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The inhabitants of the fourth planet of one of the last solar systems found before leaving this galaxy know their world as Refuge. They know only that a race referred to as the Old Ones brought their ancestors to it, and still, at the rate of twenty or thirty per year, continue to do so. From childhood, all are able to mentally call for small items such as food and it will come to their hand. Some have more power and are able to change the nature of things. They refer to their ability as magic. For the last ten years, groups of people have been wakening to discover that they have lost their powers. World President Merlin recruits an eighteen-year-old girl to investigate. Why does he think she may succeed where he has failed? She is the only witch to have a unicorn as a familiar

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Sherri says

I absolutely loved this book. I couldn't put it down. I loved the characters. At first in was a bit confusing jumping around from one location to the next, but once I started to get further in, it all made sense. The book is well written and the characters are well developed. It gave a good amount of background information on the characters.

Tyana lives on Refuge. A world where everyone uses magic and from time to time someone from Earth will randomly appear. There have been a number of people who will suddenly lose their magic, and people want to know why. Tyana is about to embark on the journey of a lifetime.

Laura Price says

Reminds me of the Pern series by Anne McCaffrey and Todd McCaffrey. Will update as I have more of it read but 21% into it and I find it incredible and very well done.

Yovana says

"Given To Me For Review"

All i could say was wow. This is seriously something i would of read one day if someone recommended it to me. I got a great opportunity to read it. For the first few pages i was confused but i soon got the hang of it. This was something totally different from what i usually read. Even though i'm more of a vampire, werewolf kind of girl i loved this book. Witches, unicorns and something new to like, familiars. *you will get what i mean when you read this book*

(view spoiler)

Anyway, there was only one things that wasn't so great for me and that was the use of these --> !!!! While reading i saw to many and some were unnecessary. I dont know if that was only my file but yea. Either way i liked the book and would totally recommend that you read it! :)Unicorn WitchDerek White

Mollie says

I wanted to like this book. I really did. A new world filled only with magical people transplanted from Earth. they use their powers openly and everyone is equal and gets along. But someone is stealing their powers and it's up to one woman and her unicorn familiar to figure out who it is and how to stop them.

the premise is good. I described the book to a few people and they were right into it.

but then you start reading it. And it's okay the first few pages. a little clunky and weird dialogue formatting but you can get passes that. As the story progresses though? you realize that all the characters talk the same

way. there is no distinctive voice. And it's wooden and it seems the author wants to get info across to the reader so someone asks a question that just reads awkward. Also it is over explained. there are various levels of magic and the system on how to progress is explained at least 5 times in the first 100 pages. there are also various love stories with instant "I love this person fully for the rest of my life" and those story lines just seemed forced and unnatural.

I don't know, the whole execution of the story as a whole read like my 14 year old self's writing with no distinctive voice. it saddens me because I love the idea. I'm hoping this was the author's first novel and the writing will improve in subsequent stories.

Cianna Sunshine & Mountains Book Reviews says

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Grade: A+

For the easily confused, this book might not work. You jump back and forth between two different settings for the book, especially in the beginning. It part of the plan, and stay the course, because this book is worth it! ?

We see Refuge, planet like earth, inhabited by witches and various other freaking cool creatures. This is a planet I'd like to go to, it sounds like a fun place to be. The old one rescue witches, who are at risk on Earth, and bring them to Refuge to protect them; Refuge is a haven for all those who are different and not accepted on earth. This concept is so imaginative and interesting to me!

Unicorns, there are unicorns as characters in this book. It's my childhood dream come to life in reality, or book reality. I loved this. It's not a cheap thrill; these are well thought out unicorn characters! Who ever thought that this day would come? They are such a wonderful addition to this story.

There's a bit of a sherlockian element in the mystery, the illness causing people to lose their magic, and now Tyana's on the task of figuring the whole thing. It adds a nice bit of mystery and suspense to the whole story. It's full of twist, and it reads so easily, you don't realize how much of the story you've already flown through.

Did I mention Merlin is in this book? Oh I didn't? Like you really need another reason to pick it up!

