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Surviving agitated ghosts, irritated witches, angry werewolves, and the horrors of high school has never been so hard.

The night of Samhain may be behind them, but Yuki and her friends have only begun to face the challenges of their paranormal gifts. Tensions are rising--in the pack, at school, and within their tightly knit group of friends.

The tragic death of Wakefield High student Dylan Jacobs has emotions boiling over. The J-Team, Yuki's arch nemesis, have turned the entire football team against her. They claim that Yuki is a witch and blame her for the death of their fellow teammate. Will Yuki be able to solve the mystery of Dylan's death, and the legend of Witchtrot Road, before tempers flare and things turn violent?

Emma is the friend that Yuki turns to when things get tough, but she's been behaving strangely. Emma has been acting distant and seems to be coming down with a mysterious illness. What will Yuki and her friends do if their healer is truly sick?

Calvin has become Alpha and wants the best for his pack. He is a dedicated and compassionate leader willing to do anything for the good of his people, but will Cal be able to hold the pack together when a fiery, young werewolf comes seeking revenge?

Simon may still be a roguish playboy, but he is taking his role as Calvin's second in command deadly serious. Will Simon be able to focus on his pack duties when he is forced to face his dark, emotional past?

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From Reader Review Legend of Witchtrot Road for online ebook

Jenny (Books that Spark) says

E. J. Stevens returns with the third instalment of her popular Spirit Guide series, Legend of Witchtrot Road. If you are new to this series, I highly recommend checking out the two preceding books: She Smells the Dead and Spirit Storm. This will allow you to appreciate the story and characters thus far.

For those of you that follow my reviews, you may already be aware of my feelings towards this series. If not well, I love it! I am a huge fan of the Spirit Guide series and as a result, Stevens has earned her place as one of my new favourite authors. After completing the second instalment, I was left begging for more. So I picked up Legend of Witchtrot Road with a combination of feelings; excitement and apprehension. I was excited to read more but apprehensive as to whether it would live up to the high expectations I have with this series.

Yuki, Cal, Simon and Emma pick up where the last instalment ended. Having survived the traumas of Samhain night, the gang can breathe a sigh of relief and life can get back to normal for the time being. Perhaps not! When a fellow student loses his life on the allegedly cursed Witchtrot Road, it is down to Yuki with her friends help to get to the bottom of who or what caused his death.

Yuki is the protagonist of this series and I cannot sing her praises enough. She is honest, easy to relate to and has wit – what more could a reader want? As an avid reader, it takes a lot for me to like a protagonist this much but Yuki is, in my eyes, impossible not to like. She isn't afraid to stand out from the crowd and I love how she doesn't attempt to conform to the social norm. There are times when she is vulnerable and times when she is strong and I cannot help but care for her. In this instalment, she seems to come more into her own and has more belief in herself as a person. Her unique gift of experiencing the smell impressions of restless souls is one that she seems to be gaining more control over. I feel as though as Yuki grows, I am there for the ride with her and I am so proud of her for the woman she is becoming.

Then there's Cal: Yuki's other half. He is everything a girl could want in a boyfriend. He is protective of Yuki and his love for her is genuine. Oh and did I mention that he also happens to be an Alpha wolf? He is the leader of the pack and takes his responsibilities seriously and is the best person for the job while also possessing a bit of a wild streak. Yuki and Cal's relationship is full of love and chemistry. I have said it before and I will say it again, this is a coupling that has the potential to be the new power couple in young adult fiction. They are genuine, believable, caring of each other and just so adorable. In this instalment there are hints that their relationship could move to the next level. I can't wait to see how the pair continue to grow.

Simon, Cal's second in command, made me fall in love with him in this instalment. I mean, he is the typical bad boy but he has a sweet side to him too. Even though he might not like to show it a lot, I know it's there. It is that combination that makes him my new crush. In Spirit Storm, readers learnt of a great loss he has faced in his life and Legend of Witchtrot Road develops on this when the introduction to a new character, Gabriel, is made. Tensions run high between Simon and Gabriel and I get the feeling this is going to progress even further in the upcoming book.

