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If her soul is bound by an evil spell,
Call back her spirit with a ringing bell.
Salt in her left hand, gold in her right
Will cast out the dark and restore her soul's light.

The Halliwells are on vacation. It's time to party in New Orleans.

But on Prue, Piper and Phoebe's first night in the Big Easy, Phoebe has a dream filled with images of strange, violent rituals under a full moon.

Soon after, a new friend of Prue's disappears—on the night of the full moon! When the Charmed Ones try to find her, they are drawn into a dark world of voodoo sorcery... a powerful magic like nothing the sisters have ever seen.

Voodoo Moon is the fifth of the Charmed novels.

This novel is set between Season 1 Episode 22 *Deja Vu All Over Again* and Season 2 Episode 1 *Witch Trial*.

Phoebe says it is June. The episode 'Witch Trial' clearly takes place during the Autumnal Equinox. But it mentions 21st century, putting it after 7/2 'They're Everywhere'.

Voodoo Moon Details

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Molly says

this book was great. it was fun to read and if you are into witches and warlocks like i am i think that you will like it a bunnch. its about three sisters who find out they have powers and that they are the charmed ones who are the most powerful witches in the whole entire world. the book describes their adventures to defeat evil. it is immensely interesting and fun.

Megan says

I loved how this book took place somewhere other than San Francisco and thought that the location of New Orleans was a great alternative location. I found the book to be fun, but who the bad person was wasn't a surprise at all and I thought the sisters were pretty slow to figure it out. Still, I would recommend it to fans of Charmed.

Rachel Gunter says

Voodoo Moon has been my favourite Charmed novel so far! I loved the setting of New Orleans, and the voodoo stuff was really interesting. I liked how the history and types of voodoo were included. In the last Charmed book I read, Whispers of the Past, I felt like the sisters weren't true to character, but they were definitely a lot better in this one. Looking forward to continuing with the rest of the series!

Chanzie says

This quick pocketbook read freaked me out... Voodoo + Zombies = Nightmares. Weird I know.. This doesn't normally happen. There was something really intense about this book! I loved the adventure - what can you expect when the Charmed ones take a vacation to New Orleans... trouble and magic! There was 1 twist I expected & 2 I didn't see coming!

Final Thoughts:

I really enjoyed this quick read even though it gave me some nightmares - Bring on the next one!

Noa says

A good one shot type of story, and as much as I try to put the book in the cannon of the overall series, I just couldn't see this book doing that. The story was good within itself. It was disconnected from everything else, not only the setting of New Orleans, but the lore and Voodoo. It happened to be a different experience

altogether, not to say that isn't a bad thing, it was just different. There were even zombies involved in the book.

Anna Chrysostomou says

Loved the series and felt like the books helped fill the void when it was done but I'm afraid the writing isn't that great. Now I have Charmed on DVD so...

These books are good if you've got nothing else to read I guess

Alyssa Oppelt says

I found this and three other books from the series at a thrift store and figured since the TV show is good, the books can't be half bad, right? Pretty much. What I love most is how short and quick it is. I have a hard time reading long books with a toddler in tow, so I'm all for a short and simple book! This was really good for a Charmed book, I guess, but voodoo doesn't really interest me, so the topic wasn't really spectacular or anything. I think the only reason I finished this in a day was only because I would start a chapter, get halfway through after a few minutes and peek through to see I'd only have a few more turns of a page til the next chapter, so I felt encouraged to keep reading a chapter since they felt so short. I'll definitely be reading the rest of the books I bought. :)

Rosario Villamor says

I've always loved Charmed since I was just a kid, so reading this was second nature for me. The novel was set in New Orleans, since the place IS known for its voodoo and other magical what-not. Nothing much can be said about this novel except that it was your typical fun adventure for three Halliwell sisters (Prue, Piper, and Phoebe). I probably liked the part where the whole story did a turnabout with its characters. You might think at first that the other characters were good, but then at the climax of the story, you realize the 'good' ones were really the VERY BAD guys.

