial nature of the story construct. **Ink magefesa pressure** These moments may have worked better in serial form but reading this as a novel they make the story feel unfinished only to make me as a reader realise that I know so little about the character I really don't care that she's dead. **Ink Mage kindle direct** We have Dungeons and Dragons style magic users Ink Mages who get their power from magical tattoos wizards who ink tattoos (but we aren't told where their power comes from) oh and priests who presumably get their power from the gods except those gods aren't even mentioned until about three quarters of the way into the book. **Booking magnetic island** And if you're going to set up a Kingdom that's being invaded don't try to tell me that the King will play politics and refuse to remove the invaders from his country just so he can try to get a Duchess to marry his son. **EBook Ink magearna** The tone following the vicissitudes of Tosh -the deserter soldier and one of the others POV- in the city is really different crude and more realistic than the adventures following Rina traipsing in the wild searching for the wizards with no plan in her head. **Booking megeve** In any moment she thinks in the people of Klaar and I still find awful that she just let Kork wounded in the snow when she enters the cave and never think in ask for he be allowed inside. **Booking magenta** Because never mind all the secretive and the warning about the dangerous wizards people keep pointing in their direction with a wink to her and they just give up their knowledge?? please. **Booking magazine uk** Sorry to disappoint but once she gets her supered up ink she just shuts her eyes and Voila! Presto! Abba cadabra! she's a bonafide magician/superhero able to tap into immense power with a single thought. **Pdf in image converter** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) Ink Mage by Victor Gischler is a wonderful fantasy novel about a girl a duchess that sees her father and mother murdered in front of her by an invading army and traitor. **Ink Mage epublising** I won't tell more but it is very excitingfull of action imagination blow by blow play that happens quickly amazing feats a bit of romance a wonderful plot and complex characters,

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#1) The most frustrating read ever! Not the actual story but the way the book was delivered:

Booking magenta This was my first and last time at reading a Kindle Serial book which is released in small episodes every 2-3 weeks: **EPub Ink magenta** I was especially frustrated when I would finish each episode in 15 minutes and then have to wait weeks for the next bit: **Kindle Ink magegee** My husband would hear me cursing the book every time I got a new bit to read and had to wait, **Booking magazine** It looks like the book is now available to download in its entirety so folks don't have to endure the torture. **Ink Mage epub file** The story was pretty good and it makes for an easy/fun read: **Ink Mage book** I would have given this more stars if I didn't have so much resentment over the waiting game with the serial releases, **Booking manager** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin).

Booking magnetic island

But first some information about the book, **Ink Mage book** Adolescent FantasyI use that phrase not to denigrate the stories but to describe the type of plot where the focus is a youthful hero growing up and coming into their own: **Booking magenta** These stories generally have a pretty romanticized view of the world and a positive outlook: **Booking magenta** I find them quite refreshing to read when they are done well: **Booking images** Unfortunately The Ink Mage doesn't actually seem to know what it wants to be: **Booking magazine offers** Because while it has all the elements in place for an adolescent fantasy story.

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You've got to pick a style and go with it, **Booking images** Lurching From Scene To SceneThere's another structural problem with The Ink Mage and I suspect it is a result of the story's origin as a Kindle Serial: **Booking images** The book is split into several episodes each of which was released as a Kindle Single. **Ink Mage booklet** But there's a skill to writing a serial and both keeping each part interesting while also keeping the story as a whole cohesive. **Booking magenta** There are points in The Ink Mage where stuff happens just to create a dramatic introductory moment or a cliffhanger scene. **Ink Mage ebook** These moments don't actually have any significance to the ongoing narrative.

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Like the author never got round to cleaning up after his first draft. **Booking manager** Moving The Pieces Around The BoardIf those were the only problems with this book it would be bad enough: **Booking images** Our viewpoint characters do get a little exploration but everyone else rather obviously exists just to serve the plot. **EPub Ink magen** There isn't even a pretense at giving them any sort of background or anything beyond the most basic personality: **Booking magazine** And in some cases what minimal personality they do have is casually discarded in order to have them do what the story needs them to do, **Booking magenta** I have said in other reviews that a character can be made to do just about anything if you set the scenes up right, **Booking magazine uk** You have to build up to the apparently out of character behavior, **EBook Ink mage** You don't just have it happen and assume the reader will be fine with it. **Booking magenta** You also shouldn't have characters do things that won't make sense to the reader without finding a way to explain it, **Ink Mage kindle** Why are all these mages and priests so happy to provide Rina Veraiin with magical tattoos? Not once are we given a reason for this. **Booking megeve** Several books have taken this approach (including Brandon Sanderson in Mistborn) and it's one of my least favorite ways to use magic: **Ink Mage ebook reader** Respect Your WorldNext problem! Gischler's writing style clashes with the world he's presenting in this book: **Kindle Ink magegee** But the characters all speak and act in a modern way, **Ink magefesa pressure** The most obvious example of that is that we're supposed to believe the peasants of Klaar would feel patriotic towards their country and care who was ruling them, **Booking**

magenta They are just not going to form a rebellion unless you actually show the invaders being noticeably more unpleasant to them than their former ruler was, **Kindle Ink magenta** The notions of national pride and patriotism are comparatively modern constructs: **Booking magaluf** If you're going to use them in your fantasy world.

