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When Veruca Jones accepts a college scholarhisp across the country, she thinks she'll finally be free to form her own life.

But once Veruca arrives at St. Angelus College, she discovers that all her goals are crumbling around her. That seems to be the worst thing that could happen until students start to die, and Veruca is the suspect.

Will she be able to find just what her dreams are before any chance of fulfilling them is taken away?

Hallow Graves Details

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S.J. Delos says

I got this book as a part of a free promotion and decided to give it a read one evening. Now I'm going to have to make sure that I get the others in this series as soon as possible.

Veruca "Rue" is a wonderful protagonist who is funny, determined, and self-effacing. I instantly fell in love with her voice and unique outlook on the situations in which she finds herself.

The only reason this isn't five stars is the fact that, while the reader is told how horrible a person Rue's mother is, we never really see it. Rue and her sister comment on their mother's behavior, using the term "super-villain" more than once. And the reaction from other characters indicates that same opinion is shared by anyone in the know. However, the brief moments we actually see her, Rue's mother doesn't seem any more horrendous than the average non-witch mother.

All in all, though, this is a great read and I highly recommend it if you're a fan of Charlaine Harris and writers in that vein.

Jewel Prescott says

Good young adult book

I was intrigued by the characters and the story plot. It's a fast read but worth the effort. Will be looking forward to the next book in the series.

Linda says

This started a bit slow for me as I tried to understand Rue's frame of mind and her grasp of magic. But as the story progressed and more than one murder happened on campus, I was thoroughly involved in Rue, her relationship with her mother, and her take on her changing circumstances within the college community. I definitely want to the next book in this series to find out what happens next.

Helen says

This was my first foray into Amanda A Allen's book and it was a positive one. The story was engaging and I followed up with the rest of the books in the series. There are however many problems with the text that could be easily fixed with a good proofreading/editing. Spelling errors, incorrect words, and some outright bloopers really take away from the enjoyment of the story for me. It made it more difficult to sail through it and really get lost in it. But that aside, I would recomment the series and I plan to check out other books by this author.

Robyn says

Rue wants to go to a witch's college on the east coast in Connecticut but he mother wants he to stay at home and go to the college there in Washington State. She leaves for college early to get away from her mother. She likes to run at night. On her first night's she one shoots magic at her that has a black flame. A week later a body of a female is found. Her roommate finally shows up and later she's killed. She learns Chrysie is her cousin and she's a Hollow. They think she killed Chrysie like her mom killed Hollows when she was there. Her family is one of the founding families. The Presidium, the witch police, shows up and they think Rue killed Chrysie. She calls her mother who makes it so she can't answer anymore questions until her Presidium Protector can get there. Her mother tells her she's the heir to Hollow House and it has been sealed since she left the college twenty years ago. Rue goes to see Dr. Hollow and tells him she wants to open Hollow House. If the house opens for her then she's the heir. A really good murder mystery.

Stacey says

The book wasn't bad, but I can't say that it was great either. I will probably try finishing the next in the series.

Diana Blick says

Surprisingly good

This spin off of an earlier series is so much better than the original that it is like night and day. It is of the unsuspecting heir to great power variety but unlike most of the genre, this heir is neither weak nor unprepared. To say more would be a spoiler. I am looking forward to the next entry in the series.

Mel Ann says

Rue thought she was getting one up on her super- villain jackal she-beast of a mom, Autumn. But boy was she wrong. It seems that she has walked into a piece of Hallow Legacy, without a warning.

When Hallows start dropping like flies and she is the main suspect she calls in the best defense she can. Her super- villain jackal she-beast of a mother.

In the blink of an eye Rue is being forced to push her powers to the limits and lucky for her she is gaining a great circle of friends because she is going to need them

Get ready for a cozy mystery filled with Supernatural 101.

Myra Ball says

Fast paced fun mystery with depth

Rue is a witch off to a paranormal college and finds herself targeted my a killer. She has a complicated relationship with her mother and mom has secrets. This book is surprisingly deep especially for a cozy mystery with truths that translates to real life. I have daughters Rue's age and felt it spoke to the complicated relations of mothers and daughters. I have to add that this book is laugh out loud funny and full of snark that makes me want roll my eyes at my own daughters.

Jana Gundy says

A decent start

I enjoyed this book and it was a decent start to what I hope is a great series. The writing was sometimes stilted and choppy with Rue's thoughts scattered, so it was hard to read in places. Rue also repeated a lot of things but overall, a good start.

Louisa Lechner says

Ms Allen's Inept Witches series are all fun, fast reads and this falls right into that category. Do I smell a new series? I definitely hope so.

Charlie Hite says

Wow, a ride of ghostly Proportion's

A magical book that keep me on pi s and needles. Rue and her group of friends feel their way around magic as they form a bond. Evil tries to take over but the end will surprise ypu