When I mention Simon, I have to mention Emma. Why? The chemistry between these two have been brewing since day one and in this instalment their relationship really steps up a level. This pair are interesting to read about and Stevens does an excellent job of keeping me on the edge of my seat, waiting to

see if anything is going to happen. Emma is Yuki's best friend and I loved reading more about their friendship.

The characters in this series are amazing. I like each of the four main characters for different reasons and very much enjoy reading about them. The plot, although not as full of drama as the previous instalments, was fast paced and flowed well. As a result, once more, I was able to complete the book quickly. Legend of Witchtrot Road ended with the problem solved but I'm still left with questions about the characters and what is going to happen next. This series shows no signs of slowing down in terms of it's readability and quality. I cannot wait to read more about Yuki and her friends in the next instalment. This series is a must read for fans of the paranormal young adult genre!

TheBookAddictedGirl says

4½ Out of 5

Yuki survived Samhain, and everything should be fine (until next year, anyway. Or until the witches she stole the amulet from find out she took it. Whichever comes first). But a jock has just died on Witchtrot Lane, centre of a witchy curse, and the J-Team – jocks and general jerks – think Yuki is the one who killed him. She didn't, obviously, but try telling that to the J-Team. Plus a werewolf from Simon's past has reappeared, and the rivalry between the two of them seems ready to explode. But back to the J-Team... they are determined, scarily determined. Yuki's in real danger, until she can prove to the J-Team that's she's innocent. Business as usual then: working on short time with a curse hanging over her head. And don't forget: "Never, ever travel on Witchtrot Road after dark..."

This is seriously one of my very favourite series ever. It's fun, cute, quirky, scary, funny and choc-a-block with ghosts. The world is amazing – spirit guides, werewolves, dead-people-smelling-girls, witches. The characters are wonderful and relatable. The relationships feel 100% real and believable. I was glued to the page from start to finish. I just love everything about the Spirit Guide series – what am I going to do while I wait for Book Four?!

Yuki is honestly one of my favourite heroines. She's quirky, fun and totally cute. I love her! Plus, she's completely insane. Or, as my aunt would say, "special in the head". Which is just a nice, cute way of saying mad. Yuki's just so funny and witty and generally awesome! I mean, she made little rice balls people, out of rice pudding, trail mix, fruit pieces and toothpicks... and ATE THEM! God, that made me laugh. She's just absolutely, insanely wonderful – I love her snarky...ness. And the really wonderful, wacky ideas came out of that special head.

Calvin Miller, alpha wolf and Yuki's gorgeous boyfriend. He's perfect: can I have one like him? Though he takes his alpha responsibilities seriously, he also had a bit of a wild side. (Swoon.) And he's always looking after Yuki. He is, truly, as Yuki said, "made of awesome". Cal's just way too cute, and really rocking that alpha thing.

Cal and Yuki were, once again, the cutest EVER. I totally felt the chemistry, and the love and the general adorableness. They just complete each other. Cal could practically read Yuki's mind: he knew exactly how to make her feel better. They were so cute, and the chemistry is totally believable.

And Emma, the best friend ever, who is sweet, funny and addicted to organisation. And, again, knew exactly how to make Yuki feel better, what Yuki needed. I love her! But something strange was goin' on with Emma in this one... She wasn't "On The Drugs", but what the hey was up with her?

Simon was just brilliant! I LOVE his guy! He's absolutely hilarious, totally vain and completely bonkers.

Now Cal's second in command: Simon would do anything for his alpha. And he respects Cal ('though Cal's probably the only one Simon does respect!). Always flirting, he's constantly funny with an ironic edge. He's ace and wonderful and the best.

A newcomer in the series, Gabriel, Meredith's brother, Simon's true love who died because of him. Gabriel hated Simon, blaming him for Meredith's death (this is part of a whole backstory thing, one that no one will get unless they've read the books). Gabriel was bad tempered. Therefore Yuki nicknamed him "The Brat", and let me just tell ya, the nickname suited him. He was sulky and childish. Although, he was kinda funny – but shh! Don't tell him that!

