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Join Olivia Carter one last time in the final installment of the Witch's Bite series

Loyalties tested. Prophecies fulfilled. And magic's final price.

After being kidnapped, shot at, blown up, and barely escaping a collapsing building...I'm done following orders; and the threats don't scare me anymore.

My trust in Reilly has grown since the attack on the Summit and meeting his clan. But when he suggests the unthinkable, I realize I must find my own way to kill this God.

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Jason Swann says

Sad to see it end

I read all four books in two days. Fabulous storyline new and exciting thoughts on the myth magic genre and i thoroughly enjoyed it. If you want something with a twist on it. Something that keeps you moving on but not at that pace that hurts your head....this is the series for you.

Trey richardson says

Almost a 5 star

My only grips are the lack of variability in the magic system and literally the last page. The MC's foe has absorbed countless powers and no new or cool abilities are shown from him. And the MC character is one of the few female characters that doesn't give into the overbearing selfish guy untile the last page or two. I wish it would have ended before those last pages.

Breann says

Hoping for more

Actual rating: 2.5 stars

You are probably wondering why someone writes a review for a "meh" book. Why not just keep walking? Well, when I see potential I'm arrogant enough to hope that the author reads this and uses it, either by printing it out to throw darts at or as motivation. I've always been self-assured like that. The great part (for me) is that if they don't, I'll probably never know. Internet anonymity is super fun, right?

Back to the task at hand. NOTE: Spoilers, sarcasm, and curse words replaced with characters in order to appease the powers that be to follow.

I'd like to think I know what I'm getting into with the Urban Fantasy genre. I'm no pro, but I have some expectations (good or bad, who the h*** knows). This story had good bones, but was lacking the connective tissue to really get it done. By the end, I found that I was just frustrated more than anything else. Those 2.5 stars are mostly for concept, some pacing, and kindness (man that makes me sound like a d**k).

If you aren't interested in the "why" of my statements, stop reading now. It doesn't get any easier to digest below this line. To the author: I'd recommend grabbing a glass of wine before we get started. I'd probably steer clear of tequila, not like ya girl, Olivia, but you do you. I, personally, don't allow myself to drink tequila in the continental United States because I'd like to keep my options for the presidency open and I've proven that to be iffy in the past so...moving on. Wine it is.

- 1. What is up with your character names, friend? I didn't notice it until the last book (which makes sense be most are introduced then) but you have the following similarities:
- -Adrian and Ian (you actually confused these two in one spot)
- -Elisa and Eliza (it's weird when you can't tell if a father is comforting his daughter or a random werewolf)
- -And unless I had too many of the above recommended beverages, you had two characters named Gerard. Listen, I like Gerard Butler as much as the next red-blooded human, but your homage to him was a bit much. (This is a joke people; the two characters could never compare to GB.)
- 2. The stories are short. I'm talking SHORT, all caps, no room for misinterpretation. This review is probably longer than one or two of the books in this series. These are novellas at best. I typically like my urban fantasy somewhere between GoT and 60,000 words. Best practice IMO: double or triple your word count. If these hadn't been in Kindle Unlimited, I would have felt shafted and not in a good way.
- 3. The end sucked. Sorry, but I can't find a more diplomatic way to put that. You neutered it. The god was one of your coolest angles and he was defeated without any real conflict. Bummer.
- 4. The romance. I actually liked the Martinez stuff and the twist to villain early on with stalker-ish bits throughout. I was happy to see the introduction of Reilly, although I kinda think his name doesn't suit him. What I wasn't thrilled about was the development of their relationship. You compressed your story so much that you didn't explore this push and pull of hating each other but finding an attraction at the same time. This was a missed opportunity that could have added another dimension.
- 5. Editing. I get it. You are indie and editing is expensive. You make that note (the same one literally) in all four books, but just get some good betas. I caught lots of things as a casual reader that wasn't even trying.

Phew! It was touch and go for a bit, but we survived. We made it through that dark cave of review together.

I should have just kept walking, right? Maybe I haven't had enough coffee or sunshine yet. Sometimes I can't help myself.

Anna Maudsley says

Enjoyed this series, the story was actually really good - I think it could have just been one book instead of four to be honest but that didn't stop me reading all the books. Really liked the characters and the chemistry between Reilly & Olivia was believable. I would just like to suggest the author expands on some if her adjectives- biting inside her cheek, panting, biting out retorts and dimpled smiles all got a bit too repetitive after a while. Would definitely recommend for any fan of True Blood though (which I am).