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Victor Gischler is an American author of humorous crime fiction, **Booking images** Gischler's debut novel Gun Monkeys was nominated for the Edgar Award and his novel Shotgun Opera was an Anthony Award finalist, **Ink magefesa pressure** His work has been translated into Italian French Spanish and Japanese. **Booking manager** His fifth novel Go-Go Girls of the Apocalypse was published in 2008 by the Touchstone/Fireside imprint of Simon & Schuster: **Ink magazine cover contest** He has also writes American comic books like The Punisher: Frank Castle Wolverine and Deadpool for Marvel Comics: **Booking magenta** Gischler worked on X-Men Curse of the Mutants starting in the Death of Dracula one-shot and continued in X-Men #1: **Booking images** Gun Monkeys has been optioned for a film adaptation with Lee Goldberg writing the script and Ryuhei Kitamura penciled in to direct, **Booking magaluf** In the first installment of the A Fire Beneath the Skin trilogy the city of Klaar has never fallen. **Bing mage quiz** No enemy has ever made it across the Long Bridge or penetrated the city's mighty walls: **Booking magazine** Even when a powerful invading army shows up at the gates the duke and his daughter Rina Veraiin are certain that it poses little threat, **Booking magazine uk** But they are cruelly betrayed from within and in a horrific spasm of violence the city is brought to its knees: **Booking images** With the enemy's agents nipping at her heels Rina must learn to harness her new and startling magical powers if she is to assert her rightful place as ruler of Klaar, **Booking magenta** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) This book was all over the place: **Booking magazine** It's about Rina who is a duchess but she's also an army of one, **Ink magic ink remover** Oh and she also has some weird ass inked magic on her skin: **Booking images** It was kind of hard to keep track of who was what and their life within the 70ish chapters: **Pdf in image processing is called** Character growth or development didn't match what I was reading. **Booking magenta** There were so many plot holes in this book and I was just getting confused with each page: **Ink Mage ebook reader** I guess I liked Rina has an MC but I wouldn't say she's my favorite, **Booking manager** Then there's Alem which is a weird name but his growth just confused the shit out of me. **Ink Mage book** Then there was some romance development which I will admit at one point I did want to ship Rina with someone just to keep myself entertained, **Booking magenta** but it also just kind of seemed random to me at the same time? Again I'm a hot mess after this book, **Booking magaluf** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) No matter what goodreads tries to tell you let me say that this is not YA: **Booking images** Even if the protagonist is young (19 or so) the book is vulgar bloody and explicit, **Booking magazine uk** I'm only warning you if you can't handle R rated movies you probably can't handle this book: **Ink magefesa pressure** That said Ink Mage deserves a full five stars for the magic system alone, **Booking magazine uk** Mages gain the power to speak the language of the universe or rather enhance their mental and physical powers by inking special tattoos under their skin, **Booking magaluf** For example Rina often uses a tattoo that clears her mind and makes her more perceptive or another that makes her stronger, **Ink magefesa pressure** I had to knock one star off my rating because of the structure of the book specifically the rapidly switching POVs: **Ink magefesa pressure** Victor Gischler was probably going for a Game of Thrones style book with many characters telling the story from all sides but it didn't pan out that way: **Ink magazine cover contest** Many of the characters granted narration where too insignificant to warrant a personal point of view. **Booking magenta** The Perranese general for example or the soldier pursuing Rina had chapters for no apparent reason and distracted from the main plot. **Booking manager** Just Rina Alem and Tosh would have sufficed as focus characters: **EPub Ink mage kentucky** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) The city of Klaar is impregnable: **Booking images** It's Long Bridge and massive walls have never been bested