The plot was really fast and super twisty, with an ending I definitely did not see coming – just how I like 'em. I was scared, amused, confused and seriously wowed by the (another Yuki word) awesomeness. I love this series! I haven't come across anything even close to it. No one does the hilarious to the scary like E.J. She rocks! As Yuki would say.

Now: BOOK FOUR PLEASE! I mean, the ending was even worse than the others. Way worse. Not suspense-worse, just worse-worse. And if I don't find out what happens next, I'm gonna end up Loco Lycans. Seriously. Plus, how will I be able to live without Yuki and the gang?! I almost lost it when I went a day without the books. So how, how, how will I manage without them?

Finally, to sum the story up in one sentence: Sleuthing with a side of ghosts – love it!

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

I know I have gushed about this series before but I just can't help it. I just adore this series. It is so much fun to read and the characters are just so unique and unlike any others out there.

I loved the first two books and this one was no different. I love Yuki, Cal, Simon and Emma. Their friendship and loyalty to one another is just so refreshing to read. I love how they all ban together to get the job done regardless of what that job may be or how dangerous it is. The love they all share for one another is just awesome.

I love the sense of humor Yuki has about herself and life and her situation. She takes everything in stride and doesn't let anyone get her down or tell her who she needs to be. She is strong and confident but still a sweetheart and truly good at heart, I just love that. And her friends are no different.

I think each time I read about Cal I fall more in love with him, he has to win the boyfriend of the year award. The ending to this one left me wanting more. I can't believe how it ended!! And while I did see it coming, I am just so excited to read more about it. I don't want to give anything away so I'm not going to say anymore other than if you haven't tried this series yet you are missing out!

Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

Reviewed by: Rabid Reads

I have to give props to E.J. and to her *Spirit Guide* series. This is the third time that she's delivered a high quality, straightforward and entertaining read. Her success is no fluke! The momentum of this story is still holding strong and there's no sign of it wavering anytime in the near future especially with two other installments already in the works. As reluctant as I was at first to read a book titled *She Smells The Dead*; now I find myself eagerly anticipating Yuki's next adventure. I guess that just goes to show that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover... err... I mean title.

I probably mentioned this point in my earlier reviews of this series but it's worth reiterating. I adore E.J.'s no nonsense, straight-to-the-point writing style. Her direct approach ensures that there's zero confusion. Readers

always know what's what and Stevens doesn't waste our time with useless details in an attempt to camouflage holes in the plot line. There are no gaps in the *Spirit Guide* series. I've never once felt lost or had to flip back to previous chapters to figure out what the heck is going on and for that I'm grateful. There's nothing I hate more than having to construct a flow chart while reading a book in order to be able to keep up with the convoluted story line. Keep it simple; that's my motto. I also like the fact that her novels are relatively short. Like most of you, my TBR pile is massive so I'm elated whenever I can burn through a story in mere hours. I never skim parts of E.J.'s books because there's no need. Every page is essential to the development of the plot line.

Forget about Yuki and Cal; I want to know what's up with Emma and Simon! The path of the main power couple is obvious. There's no real conflict between these love birds but the same can't be said of their sidekicks. There's a definite storm brewing between these two and I for one can't wait to see lightning! Did Emma almost say the L word or did I just imagine that part? It slipped out so quickly and was covered up even faster that it's hard to say for sure. E.J. gives us absolutely nothing in that area for the rest of this tale until a small glimpse at the end. Talk about MEAN! After all of the nice reviews I've written for this series. Hmph! I kid of course about that last bit but that's not to say that I'm any less frustrated with her blatant teasing!

The sense of urgency wasn't as prevalent in *Legend of Witchtrot Road* as its predecessors. The pace was still blisteringly fast but I just didn't feel like everything was on the line this time around. That's not a criticism. Obviously Yuki's world can't be threatening to end in every book, that would just be ridiculous! This story was more about her accepting her new found powers and using them to do good. The whole novel felt like a "smell mission". Cal's also adjusting to his new role as alpha nicely. He's a strong character with a lot of responsibility but he handles it all in stride. How very grown-up of him!