Abigail Yager says

Wonderful story

Love the well rounded characters, that the relationships of them to each other weren't forced and felt natural.

Very interesting story and kept me turning page after page, read the whole series through my unlimited membership and binged it within 2 days. I couldn't stop. Loved it, and can't wait to see what the author comes up with next.

Adriane says

The final book in the series, its so good, a great climax to the series and enough follow up that you arent left hanging at the end which is really nice. Overall I love this authors writing style, amd am looking forward to reading her next series soon. Well once I can get my reading list whiddled down a bit.

Krystyna says

The end of an era

Wonderful. Glad that the series didn't go on for too long as most writers loose the freshness and can put you off a series even if you loved the first few books. The book needs to be found so that the Bound God can be destroyed. That is the solution that everyone has come too. However even though they are actively looking, they still have to deal with the threats that are here. Like the abductions of the werewolves. Attacks, bloodshed and possible allies are awaiting them. But Caesar is working towards bringing his own plans for vampire domination into force. Will they find any allies that will help and guide them to finding a way to stop him? What price will be paid? Betrayals, strange powers and unexpected allies come forth? Where will the final battle take place? Who will be the Victor and at what price.

Rayne says

This was definitely better than the last book. Olivia is back as her strong, wise cracking self and this makes her more bearable. The action is on point and just enough balance between descriptions and storyline that we don't get bogged down. We learn a bit more about Reilly's past and Zachary's hang ups. Overall, answers are given and the series wraps up with some necessary sacrifices.

ReadingKnitter says

Such a good ending to a fabulous series

I read this series over the last 3 days. I literally couldn't stop reading except to briefly sleep and eat. In my review of the first book in the series I said that I hoped the series would round out the supporting characters and I was so glad I my wishes were fulfilled.

By the end of the series I felt like we knew Olivia extremely well and that characters like Elise and Zachery were becoming old friends. Each character in this series had a valuable part to play to the plot and character development of the lead protagonist.

In this last book of the series we see Olivia, our friendly neighbourhood half witch/half vampire take on the so called 'Bound God'. She does not do it alone and needs all her friends and allies from the rest of the series. She finds help in unexpected places as well as being let down by others.

I love how this book ends. I won't go into the plot but it was tidy and interesting and very satisfying.

I can't wait to see what this writer comes up with in her next series.

Elizabeth Choi says

Amazing

This poor woman has been through it all. But the epic battle and looking a great friend took me into a tale spin! But as all great books end,love finally triumphs and all is right with the world!

Sondra Massey says

HEA...

A good, fun read! There are definitely heart breaks in the book, but there's a HEA (happily ever after) of a sorts at the end. A bit more character development happens here too. The build up and resolution seems a little rushed, but not distracting. Love reading her books!

Persnickety says

A worthy grand finale.

Kindle Unlimited - Thank you!

The most exciting book of the series. Foxe pulls everything together. Even though series events were fairly predictable, she manages to keep the journey interesting and surprising and lots of fun to read.

(Nitpicking spoilers) The closest thing I can come up with as a negative is that Olivia goes back to "healing" for Javier but we don't get to know how she picked that back up. I'd kind of hoped Ian's healer would have volunteered. Actually, you'd think Staci would have been the first of many. However, since she wasn't drained to the point of death, shouldn't her magics have recovered over time?

Warning! Shameless proselytizing to follow... If you're looking for something to read next, I'd like to suggest two under promoted (imo) series: "The Chronicles of Icthema" and "Legends of Fyrsta". And maybe even "Red Rowan"?

josie says

So much happened!

I was worried with all that needed to occur in this book that it would end up feeling rushed and that the ending would leave me with a bad taste. I'm so happy to say that that was not the case. And shockingly more occurred than I initially expected! This was a great series with a perfect happy ending.

Elizabeth Wilbur says

A thrilling read...

One of the most satisfying paranormal reads I've read in a long time. I loved the series and wish it wasn't the last book in this one. It was funny, exciting and kept me up all night binge reading the entire series. I can't wait for more books by Stephanie Foxe!

Pam Collins says

Spectacular Series!

This series abounds with action, adventure, great characters, and a roller coaster of evocative emotions. It takes the imagination on the journey of the amazing evolution of the lead character, and her companions. There are despicable villains to hate and wish their downfall. As well as heroic witches, vampires, werewolves, and goblins to cheer on as they endeavor to defeat the dark forces.

This is a spectacular urban fantasy that will thoroughly captivate and entertain until the last page of the art book.