The book blends magic, and quests, and all the wonderful things from fantasy with witches and unicorns, and then it blends in the sci fiction element with planets. It's a wonderful read, and captures everything I love about fantasy into one, and then adds some!

This is definitely a book you buy and keep on your shelf to read over and over! It flows, it's got a great plot, and it has unicorns. What more do you need?

**I received this book in a giveaway, and am providing a review.

David says

Great Read For Teens and Adults

It starts out with a young but powerful woman trying to save her home. It turns into a great story of love, friendship, determination, respect, magic, and mystery. It is set on another planet with magic and unicorns. All the action (romance/ violence) is there but mild enough for teens to read and intriguing enough for adults to be interested.

The main characters are Tyana Counter, the young powerful witch and her familiar Karim (unicorn). Detective Sergeant Marcus Samuels, a new arrival from Earth and his familiar Rebel (unicorn). They have many friends along the way that help them in their journey. They discover other species that live in their world that they have no idea existed.

The plot was exciting and I did not see the true villain or savior until it got to them so you wanted to keep reading to find out "who, why, how". There are some interesting issues raised in the book that are taken from our own struggles with humanity and equality with race and gender. There are a few grammar errors but not enough that I stopped reading.

The book was a nice read I hope there is more stories from this world. The book ended nicely and there is room for more books but it does not demand more to finish this story. It was a quick read for me and I enjoyed it. I will definitely be looking for more from this author as this was my first by Derek White.

P.S. Winn says

In the special world of Refuge, far, far away, readers will find magic, mystery and suspense. How awesome would it be to conjure up what you need with a thought and have your favorite animal be your familiar. When people begin to lose their magic readers are taken on the adventure of finding out why. The author is able to create a mystifying, magical world of adventure and daring. The main drawback to this book were a few strange font changes, but other than that I found this story a good one for readers who love magic and mystery. I would like to check out book two and see where the story goes from here.

Eve Peets says

What a awesome book. Adventure, romance, mystery, fantasy all rolled into one book. I can't wait to read the next one. I rate this book a 5.

Tena says

This was an interesting book. The combination of magic/unicorns and of other worlds made for a compelling read. While I did notice a few editing mistakes, it did not distract me from reading and finishing the book. I would recommend it to others.

Mad about says

The Unicorn Witch is based on Refuge, the alternate world to Earth where magic exists and is a way of life to its inhabitants. Anything needed is conjured with a thought and your animal familiar is your equal and best friend. Life is perfect...for those unaffected by a mystery illness robbing people of their magic.

Tyana's friend Darren was the first affected when they were children but was by no means the last. Tyana progressed with her magical career while Darren stayed behind to continue life as a normal human. Years later she's been made head of the task to find Who? How? and Why? by Merlin. Which her trusted familiar, the Unicorn Karim helping the two embark on a quest across refuge to find the answers.

Meanwhile in Camelot, the latest refugees from Earth arrive just outside Tyana's family ranch and are welcomed and introduced to this new magical world that they thought only existed in stories.

The story has an easy natural flow that continuously piques throughout to keep it fresh. The dialogue is natural between the characters with good abbreviation. It's not over written and I would have liked to have read more!

Honestly can't pick out a favourite character as their all likeable and well developed with the story being told from different view points.

A truly magical tale

Jennifer says

This book was absolutely amazing it's not a book I would normally pick up to read but I'm so glad I did if your into magic/unicorns and different worlds I suggest you pick up this book because I'm glad I did

Lauren says

Unicorn Which is a very interesting story. It can be a bit confusing when you are first starting the book, because you jump back and forth between two different places that seem to be in two different times. Don't let this confuse you. The years are different because they started tracking dates at different times. They actually coexist at the same time. Refuge is a planet, equivalent to Earth, but is not nearly as populated and is inhabited by witches and various other awesome creatures. There is a group referred to as The Old Ones, that will rescue witches that are in danger of losing their lives on Earth. The Old Ones put them on the planet Refuge as a safe haven. Hence, the name Refuge! I am only telling you this because it will make things easier to understand at the start of the book. So, please, do not give up on this one. You will enjoy it, I promise!