The ending wasn't what I expected. There was nothing really supernatural about it at all. Which struck me as a bit odd and somewhat disappointing. Wading through all of the mystery surrounding the *Legend of Witchtrot Road* only to discover that the answer is simple and 100% human. Also, other than the bit of intrigue surrounding Simon and Emma's possible relationship progression, the resolution didn't leave much of a segue to *Brush With Death*. But, who am I to question E.J. Stevens methods? She hasn't lead me astray yet so I'm just going to have to trust her and go with it. A great addition to the *Spirit Guide series*. Here's hoping for many more!

Avery says

May contain spoilers

I didn't think it possible to fall even more in love with this series (and the characters, oh the amazingly swoon-worthy male characters and the super snarky female characters), but after having read this book, the third installment of this series, I found that it is indeed possible.

While I liked the majority of the earlier books, I liked everything about this one. While in the earlier books the characters were somewhat melodramatic, they were stronger and more confident in this book and they showed up sides of them that we had to yet to see (Simon being more than a playboy? GASP!) and while the plot in the earlier books seemed dragged out at times, in this book it was completely entirely gripping and

unputdownable. It becomes extremely evident that E.J. has really grown as an author.

All in all, if you have yet to read one of E.J.'s books, well, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? You are seriously missing out! Not only will her books suck you in with their unique paranormal elements, but also the humor (her characters are some of the most humorous I have read in the world of YA and dare I say it, she possess comedic talents similar to that of Rachel Hawkins and Kiersten White- my two all time favourite YA funny ladies).

Andrea at Reading Lark says

Review Posted on Reading Lark 10/4/11:
<http://readinglark.blogspot.com/2011/...>

As many Reading Lark followers know, I love the Spirit Guide series. These reads are fast, quirky, and inventive. I have grown to love the characters and always look forward to spending time with them. E.J. Stevens is also an incredible Indie author who does so much for the writing community on her blog. When she contacted me about reviewing an ARC for the newest installment in the series, I jumped at the chance.

Legend of Witchtrot Road picks up almost immediately where Spirit Storm left off. Yuki has managed to survive Samhain and all the spirits running loose with the help of her friends and a powerful amulet. Now she just has to survive high school - which is a lot harder than it may sound considering Yuki is still battling the J team, a pair of football thugs, who aren't very accepting of alternate lifestyles. They are convinced that Yuki is a witch who is practicing dark magic. When the quarterback, Dylan Jacobs, dies in a motorcycle accident on Witchtrot Road, the J team immediately assume Yuki is behind the death and vow to get revenge. Also, Yuki can't stop smelling motor oil and she is convinced that Dylan's spirit is haunting her. She and her friends must put Dylan's soul to rest by finding out exactly what happened the night he died.

The sections of the story revolving around the football team's thirst for revenge were really hard for me to read. This installment alludes heavily to the Salem Witch Trials so I liked how Stevens mirrored the hysteria and finger pointing of that era with Yuki's story. However, it has always been hard for me to read scenes that involve bullying. As a kid, I had my fair share of experiences with mean kids and those moments can scar you for life. I was lucky enough to never have to deal with violet issues, but Yuki is not so lucky. I was terrified for her in those moments and I couldn't believe that not one adult in the school saw or heard anything. Furthermore, any time Yuki is being taunted by the boys, I never see any school officials intervene.

This installment really focuses on Yuki and her need to help spirits find peace. In past books, there has been more of a focus on Cal and the pack. You still get to deal with pack drama in this one, but it's not the focus, which was a nice change. Like relationships, I think series that have two main characters with interesting traits should be balanced. I didn't feel like Cal's plot was trying to overshadow Yuki's in this one.

I wasn't able to give this one a five rating because of the ending. I felt like it was too rushed and too easy. Everything seemed to be tied up nice and neat with a bow. There were some serious issues that arose and I just don't feel like realistically they would have been handled so easily.

Legend of Witchtrot Road also left me with so many questions. Why did Gabriel choose now to come back? What's going on with Simon and Emma? If Cal and Yuki get married and have kids, will they be werewolves

who smell the dead? What is Yuki going to do about the amulet? Why can Yuki suddenly see the outlines of spirits after the car accident? The list goes on and on. I am holding out hope that all of these answers will come in future books. For now, I'm anxiously awaiting book number four.