Werner says

The long-running TV series *Charmed* was (and is --it's still in syndication, and she has all or most seasons on DVD) among my wife's top favorite TV shows, and I'm a fan myself (though not an uncritical one). I was looking for a short, quick-paced read that could entertain while filling in time as I waited to start a common read, and that's exactly what this book delivered. At 181 pages, many readers could consume it in one or two long sittings, and the brisk style invites that.

The primary audience for this and similar spin-off books is people who already like the series. But if you're not familiar with the latter, it could also serve as a good introduction. Staub imparts basic, barebones information about the premise early on in a quick, naturally-fitted sentence or two. The characterizations of the Charmed Ones are true to the series, and the sisterly camaraderie and wry humor that flavors the latter is here too. (This particular adventure spins off the earlier seasons, when the oldest sister Prue is still alive.) But

for variety, this tale takes them away from their hometown of San Francisco to a well-realized southern Louisiana setting. (In the series, all of the sisters were known to cuss a bit at times, and none of them were 100% celibate before marriage; but there's no bad language or sex at all here --a point in the book's favor, IMO.) They may be a bit uncharacteristically slow on the uptake, though --I figured out some aspects of the mystery before they did, though the author also managed to throw me a curveball or two in the big reveal.

Staub is a well-credentialed, prolific commercial author and ghost writer of mostly genre fiction. Her success isn't a fluke; this book isn't deep metaphysical fiction that uses the supernatural as a springboard for serious theological or philosophical reflection, but it's solid, entertaining pulp supernatural adventure (like the series), with a workmanlike style and a trio of likable heroines who care about others, are committed to good as best they understand it, and are willing to take on well-defined evil head-to-head. While the author is a New Yorker, I'd say her descriptions of southern Louisiana are those of someone who's actually been there (and I base that on having been there myself, though not in New Orleans itself). I could also tell that she actually researched herbal and voodoo lore, so as to know what she was talking about in these areas (one doesn't, for instance, casually toss off reference to the use of John the Conqueror root in occult potions without having actually read about it --the average person has never heard of it). She also provides a very good literary treatment of the *traditional* zombie concept, which is more my cup of tea than the contemporary "zombie apocalypse" mutation.

Barb owns a couple more *Charmed* spin-off novels, which are also on my to-read list. They'll never rank as landmark genre classics; but I enjoyed this one, and look forward to reading the others someday.

Chelsea Gouin says

The Charmed Ones head for an exciting adventure in the Bayou! I think this book would only appeal to fans of the show. If you are not familiar with the show, then it is awfully weak in characterization. I do love Charmed and enjoyed reading this book. They are nice to read as in-between books. The plot was interesting and creepy as it explored the Cajun culture and the creepy aspects of Voodoo. I just wish that they had gotten to the "good stuff" sooner and drew it out more. It seemed the last 20 pages was when every thing happened and then came to an abrupt halt. Over all, it was a good book though nothing to really rave about. A book for the fans.

Maud says

I really enjoyed this Charmed volume, it was exciting and new and a real nice read. It's fun to read about the three sisters while they are not in their home town. After all the charmed episodes I have seen their neighborhood is well known to me so it was fun to read about them being in New Orleans. The story further is very enjoyable, Voodoo is an interesting subject to read about and although the plot might have been a bit of a cliché it was still fun and interesting to read. A great novel from this series!

Rose Heartfilia says

I was wondering if the sister that is alone on the cover is always the target. mostly one of the sisters is more in front. Voodoo Moon is one of the first in the exception. Besides it is just a theory that I just started

although I thought about it in Whispers from the past. Where it was Phoebe. Since the picture on Voodoo Moon doesn't show the connection between Phoebe and Prue, Phoebe again is alone. And surprise surprise target or the one that has the problem.

A new theory and enough time this year to figure it out. Plan to read them all!

