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*Take this soul, who seeks revenge*

*Bind him from his cruel intent*

*With this spark, consign his soul*

*To the haze of his own hell*

As Piper and Leo contemplate parenthood, and Phoebe and Cole enjoy their engagement, Paige is feeling more of a push to find a significant other. In a moment of whimsy, she signs up for an online dating service. Needless to say, she soon finds herself flooded with eager responses. Almost every night she embarks on a new date that seems to lead nowhere -- despite the fact that Paige has a perfectly good time when she's out.

Or does she? Before long the sisters discover that Paige spends her "dates" in a catatonic trance -- she hasn't actually gone anywhere! Soon afterward her suitors are discovered to have committed evil acts. Paige is acting as a conduit for dark powers -- and soon she is projecting her energies onto her sisters. Will Piper and Phoebe be able to save her using only the Power of Two?

## Date with Death Details

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## From Reader Review Date with Death for online ebook

### Werner says

Note, Sept. 30, 2016 --I've just edited this review to correct a misspelled word.

This particular *Charmed* spin-off novel has a lot in common with the two I read earlier this year, and would probably appeal to the same readers. Unlike the authors of the other two, Elizabeth Lenhard gets no personal description at the end of this novel; but one can infer that she's probably, like them, a professional writer who takes on spin-off novels on contract. Again, this is competently-written, light supernatural adventure (there are three grisly deaths in the background, but they aren't directly described), with minimal bad language and no sex, which reproduces, in print form, much of the ambiance of the series itself. (The sisterly camaraderie which is a strong point there is so here as well.) This one takes place around mid-point in the series' story arc: the oldest sister Pru has been killed in action, replaced by youngest half-sister Paige; Phoebe is engaged to the now-human Cole (okay, series fans know how *that* ultimately turned out! :-), and Leo and Piper are talking about conceiving a child, but haven't yet. Leo plays a rather larger role in this novel than he does in *Beware What You Wish*, but the solution to the "monster of the week" jeopardy here is achieved by the sisters' own efforts.

Lenhard writes with a brisk narrative pace and a leavening of wry humor. The background story of the martyrdom of St. Catherine here is drawn from actual Christian lore (though the story itself may be only a legend), and the persecuting emperor Maxentius was an actual person. His subsequent transformation to demon status, however, is the author's invention, as is any demonic connection with Luperclis. (The latter, though, is an actual Roman holiday falling around Valentine's Day, and the name is thought to have a lupine connection.) A problem that could be raised with Lenhard's plotting is that the method of time travel used here does not stand examination very well, and the discovery of the St. Catherine connection seems too convenient. More importantly, the demon's program of mayhem starts strong but then fizzles; for much of the tale, he seems to be just marking time and not mounting as aggressive a threat to anybody as he could. But the affinity of an incorporeal demon for a cyberspace environment is an interesting touch, and the use of an Internet dating service as the backdrop for nefarious supernatural menace is an effective metaphor for the very real fears that real-life singles like Paige often actually have in that kind of setting. Indeed, Lenhard, while not an ultra-deep writer, uses her tale to make wholesome points about relationships that the readers absorb painlessly with the story.

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### Tania says

The story was okay but the author didn't seem to get the characters. Also their familiar's name was Kit not Sweetie.

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### Megan says

This was a better novelization than the last one I read, but I found the cutesy nicknames Paige used annoying. I also thought it took the Paige way too long to figure out who the demon was, the name was so obvious. The ending was good and wrapped everything up well.

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### **Maud says**

I thought that this book was really enjoyable. I loved all the different types of dates and how Piper, Phoebe and Paige were handling things. One of my favorite Charmed books so far and Paige is getting better and better then she ever was in the tv series.

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### **Samantha Stanton says**

Good

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### **Ellie says**

Throwback Review posted to YouTube as part of Horrified Halloween series-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdTT6...>

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### **Carolien says**

Awful in terms of quality of writing, but fun :)

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### **Suvi says**

Not bad, but not one of the best. The demon and his powers are a bit too weird even for a Charmed story and Phoebe and Cole are also behaving a bit uncharacteristically , but if you can get past that, the plot had some nice twists. Chronologically the book fits after season 4 episode 12 as Phoebe and Cole are engaged, he is mortal and she is happily reading bridal magazines.

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### **Kaydee Weddle says**

Was a veary good book

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### **The Third Place A Teen Library says**

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Fantasy

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## **Tamara Van dishoeck says**

Weer een leuk boek over de zussen die wegleest als een aflevering van de tv-serie charmed. Weer erg genoten van dit boekje.

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## **Yvenalie says**

I think that this book was really cool. The only thing that I didn't like was the fact that Paige was so slow and didn't realize that her boyfriend was a demon. She got her sisters in a lot of danger because of that. But, of course, they are the Charmed Ones and found a way to vanquish the demon and get themselves out of danger. It was quite an adventure and I loved it.

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## **Ceejay says**

I was at my favorite used goods store the other day and I spotted a small collection of novels based on the TV show Charmed. How could I say no to trying a couple? Maybe the "power of three" forced me to buy them. This novel is really a fun read. What I appreciated is that all the loose ends were accounted for in a clever way. This novel features Piper, Phoebe, and Paige, and it shows us what all can go wrong for these witches when Valentine's Day is looming on the horizon. Miss the Charmed show? Then grab this book for an all new rom-com adventure!

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## **Rose Heartfilia says**

Interesting story. One I could not remember. The name of the demon made it a bit too clear to my liking to know who it was but fine some people need that.

Again a few sister mix ups but since it was two times I can forgive them. Three characters with a P in the same room is asking for trouble.

My book cover theory died a bit in this part since it was Paige and not Phoebe. This is the first one that really didn't make sense so on to continue this theory for the other covers.

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