This series isn't one that is highly polished and perfect in every way, but that doesn't bother me because I am so invested in these characters and the story lines. I also go into these books knowing that I am not going to get the highly edited sort of book I would get from a major publishing house. I often find it frustrating that so many readers won't take a chance on Indie works when there is so much good stuff lurking behind non-traditional publishing. The wonderful thing about reading is there is something for everyone. So, if you're looking for great characters and interesting story lines, you should give the Spirit Guide series a try.

One Last Gripe: My biggest complaint was with a typo. The character Gabriel was often spelled Gabrielle. This would throw me off and disrupt the flow of my reading. I am hoping that this issue was fixed before publication. (EDIT: This was confirmed by the author that it was only an issue in the ARC.)

My Favorite Thing About This Book: the characters

First Sentence: I heard the harsh, grinding creak of a ship's hull straining against stormy seas just as I felt the vertiginous tilt and roll of the waves beneath me.

Favorite Character: Cal

Least Favorite Character: Gabriel

Sally says

These books are brilliant- such a wonderful mix of mystery and magic with really quirky and lovable characters.

The Legend Of Witchtrot Road follows Yuki and friends investigating the death of a football player, killed whilst driving down the supposedly haunted Witchtrot Road. His smell impression keeps leading them back to the school, but Yuki herself is in grave danger when the rest of the football team accuse Yuki of being a witch and of casting a fatal curse on the team. Yuki, Calvin, Simon and Emma need to find out exactly what is happening in the town (and preferably before the full moon). I love the sense of family and loyalty between these four friends, and how they always work together to help each other out. As vegan vet-in-training Emma and smarmy werewolf boy Simon are thrown together more and more often in various situations, there is a hint that their constant bickering is the beginning of the unlikely couple starting a budding relationship themselves.

Overall, I just love these characters and the style that the book is written in, with the constant interjection of Yuki's thoughts. This is such a fun story to read because Yuki has such a unique voice. These books are definitely addictive and always leave me craving more!

My blog- Always Lost in Stories

Shelley says

Rating 3.0

Genre YA Paranormal

Review

I guess I'm going to be one of the downers when it comes to reviewing this book. Sorry about that!

Legend of Witchtrot Road is the third book in Stevens' Spirit Guide series and although I loved the concept behind the story, it wasn't as good as the first two in my humble opinion.

While I still love the spunkiness, and snarkiness of Yuki and the fact that it appears her abilities are growing, there were some parts like the constant fist bumping between Yuki and Emma that was purely and simply annoying. I got to the point where I actually wanted to scream while toss the book aside. Luckily for me, this is on my Kindle and I didn't want to destroy it by throwing it across the room!

Adding Gabriel to the storyline was both evil and mean to Simon and Emma. The two of them have had a love/hate relationship from the start of the series and now with Gabriel intentions towards Emma, only bad things can happen from here on out. Of course, Gabriel also has a stewing hatred towards Simon because of something that happened 7 years ago. <--others have already spoiled this. I'm not going to.

The story really comes on the side of anti-bullying in school for which I am a total proponent of as well as having a school nurse be involved in stealing drugs from the school. Having been bullied and treated like shit during high school for being different and wanting to be left alone by almost everyone, I can relate. Here's hoping that Yuki gets revenge on the J-Crew.

Not finished yet; The mystery behind the Witchtrot Roads ghosts and the Reverend Burroughs. Will Ms Stevens come back to this storyline and finish it, or more on to something else?

What will Yuki do with the stolen witches Amulet? Give it back or find that she has even more powers with it, than without it?

My reviews are personal reflections of what I read and take notes of. It is in no way meant to dissuade a person from reading a book from authors who put a lot of work into their stories. I do not get paid for my reviews nor have I been asked to give my opinions concerning these books. This book, like most of the others I've read, have been borrowed from the Jacksonville Public Library system. Special note: This Ebook was actually loaned to me through Amazon.com's Booklending.com.

Anushka says

Rating: 4.75 stars over 5

OH **GOD!** I loved this one - totally! I wonder why it's under the genre romance when it should be under the mystery shelf. Yes, it has Cal and Yuki's cute romance, but well.. ;)

Hell, had I been speaking all this - I would've had spoken with the speed of an airplane, faster if that were even remotely possible! Yes, that explains my excitement or the epiphany I had while reading the book. A 20,000 words would be less to explain, so I'd finally get to the point.