What was new about this book for me, was that the first time I read it, which was when it was first published here so around 2008/2009.. I didn't understand much about New Orleans. However in the years of my reading time I have seen The Princess and the Frog which already explains something and I read another series that is situated in New Orleans. Now I finally understood a bit more about the words and dishes that they mentioned. Interesting to see myself develop this way.

Amanda says

I love the Charmed TV series and read this because I love the show so much. I found that while I liked the book, the show is definitely better for the magical aspects, pacing etc. This might be biased as I loved the show so much but I thought that it was a good read but I would pick the show over these spin off books any day.

Christy says

Voodoo Moon is the fifth book in the Charmed series. I read this when I was in high school, but I don't remember it at all. It has been between nine and eleven years depending which grade I was in. Wendy Corsi Staub did a great job at writing this book. I loved it from beginning to end, which I wasn't sure I would half way through it.

The sisters go to New Orleans in this book on vacation. There are some problems right away for one Prue almost misses the flight due to traffic. Once the sisters got to The Big Easy they are faced with a big problem, bigger than almost missing the flight. There are no evidence of the reservations that Phoebe made and a baseball card convention is going on so they are stranded.

They are ready to get a flight back home when Gabrielle Toussaient, the woman that made a big scene at the airport in San Fran helps them out. I would not have taken the help though because it did not lead to good things for the sisters.

Gabrielle feels bad for how she reacted so she gives Prue, Piper and Phoebe the directions to a friend's B&B. They accept and start on their way. The place is in the Bayou out in the swamp like sticks. The morning after they hit the town, after they get there, Phoebe who slept in has a vision. The vacation was supposed to be magic free, that's about to change.

Phoebe had a nightmare that somebody attacked her with shears. She woke up after hearing drums the night

before finding her hair not fitting behind her ear. She believes that somebody has cut her hair while she was sleeping and the nightmare was true.

The sister have more than missing hair problems after that however. Gabrielle's sister disappears, Phoebe is getting sick, a snake about attacks, alligators swarm Piper when she goes walking one night. Oh and here is a big one; Phoebe is turned into a zombie, yep a zombie. Boy is this a great vacation for the Charmed Ones.

It is hard to know who to trust there and I was on the boarder a few times, but Randy and Yvonne were the good ones. I had hopped that Randy was, he was good looking after all. I've noticed sometimes the hotter they are the badder they are. Gabrielle and Andre were working together and there was a shocker with Andre. I'll let you read to find out what it is.

It is up to Randy & Yvonne to save Phoebe and Helene from staying zombies. Then the power of three comes into play. Gabrielle was using a Petro Loa to sacrifice Helena and the girls. It back fired on her though.

All in all it ends great and Piper gets to meet Remy, the chef she'd come to New Orleans wanting to see thanks to Yvonne. Five stars and a trip to my favorites list.

Jonathan Currinn says

Another Charmed book read, but was it all that it was cracked up to be? Clearly not by my rating.

This wasn't a typical Charmed story, this failed to draw in the reader. I have been a long-time fan of Charmed and I have been going over my Charmed box sets recently and have just finished Series 4, but this failed to capture the Charmed essence which featured in the previous books.

The story was thick, full of surprises and it would have gotten a high rating from me however the writing style definitely let it down.

The characters failed to be the people we know and love. Phoebe was not too far off but some of the things she said just wasn't her at all. As for Piper and Prue, they were so far from themselves it was unbelievable. Yes I get that Prue and Piper are into Museums and cookery respectfully but they aren't obsessed with it and thinking about it every second of the day as the book suggested.

As for the setting, we were taken to Louisiana, New Orleans. A whole new place that should've been full of description so we can imagine being there ourselves, yet many things were left out, so I had to make a few things up as I continued to read.

But as the story thickened, I got more and more interested and I really thought I might be pushing my rating up, but as soon as a zombie came in, that was it, my rating rolled down again, and the story just got a little too far-fetched to an extent.

