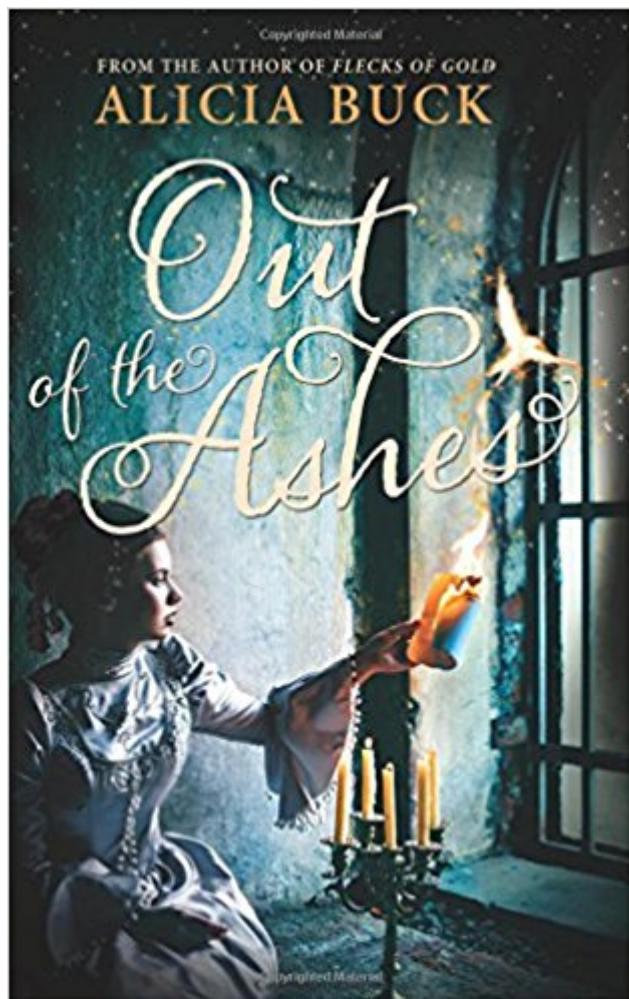


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# Out Of The Ashes



## Synopsis

When Ashelandra's father dies, she ends up a servant in her own house, instead of the Baroness she was supposed to become. But Ash's secret sorcery could be the key to winning back her home and following her heart to a future she never imagined. This fantasy-infused Cinderella story puts a magical twist on a classic tale. Riveting and original, it's a spellbinding read.

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## Customer Reviews

Alicia Buck graduated from BYU with a bachelor's in English. She worked in the Harold B. Library while working on her first book *Flecks of Gold* which was Sweetwater Books' bestselling novel for young adult fiction the year it was released. Alicia currently lives in St. George, Utah.

An excellent author. I have also read Alicia Buck's other book, "Flecks of Gold" (also an excellent book) and I hope to see more books by this author in the future. She does a fantastic job on the world building in both of her books. "Out of the Ashes" is based off Cinderella which traditionally makes it an instant-love story, where two characters who know nothing about each other fall in love because the other is just so good looking. Alicia Buck does well here though. The romantic parts of her stories are not artificial or sappy, rather, though there is attraction from the start, she has the romance develop more realistically over time and you get to know the characters and connect with them and see their reasons for liking each other or not based solely on physical appearance. I took off one star only because I felt like the writing wasn't exceptional at first. It wasn't bad, but the

beginning, before the father dies, just didn't seem to flow right. The dialogue with the father just felt. . . off. Once the story got going though the writing started to flow more naturally, and I felt was it was quite good from then on.

I love this book. I'm a great fan of fantasy books and I'll read anything from Harry Potter to Maximum Ride, but I also have a love for fairy tales. Some of my favorite books from that genre are Ella Enchanted and Fairest, and this author has managed to capture my heart as well. I love that this fairy has the beautiful scene of prince saving the girl, but also has such a strong female character that if the prince hadn't shown up she would have still lived happily ever after. Ashelandra is a strong, mischievous character who is easy to connect to, though most of us can't spit out sorcery every now and then. The author easily gets you wrapped into the story and more than once I had to be reminded to put the book down so I could do my classwork. It's a beautiful story and I'd highly recommend this book to anyone who loves a fairy tale or an adventure book with a nice side of romance.

I loved how this took on a twist from other cinderella books or stories I've read. I liked the fact that instead of a fairy godmother coming to the rescue. It was ash who saved herself from a life of misery and pain.

This book was a wonderful take on Cinderella. I loved all the twists that made the book unique. I hope this author publishes more books as I have thoroughly enjoyed this one and flecks of gold.

This book had everything. Strong heroin, Horrible villain, action and a sweet clean romance. I'll be reading this to my girls.

A great book! A fiction book that has magic, suspense and romance. Great for many audiences. Recommended for ages 13-110.

You won't want to set it down to eat or sleep. Even our son liked it.

I love this author.

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