The 3rd book in the Spirit Guide series dealt with the death of Dylan - Yuki's highschool mate. Or probably just an acquaintance. As the events unfolded, my excitement (or fear, or whatever) intensified. Man, I love E.J. Stevens. Literally **LOVE**. I loved the way that the ending was left hanging! (Yes, I know it's rather certain or predictable, but come on, won't you like to know the kind of emotions or feelings or thoughts got flowing in the room after seeing that? Doesn't "Wait, What?" leave you with an urge to read more and more [and more and more....]? Well, it certainly **does** so, for me!)

To sum up, without any spoilers *I guess*, this book was great! There was so much going on that you would **never ever ever** feel like getting up! Always keen to know what's going to happen next! After all, they truly said - "This series is like Nancy Drew meets the Winchester Brother's from Supernatural." (quote - Natalie, I'd so rather be reading, *from the first few pages on the praise for the series*) ;)

I'm so waiting for the fourth in the series! Can't wait at all! :D

Kristen says

GENRE: YA Paranormal Romance

THEME: Ghost/Romance/Mystery

RECEIVED: Received for Review from Author

BLOG: <http://seeingnight.blogspot.com/>

REVIEW:

The third novel in the Spirit Guide series is definitely my favorite in the series. E.J Stevens really pulled me into Legend of Witchtrot Road, right at the first page by putting two lead characters in a scary and tough situation. I read this book in one sitting and really wished it never would end.

Yuki and the gang are back, after a tragic death occurs in their school and once again with Yuki's ability to smell the dead, a new mystery begins. The death is connecting to a very dangerous legend known as Witchtrot Road. But that's not the only problem, Cal has to deal with the responsibility of being an alpha, Emma her best friend seems to be acting odd and mean boys at school are starting to get rougher with Yuki.

Yuki has a lot on her hands this time around, but I felt like she grew up a little more. I love her spunk as usual and I noticed how much she relies on her friends in tough situation. But she's starting to understand that she has to start doing more on her own and learning more about her gift.

Emma, Yuki's best friend was a more prominent character this time around. She seems to be dealing with a lot and also gets herself into some dangerous situations. No matter what Emma is always there for friends and I think Yuki starts to realize that her friend needs her now.

Cal, is as protective as ever with Yuki but with his role as the pack leader keeps him away at times. Then a wolf from Simons past comes barreling in making trouble for Cal and wanting to fight with Simon. I really enjoyed getting more and more into Simons past again and watch him change and move on in this book. Cal and Yuki of course have the cute moments, I just love them together. I see how their relationship is progressing and I like how Cal is respectful and not pushy like some werewolves in other stories.

Overall I enjoyed the third novel, the plot was a lot more intense and really surprised me with some scary moments and some major fan girl moments. I can't wait to see more challenges and ghost come around for

this group.

RECOMENDATION:

This is a Young Adult novel suited for any age. Fans of Rachel Hawkins A Hex Hall Series and Lauren Kate's Fallen Series will love this!

Grammy 1 says

August 22, 2010 was my first introduction into to the world of EJ Stevens and the first Book in her Spirit Guide Series She Smells The Dead. I was hooked!

This was the first paragraph of my first review written for the Paranormal Romance Guild. I have just come upon an enchanting new Paranormal Mystery Story written by Dark Poetess, EJ Stevens. She Smells the Dead is just what the Moms and Librarians have been looking for. A New Series of books with enchantment, mystery, love and commitment.

I have continued the journey in this series following Yuki, Calvin, Emma and Simon from the original book, through the Second book called Spirit Storm and now the newest release Legend of Witchtrot Road.

Yuki is our heroine, a high school girl who is affected by the dead through smell. She is "not part of the in crowd" At her age, she walks to her own beat, has been called "witch" by her classmates, which is exaggerated by her looks and Goth dress. Her best friend is Emma an animal lover and vegan, who compliments her in every way.