Be aware that there are, what my friends and I like to call, British-isms. For example, you will here the mention of a weight measurement in Stones. 1 stone is about 14 pounds. Some of the spelling is different as well, but not so much so that you can't figure out what it is -- learnt = learned, etc. There are a few things that you feel may move too fast or that don't go deep enough into the story, but I had no issues moving on and continuing on a journey along side Tyana, Marcus, Karim, and Rebel. Did I mention that Karim and Rebel are unicorns? No? Oops! There are more where they come from.

I don't want to go too far into detail because this is genuinely a good story and I want you to read it! I just wanted to point out the things that may cause you to stop reading the book making you miss out on a good story! There is love, friendship, action, mystery, and much more. It is really a well rounded adventure. If you

act fast, you can get this first installment for free! Just head over to the Unicorn Witch facebook page and get a coupon code to use on Smashwords. If it isn't your thing who cares? It was free! If you like it, buy the next two books at a very reasonable price ♥

Jaime says

Welcome to Refuge, where unicorns really do exist and magic is the norm. In the last few years, people have been losing their ability to perform magic and Merlin, yes! Merlin!, leaves it up to Tyana and her familiar, a unicorn named Karim to discover why. Tyana is the only witch to have a unicorn as a familiar and the bond she shares with Karim is unlike any other. Tyana and Karim set off on a journey through Refuge to find out why people are losing their magical abilities and who is behind it. Returning home she meets up with her old friend Darren, who lost his magic when they were children and meets Megan and her little brother Thomas, who were transported to Refuge from Earth because of their magical abilities. Along the way she also meets Marcus, whom she falls in love with. Unicorn Witch is a wonderful story full of magic and adventure.

Sarah-Jayne Briggs says

(This review may contain spoilers).

I really did like the idea behind this book. Unfortunately, it fell short of a lot of my expectations and just fell into the same category as so many other YA books... but more at the tail-end of bad.

I've never been interested in reading about characters who are so powerful, everything falls into their lap. By the end of the book, it was just reading about how wonderful and amazing the good guys were and how bad the bad guys were. There was no true conflict - and, really, someone's disguised as ugly, but their 'true beauty' shines through? *Gags*.

This had a lot of the irritating cliches so prevalent in YA books - love at first sight, characters who aren't fully developed, over-powered characters... (Really? The youngest person to ever become a high-leveled magic user, the most powerful magic user ever *eyeroll* and the *only* person to have a unicorn familiar? Oh and let's not forget the fact that she manipulates minds and reads people's thoughts without permission and has no qualms about murdering people who she knows can't defend themselves).

The idea behind the magic was a really interesting one, including the one about familiars. I just wish that the character had actually had real things to deal with, rather than just spending the entire book having everyone say, 'Look at Tyanna! Isn't she wonderful? Don't you just love her?!'

I apologise for the fact that this is probably overly-harsh, but I'm sick to death of reading the same thing over and over again. It's a pity I have to wade through so much rubbish to find the books that are actually good.

Sam says

This was a delightful fantasy adventure. It took a little while—the first few chapters—to really get going but once it did I couldn't stop reading it. Honestly, keep with it, you'll be missing out on a lovely story if you

don't.

Much of the book is set in the world of Refuge. The population is a mixture of human and fantastical creatures—and the humans at least are there because they were rescued from certain death on Earth by the mysterious "Old Ones." All of the inhabitants have some level of magical ability, but over recent years some have lost that ability without warning or apparent cause. Merlin, effectively head of the humans asks Tyana and her unicorn familiar Karim to investigate, and the story really takes off from there.

There was a mixture of new and interesting ideas in *Unicorn Witch* alongside a few fantasy/fiction staples, but it's definitely an enjoyable read, and I could recommend it for teenage or adult readers. However, it might not be suitable for children—there is some mild sexual content in the book. I gather there are further books to follow on from this one, but this does stand quite nicely on its own and the story is wrapped up well.

Lovely story, and my thanks to Melanie for pointing me at a free copy.