by an enemy. **Booking magnetic island** The Duke and Duchess were murdered while their daughter Rina Veraiin was able to escape with the help of her bodyguard and teacher Kork, **Ink magic ink remover** Kork following the Duke's last wishes takes Rina to an old mage who bestows upon her the special tattooed based magical power of an Ink Mage, **Booking magaluf** When I read the synopsis for Ink Mage it sounded interesting to me so I decided to give it a try: **Booking magazine offers** Victor Gischler created an interesting world with compelling characters and amazing abilities, **Booking magazine uk** By far the most interesting part of the story was the abilities of an Ink Mage, **Ink magic ink remover** A power source is tattooed on the back called a prime and additional tattoos can be added to provide different abilities, **Ink Mage epub** I've seen tattoos used to bestow power in other series but never in such a unique fashion, **EPub Ink magento** It's somewhat akin to the wandering warriors from old stories who travel from master to master in search of new techniques: **Booking magenta** The difference is that instead of teaching techniques mages gift them to those seeking powers by tattooing them. **Ink magefesa pressure** No lessons needed really it's simply a matter of gaining the tattoo and learning to wield the power: **Ink mage lol** The protagonists are the primary point of view characters but the antagonists also receive point of view chapters from time to time: **Ink magefesa pressure** I enjoy having a story told by multiple characters it gives a more diverse experience and allows the reader to really understand a multitude of characters rather than just one, **Ink Mage book** Ink Mage was perhaps one of the more sexually graphic fantasy novels I've read in a while: **Ink magefesa pressure** There are quite a few of these scenes as a myriad of prostitutes appear throughout the story: **Booking magaluf** In the end I have to say Ink Mage was really a good story. **Booking manager** 4 out of 5 stars I received this ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review, **Booking magazine uk** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) Well this was a hot mess, **Ink magefesa pressure** Which caught me by surprise because the author Victor Gischler is a published writer with award nominations to his name: **Booking magnetic island** I haven't read his prose previously but had read some of his comic book work, **EPub Ink mage kentucky** So what went wrong here? I have a few theories about that it keeps drifting into grimdark territory, **Booking magazine uk** The result is extremely uneven and attempted rape scenes or sex scenes that just feel wildly out of place with the rest of the story, **Kindle Ink magenta** Really so as a reader I'm left wondering why this happened and why I'm supposed to care about it. **Booking magnetic island** A Mishmash Of Magic But wait there's more! I've seen comments elsewhere about how interesting the magic system is in this book, **Booking magenta** It's a mishmash of elements none of which are explained at all: **Ink Mage ebooks online** That is not a Magic System you'd better build in the elements that make them make sense. **Ink magefesa pressure** If he wants the Duchess to marry his son... she marries his son. **Booking megeve** Do You Have Anything Good To Say? Well it has a nice cover... Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1)



Can't have a fantasy without betrayal war magic and much more, **Booking magenta** Rina finds herself fighting to get her home back by all means, **Ink magefesa pressure** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) My first Audiobook! I must say I don't know how you guys do it, **Ink magefesa pressure** The narrator had a really nice voice and was very good at miming the different characters. **EPub Ink magen** First how do you guys listen for 7hrs to the same book! I think Audiobooks will be a rarity for me: **Ink magefesa pressure** It wasn't until 10% I realized I could speed it up I was

almost going crazy: **EBook Ink magento** I found myself reading the page and then waiting for the narrator to catch up: **Booking magazine** I was able to listen while on the move so that's a plus. **Ink Mage bookworm** I finally gave up and read it by myself at 94% this is quite possibly the longest time I've spent reading a book. **Booking magazine** Rina was quite a formidable heroine and she didn't start that way you could see the growth with each passing page, **Pdf in image converter** 5 stars Book>>>4 stars Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) 2: **EBook Ink mage** 75 inky stars Strange how honors and burdens are so often confused. **Booking magazine uk** Rina is the would-be duchess in Klaar when the supposed inexpugnable city is conquered by the Perranese a loyal help her to flee the city: **Booking magnetic island** What is her aim? Revenge? To me is like she only wants to be back to her old life: **Booking magazine** She ask a ton of Alem treating him like a servant and not even thank him, **EPub Ink mage** "She is consumed by her own potential by what she thinks fate has destined for her, **Booking magenta** She wears her destiny around her neck like a lead weight, **EBook Ink magee** Specially the first one that allow to add the others But with the last addition she is too much. **Booking megeve** Torsh in the tavern and Braisley with his politics are more credible specially the guy trying to scape from all this. **Booking manager** Tosh opened his mouth to say something but couldn't think of anything that mattered. **Booking magazine uk** He tried not to cry but the ache behind his eyes overpowered him. **Ink magefesa pressure** He let it go and cried with abandon his animal keening echoing along the deserted snow-crusted streets of Klaar, **Ink magazine cover girl competition** **Digital edition courtesy of Netgalley** Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1) Alright so here's the thing. **Ink Mage bookworm** This is probably really only a 3 star book (maybe even 2 star if I think about it too much), **Ink magic trick** However after reading the author's bio and realizing he received his PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi I had to show some love. **Ink magazine** Probably not the best way to rate a book but hey it's my rating so: **Ink Mage book** It's told from multiple POVs and when I say multiple I mean like 6+. **Booking magazine offers** I'm not a huge fan of that writing style so immediately I put my guard up going Hmmmm: **Ink magefesa pressure** I wonder what else is going to piss me off? And I was not disappointed, **EPub Ink magento** As a matter of fact several other things managed to join my little list of things that annoyed me with a big part of that being the magic system, **Booking magenta** I like a magic system in which the wielders have to work their asses off learning and honing their craft: **Ink Mage kindle direct** Earned through sweat and blood earned through toils and mishaps and triumphs. **Ink magefesa pressure** Rina was made damn near invincible by the end of the book, **Kindle Ink magen** So sometimes people come by power in unexpected and unconventional ways: **Booking magazine offers** But surely after receiving these enchanted tattoos she will undergo a grueling internship teaching her how to reach her full potential molding her into a fine tuned magical weapon: **EBook Ink mage** Were you expecting something different? Like a story of a girls struggle into power? Sorry, **Booking magnetic island** In all fairness I start to like her a teensy bit more towards the end of the story but I think it may be too little too late. **EBook Ink magenta** Aside from the magic I don't think the characters were fleshed out enough even for a first book in a series, **Booking magazine uk** I think so much more could have done on that end but the writer again failed to fully bring about this conceptualization. **Pdf in image converter** Can you tell how much that irked me? So once again I'm left reading a book (skimming the last 25%) where I keep hoping for redemption: **Booking magenta** well something captivating and magical something extraordinary that will leave me closing the book thinking Wow: **Ink magic world of magic** I was not expecting that! Man I'm so happy I finished it! but instead I'm left with Well really what did I expect? It was free with Kindle unlimited: **Ink magazine** She is helped out of the city by her body guard and friend to see a wizard that gives her a powerful and magical tattoo that strengthens her body and helps her fight, **Booking magaluf** She later gets more tattoos and soon so is very powerful. **Booking magenta** She is also assisted by others and they have many adventures on the way. **Booking magaluf** Lots of characters and stories in the book that come together near the end great weave, **EBook Ink magellan** I was given this book for a honest review from NetGalley but will look for the next book it was that good. I went into it expecting what I term adolescent fantasy.