Calvin has been her friend since childhood. They each share the secret of who they are. Calvin has been told by his family that he is an Alpha wolf. At camp one summer Calvin finds his wolf form and Yuki finds her form is a Dung Beetle. She does not think that is funny. The fourth member of our group is Simon: a little older than the three and as a wolf himself, mentor to Cal. His story is slowly unfolding from book to book, as we learn more about him and his past. Simon is now second to Calvin in the pack.

Through these stories, Yuki and Calvin find their relationship growing, with school to attend, mysteries to solve, with smells from the offending ghosts of vinegar, burnt cookies and finally motor oil. The relationship between Yuki and Cal grows. Their concern and respect for each other make their relationship easy and fun. Yuki does not take herself too seriously and her inner voice is charming.

We solve mysteries as these ghosts have unfinished business they need to take care of before they can rest. Yuki is the spirit guide chosen to help them. Thankfully, she has Calvin, her strong and handsome Alpha wolf, helping her out of the scrapes her ghosts get her into.

EJ Stevens has written a charming, lighthearted YA series that is sharp, witty and wholesome. A Winner in my book. I see coming soon is Spirit Guide# 4, Brush With Death. I look forward to it.

Review by Gloria Lakritz

Katy says

Book Info: Genre: Urban Fantasy

Reading Level: Young Adult

Recommended for: Fans of YA fiction, esp. paranormal and urban fantasy, those interested in ghosts and spirits.

My Thoughts: In this third book in the Spirit Guide series, after *She Smells the Dead* and *Spirit Storm*, we continue to follow Yuki as she learns about her abilities and tries to survive high school.

Looking at this series as a whole, as I finish this omnibus edition, it occurs to me that it might be nice to have had some idea of how Yuki came into her powers. In the first book, *She Smells the Dead*, we're introduced to Yuki as she already has her powers and is coming to grips with them, but we only get hints about exactly how it was she figured out the weird smells she was noticing were ghosts, or how she dealt with the first ghost she ran across. Perhaps Ms. Stevens might consider a prequel novella – or even full novel – detailing some of that, so we get a better feel for the background of this story?

This book deals, in part, with the problem of bullying, which is becoming a bit of an “issue” lately all over the place. We also see further development in the characters. *Brush With Death*, the fourth book in this series, is scheduled for release soon. I have the ARC and will be reading it next, so will have an early look at it for you soon.

I maintain my recommendations as to who will enjoy this book – it is definitely YA fiction, focused on high school issues, but if you enjoy such, you will enjoy this.

Disclosure: I received this book as part of an omnibus, including the first three books in the Spirit Guide series, from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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Jessica (a GREAT read) says

I received this e-ARC from the author for review

E.J. Stevens' Legend of Witchtrot Road picks up where we last left Yuki and her friends. Although since I read the first two books many many books ago, it took me a bit to get caught up. But it was still a good story and another 1 day read!

Witchtrot Road has its legend and nearly everyone in town avoids it after dark, because long ago a witch was killed and took his revenge on the travelers on the road. It's explained better in the novella. Anyway, everyone believes its cursed, especially since it was where one of the students at the high school was killed. And naturally the J Team believes it was all Yuki's fault. Typical jocks.

Yuki's life is getting complicated and dangerous. She still has the witches' amulet that she stole from last time around and she wants to give it back, and fear is only one factor in that decision, not to mention the nightmares she gets regarding it.

There's also a new wolf in town, one that is very angry with Simon, Gabriel was the brother of Meredith-- Simon's old girlfriend who died because of him. And Gabriel is definitely a piece of work! And he has his eyes set on Emma, which doesn't make Simon too happy either. We've been seeing the sparks fly between Simon and Emma lately and they really start flying now, there are more than a few hints, not to mention the ending!

This is definitely an interesting series and one that I find to be quite entertaining! I love Yuki! Her personality is just fun. I like her attitude, especially when it comes to high school. Not that I was a "goth" like her, but I still feel sort of a connection with her. Really interested in seeing what Yuki and her friends will wind up in next! The books so far continue to happen within the same school year, and Yuki's senior year is definitely going to be one she will never forget!

