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Zoe + **the Demon Slayer** Neel Kay Zoe loved the fictitious world of Worrock. But she never expected to actually end up there.

Twenty-four year old book worm and blogger
Zoe Graves was looking forward to the fourth
and final instalment of her favourite book
saga - The Augustin Chronicles. The evening was
meant to be spent in line at the local bookstore
with other fangirls and boys, maybe even meeting
the author, and ultimately spending the night
with the dreamiest hero of them all, Lucien de Forest, and the love of his life, Noomi Augustin.

But somewhere someone thought otherwise.

Confused and hurt after at mugging by the bookstore, Zoe is somehow pulled into another world. She suddenly finds herself in a snow-covered landscape, witnessing a bloody fight far away from the English summer.

Left to rely on the help from the rather reluctant Matis who is out to kill Zoe's all-time favourite fictional couple, Zoe figures that her role in the story is to prevent him from succeeding.

Zoe + the Demon Slayer Details

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From Reader Review Zoe + the Demon Slayer for online ebook

Yvonne (The Shadow Realm) says

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After taking part in the book blitz for this book and reading some excerpts, I became really intrigued and was dying to read it. I am glad to say that I found myself really enjoying this imaginative fantasy tale. I always have a bit of admiration for authors that tackle the fantasy genre. The imagination needed for these types of books is astounding, and Ms Kay certainly did the genre justice. She has created a fascinating and captivating story that left me wanting more. I really enjoyed the characters. Zoe was a great protagonist and I loved following her on her journey through this new world.

While I did really enjoy the book, I had one or two issues with it. Firstly, there were numerous grammar errors. It needed another round of edits I felt. Just before I began writing my review however, I saw that the author had noticed this and so published a new updated version, so I am happy about this. Another problem I had was that, while the book was never dull, I felt that there was too much crammed into it. I think the story would have been better if it was fleshed out a bit more and maybe took up two books. Everything felt a little too fast-paced. Some scenes could have been dragged out a bit more, and I really would have preferred if the relationship between Zoe and Matis was more fleshed out and took longer to develop. It was too rushed for my liking.

Having said all that though, I liked this book immensely and was completely engaged in the story. I'd recommend it to all fantasy lovers.

James says

A humorous and unique tale!

This book I picked up for two reasons. The first was that it was cheap while the second was that it actually sounded kind of interesting. I was right about it being an interesting but unfortunately I found there was also a reason why it was so cheap. The book could definitely benefit from a thorough edit to fix some of the grammar and awkward sentences but for me this story was more of a let down in terms of content. I loved the idea of a story – main character gets sucked into a fictional world she has been reading about and discovers its nothing like she expected – but unfortunately everything seemed to either move too quickly or with not enough detail or direction with regard to the overall plot. Zoe was an excellent main character – funny, brave, charming and just a bit naïve. Matis was also a great character even though the book really didn't showcase a lot about him other than he was brave, honourable, had a temper and was Zoe's love interest. Their relationship sort of jumped from stage to stage without a lot of development in between – much like the rest of the book. They seemed to go from mistrustful of each other, to suddenly having this shared past and liking each other, and finally to lovers without really pausing to get to know each other along the way. I guess this explains why they were both so unsure around each other towards the end of the story when Zoe's unexpected surprise was revealed. I would have liked to see them slow down a bit and have some relationship/character development in there somewhere.

Aside from my problems with the main character's development and the rushed/jumpy nature of the story this book was actually a pretty entertaining read. I laughed a lot and enjoyed the random thoughts that Zoe would often blurt out. The fantasy side of things was mostly the standard things you've seen before: demons, travel between worlds, magic, monsters...etc. but was still enjoyable and was just that little bit different from anything else I'd seen before. I'd recommend reading this if you're looking for an okay standalone new adult fantasy story but aren't too picky. It's worth a read and is a good diamond in the rough kind of story.

Duke Rivers says

it was a good book reminded me of Buffy the vampire slayer though