It makes a change from the grimdark. But they're not. The character work here is minimal at best. And I think that's true. But it's something you have to earn. It happens because it needs to happen. There's another problem with this ink based magic too. It's basically just superpowers in a fantasy setting. But it can be made to work if you make the effort. There's nothing clever or original going on here at all. We're given a world that is a traditional fantasy setting. Middle Ages.

Booking magazine

Minimal science. No. They wouldn't. They're peasants. Their life sucks either way. He earned a Ph.D. in English at the University of Southern Mississippi. Or maybe I was all over the place. Either way we were both hot messes once it was over. Ink Mage. oh man where to start. She has a pretty huge goal that is sort of achievable. Rina wants to reclaim her damn city. Remember how I said that this book was a hot mess. it was like a constant hot and cold flip flopping mess. It was boring like really really boring in parts. but then you get slapped with some excitement. only to face more boring shit right after. Plus the whole multiple POVs didn't really work for me. It was all over the place for me. I'm confused. I'm shook. Overall it was a really weird book. Would I reread it? Probably not. Will I move onto the second book? Maybe. but I don't know. Don't get me wrong; I don't mind any of those things. The magic system is original and creative. That's my take anyway. until it was betrayed by one of their own. Rina sets out to get help to reclaim her home. I didn't imagine I'd enjoy it as much as I did. It's an old power that mages tattoo on people. The story is told from multiple point of views. There is no fade to black when things get physical. I'm excited to read the sequel. It wasn't amazing but it was fundamentally competent. But it's really not a system. For a start he's the King. Secondly he can't simply ignore an invading army. That's both tactically and strategically idiotic. Even those of the village helping by all they can. Enjoyable read. Good characters. Loved the journey. I liked her. It took a while to get into though the audiobook. Even sped up it was slow. On to the book It was quite nice I liked it. The secondary characters were also pleasant. I can't wait to read the rest of the series. Audibook >>> 4. Let me get straight that this is not a YA book. There is a lot of sex and violence. And the fool follow her like a puppy. "Rina Veraiin will never know happiness" Maurizan said. It will drag down anyone who tries to hold her up. "Rina is searching power. And she master those power in a blink of course. The idea of the ink is interesting. I feel you Tosh. Honestly the book is not bad. It's just not great either. Oh the non-magical magic. Through hours and weeks and years of practice. I like magic users who deserve the power they possess. How? you might ask yourself. Well you see. she just walks in and asks for it. Expects it even. Ok. Like a spider bite. Or a tattoo. I get it. Right? Um no. Oh. Apparently it's just really easy to become super human. I blame that partially on the jumping POVs. I did really like the idea behind the assassin prostitutes. Again I'm blaming this grievance on the multi POV. I keep expecting something. Ho hum. I want to see more. Loved it! Fantasy at it's best. Ink Mage (A Fire Beneath the Skin #1).