Overall rating 4/5 stars

Legend of Witchtrot Road releases in October

Robert Duperre says

Rating: 4.7 out of 5

Man, do I love E.J. Stevens. She has such a pure innocence in her prose, as if she's capturing just what it means to be young and in love and also, at the same time, have the weight of the world on your shoulders.

In The Legend of Witchtrot Road, the third installment in her Spirit Guide series, Stevens steps back a bit. The far-reaching story arch that encompassed the first two books is still present, but it is allowed to linger in the background, to heighten naturally. As a storyteller she reins herself in, focusing on the tale at hand rather than building her world outright.

In many ways, The Legend of Witchtrot Road is very similar to a midseason "event episode" of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Yuki, our main character who smells the dead, has her own Scooby gang, and together they must solve the mysterious death of a classmate, whose untimely end came on the Witchtrot Road of the title. The road itself is steeped in myth, superstition, and dark history, and if the always stalwart Yuki is going to

have a semblance of peace from her classmate's lingering ghost, the answers to the mystery need to come quickly.

This is a tale of social conscience and, just like the great television show I mentioned earlier, takes some of the more pressing concerns facing our nation's youth (bullying, eating disorders, the proliferation of drugs in the community, etc.) and presents them in a fantastic manner. It's a type of storytelling that's pure in intention and beautiful in message, especially when presented in a professional manner, which E.J. Stevens does with every book she puts out.

Now, even though the specifics of Yuki and company's world aren't explored in-depth, as I already stated, they are still there. There are some interesting developments when it comes to Simon (perhaps the best character in the series), and also certain events that made me, the reader, question whether or not Yuki and werewolf boyfriend Cal will indeed have the happily ever after they've seemed, until now, destined to live.

Yes, *The Legend of Witchtrot Road* is a fantastically naïve, touching, and thoughtful novel. Stevens continues on her journey as a writer, and you can plainly tell when you read the words she puts on the page that she continues to grow. The author has a wonderful story to tell, one that I thoroughly enjoyed and will certainly be passing down to my own daughter. To me, this is a coup of the YA genre, one that shouldn't be missed.

Loves To Dive says

In this, the third book of the Spirit Guide Series, Yuki and company have their hands full. They are trying to solve the death of one of their fellow students, Cal is dealing with his ongoing responsibilities of pack alpha, Emma is acting weird and doesn't seem to have her head fully in the game, a new member joins the pack and he and Simon are not getting along, all the while they are all dealing with the usual teenage problems at school and learning to live with their own abilities.

Wow, what an action packed book this was, Ms. Stevens masterfully leads us down the road of solving mysteries, young love, high school drama and things that go bump in the night with humor and more than a little suspense. Yuki continues to grow into her abilities, learning more and more how to deal with her "gift" and gaining a few new abilities as well. I love hearing how her mind works, she is growing into quite the mature young lady and I feel so proud of her. Yuki and Cal's relationship is still going strong; they are both handling the growing adult feelings they are having for each other with a rare maturity. Cal is such a great guy, he tempers his very adult responsibilities as alpha to his pack with his own brand of playfulness and humor in his other day to day life. If I were a teenage girl I would have such a crush on him. Emma seems to be dealing with some issues she is not ready to admit to yet, and watching her was both fun and painful at the same time. And Simon, well what can be said about Simon, such a sexy, naughty, mysterious, sexy, strong guy. I do have a crush on him, I can't help it, and I like the bad boy. As usual, there are a number of supporting characters that keep the story flowing well, some we love, some not so much.

This book was a little darker than the previous two, the kids are growing up and their lives are getting more complicated. Because this book is darker, it made a great read for this time of year. There is a great mystery to be solved, and I have to say, it kept me going through the entire book. There are some really nasty moments dealing with the mean guys from the high school team and I was so proud of how Yuki handled herself. This series just keeps getting better and better, the basics from the beginning are still there, Yuki's

favorite expression is still Son of a Dung Beetle, Cal can still raise one eyebrow, Emma is still a committed vegan, and Simon is still a pain in the rear on occasion. While written as a YA book, I don't hesitate to recommend this to anyone who enjoys a good paranormal/mystery/romance filled with humor and great characters.
