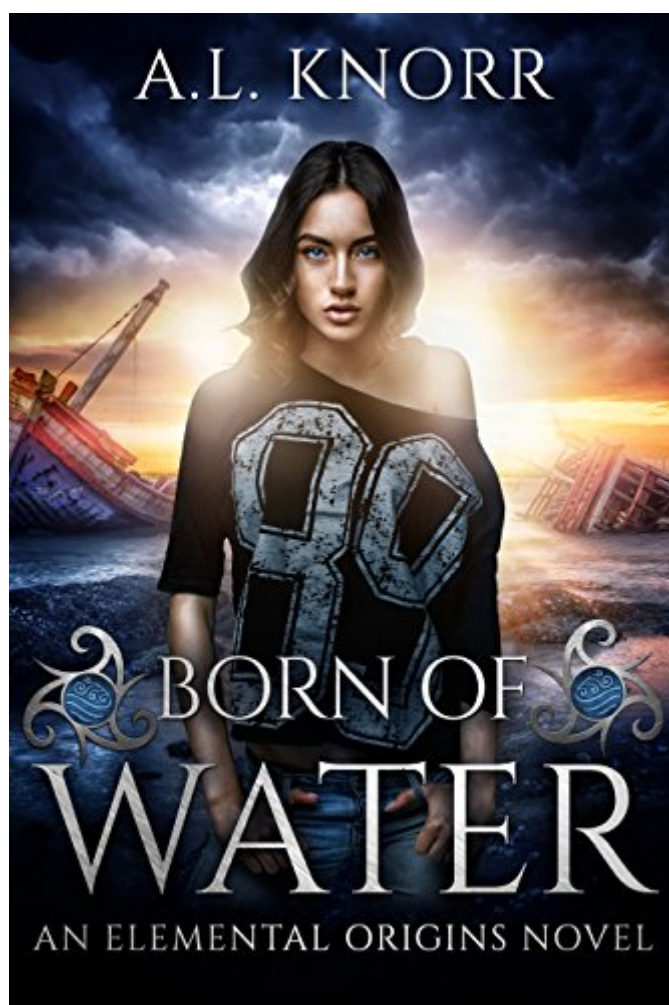


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# Born Of Water: An Elemental Origins Novel (The Elemental Origins Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

Everything you thought you knew about mermaids is wrong. Life for a small-town high school kid in Saltford should be simple and straightforward – for 17-year-old Targa MacAuley, it's anything but. Navigating life with a supernatural mother is tricky enough, but dealing with the feelings of guilt that she's never been able to change, and confusion that she doesn't seem to be attracted to boys (or girls for that matter), Targa feels like she's got more demons than the average kid. When the opportunity to salvage a mysterious wreck in the Baltic arises for her mom, a professional salvage diver by day, Targa jumps at the chance to go abroad for the summer. But it's when she meets Antoni Baranek, and a boating accident puts them both in danger, that Targa's world turns completely inside out in more ways than one. This YA book was such a fun read, I couldn't put it down (I read the whole book in a day). Reviewer

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## Customer Reviews

This was a more serious book than the first one about Mira, Targa's mother. Still enjoyed the book and read it in one day. My only question is where do mermaids live when I the ocean and why are there so few of them. They also seem to keep to themselves I the ocean.

Fantastic read! I was so interested in the siren mermaid lore that the author created for this world. The best part was how I was drawn into wanting more. More information about her friends. More information about her future, more information about the past. I am definitely following the author and looking for more of her books. This did feel like a long read with a lot of events happening throughout, but I was so enthralled with the lore, I kept reading in hopes of learning more. I feel like there are still so many unanswered questions - especially about the past. I can't decide if I want to read a sequel or if I want to learn about her friends' adventures. Great world building! I'm excited for more!

I absolutely fell in love with this book. I love *Born of Fire*, but this one was even better. The writing is crisp, thorough and charged with emotions and experiences. Realistic? not so much but that is ok for this genre and I really enjoyed this read, until the last word. What a great time I had. Thank you A.L. Knorr, your writing is exceptional for young adults and teens. This series would definitely be in my adolescent library and would be read and read and read. Thanks

Targa has a secret - her mom is a mermaid. And though the mermaid gene is supposed to pass from mother to daughter, Targa is just a regular human. With summer's approach, Targa and her friends will be parting ways, all headed to different countries. But Targa's trip to Poland with her mom and mom's dive team turns out to be anything but a typical summer tourism trip. Loved this mermaid story. The details of mermaid anatomy are incredible, and even the "info dumps" feel like so much a part of the story that they're not tedious or tiresome. Even better, this book is part of a series, and it seems that all of Targa's friends have something are a little ... different. :) So glad I snapped this book up! And if you like YA mermaid stories, you might also enjoy *Shearwater: Ocean Depths Book One* and *Skye's Lure: A Clean Contemporary YA Fantasy*. I also recently read the prequel short story *Returning: Episode I*, and enjoyed that as well, so if you like this and want to dive into some of Targa's mom's backstory, that's a great place to go. :)

The writing and editing are excellent. Sadly, the story is lacking. I was promised Fyre Festival with luxury accommodations and gourmet food. I got a tent and cheese sandwich. Nothing happens for

the first 30% of the novel. At 30% the girl has an episode in the ocean and claims her heritage. Before then, nothing. A bunch of teenagers chatting about what they'll do over summer break, boys, girls, and underwater salvage. We don't see any salvage, just an offhand mention that it's there. I really wanted to finish this book, but it has given me no confidence that the next thirty percent is going to be any more engaging than the first 30. It's unfortunate, because the author's skill and talent is very good, but readers can't slog through the first half of a book without getting at least a hint as to some sort of actual plot.

WOAH! This sail was the best in ... ever. I immediately fall in love with the duo that Targa and Mira form. They are somehow so opposite yet so similar. And the Novak old man was really an interesting character. I loved how he interacted with all the others. I really enjoyed the descriptions of the sea, and felt the foam on my face, the wind in my hair. As if I was part of the story. The writing was light but colorful. I want to salute the work behind this story to ground it into our real world and give it credit. It's been a long time since I found a book with so much research behind it. There were a lot of vocabulary on special subjects: marine, Poland and history. I can't wait to dive again in this world.

I absolutely loved this book. I read a lot of fantasy and this one has really caught my attention. By the end I wanted to believe in mermaids and I probably do! This book was totally fun and I really want to read the whole series. If you like fantasy, I am sure you will enjoy this book and become a fan of this author, A.L. Knorr.

I loved the book and I would recommend to all to read it. Great storyline and characters well read. I love reading about Mermaids and this book was about mother and daughter.

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