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Zombies... When Abigail Collins heard Nick's theory on their current case, she knew he had to be crazy, but when a zombie shows up in her apartment she has no choice but to believe him.

A renegade necromancer bent on manipulating witches and murdering innocent people runs amok in town and Abby and Nick have to stop them before more bodies pile up.

Further complicating matters two PIB agents step onto the scene, claiming a link between their case and Abby's. To top it all off, blood starved vampires are causing chaos in the city.

It's just another day for PIB Agent Abigail Collins, full of blood, monsters, and explosions.

## Deathly Magic Details

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## From Reader Review Deathly Magic for online ebook

### Donna Foster says

\* Received this book in exchange for a review \*

Deathly Magic is bathed in good Karma.

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### Leigh says

Much better title, same level of greatness as Book 1. ALK may start being an auto buy for me if this series keeps going so well. Here's the breakdown:

Negatives:

- Workaholic. I feel like Abby gets way overwhelmed with too much stuff. It's just TOO MUCH. There are tons of side plots, side characters, plus the main conflict, plus some more side conflicts. I realize I said my negative for the last one was the lull, but this is like negative in the opposite way. I just felt exhausted after reading all the stuff she had to do. It was total chaos!
- Clue resistant heroine. I mean, I hate to say it, but Abby is missing a lot of stuff in this one. I think she needs a nap to get her act together cause I think EVERYONE can guess who the King of the Vampires is... Not hard, at all. I also think EVERYONE could guess who "Witch" was after about 2 seconds. But I get it, she is super tired after all the other stuff she's had to deal with.
- Zombie drop. Weird that the story line with the zombies just kinda drops off. We don't get resolution there and it's just kinda like "we caught the perp, no need to break down an explanation on the plan there". I still have major questions... (view spoiler) Just a lot of unanswered stuff, which is weird cause this was definitely the main MAIN plot.

Positives:

- Character. Love the characters, again. ALK has some good character development in this book and we can see everyone progressing.
- Those side plots. Even though there were ALOT of side plots, I enjoyed every single one! I was interested from start to finish. I actually liked it a lot that there were side plots that didn't necessarily relate back to the main story. It was fun to see all the twists and turns from the main and side plots pan out.
- Knowing the limits. I like that Abby continues to be a bada\*\*, but isn't an egotistical, arrogant, jerk who runs into danger without thinking it through. She doesn't try to prove herself, or make stupid mistakes

thinking she knows best. She is calm, cool, and collected. What a good heroine.

- Romantic notions. Loved Simon in this, but was bummed at the ending. I am not worried... I still see good things coming in the future.

In conclusion: currently getting Book 3!

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### **Donna Fernstrom says**

Better than the first book (which I also enjoyed). A great mystery plot! Lots of action, engaging characters, and plenty left to discover. I'm enjoying this series even more with the second book, and I'm looking forward to the next. I can't wait to find out what the story is behind the cat.

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### **Sarah Leenart says**

I really enjoyed the first of this series and I loved this one, it really got in its stride with the world already set up and characters established. I did feel an aching sense of loneliness for Abby and I would love her to have a bit of happiness. Alas she seems to get none stop action, plenty of blood, guts and gore and never knowing who is friend or foe. Great urban fantasy, highly recommended.

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### **Naomi says**

Original Review @ Naomi's Reading Palace

4.5 Stars

Deathly Magic was another thrilling and action packed read in the Here Witchy Witchy series. I loved seeing Abby again as she took on a whole new case. She now has a partner, Nick, who I met in the first book and she's trying to date Simon, but there never seemed to be a good time and complications continued to rise.

In this particular case, dead bodies are uncovered, bloodlust vampires are on the loose and Abby needs to track down a missing werewolf for Greg. Abby's life was threatened a few times and trouble seemed to follow her everywhere. She took in a new family member, was battered and bruised, and was seriously sleep deprived. But no matter what happened to her, she was able to get up and work on her cases.

It was good to see all the characters I met in the first book again. Detective Mason was always there when a case arose. Oliver still wants to teach Abby and seems to be at the right place at the right time. Levi proved that he will protect Abby and is always worried about her safety. Nick was his pain-in-the-ass self, but good at his job. And Simon... I can see that he cares deeply for Abby, and will do anything for her, but pack life and Abby's work always interferes with what little love life they have.

Deathly Magic was as entertaining as I expected. There was plenty of action to keep me glued to the book

and eager to see what was to happen next. There was constant danger, and even after the case was solved, I was left with a lot of questions. There were a couple of threads left open that left me wondering what's going to happen next for Abby: what her connection to the Vampire world is, what secrets do Levi and Oliver have, and will Abby and Simon find the right time to work on their attraction. I am very keen to continue this series, it's addictive, mysterious and with action galore!

Complimentary copy provided by the Author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Angie Hackett says**

I read this book on the back of the first one and I really liked it. It was enjoyable, engaging and well written. It was a little irritating that Abby kept getting referred to as 'the best there is' but even with that the book was still entertaining. It was as nice and easy a read as the first book in the series, with enough intrigue, and twists and turns to keep me interested. I look forward to the next book as I am interested to read more.

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### **KittyGrimm says**

I received ARC version of Deathly Magic for honest review.

From the very beginning Deathly Magic got me hooked on the story like the first book of Here Witchy Witchy series did to me.

The story follows Abigail Collins who is a witch who works as an agent for PIB. With a new partner they start to investigate a case where dead bodies start to appear. While doing their investigations Abby is once again thrown into life threatening situations, which she has to try to conquer.

I absolutely LOVED this story, it had me laughing at times, and I like it how you can see yourself as Abby. Each of the characters that were introduced were well written and wanted to make me to think that what will happen next.

I can't wait to read the next part of the Here Witchy Witchy series!!

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### **Eating Between says**

Abby is back! If you think things hit the fan last time then buckle your seatbelts! Dead bodies and zombies start running a muck add the local packs issues and you have a recipe for chaos! In true Abby form there are explosions, kick ass magic and lots of spunk from my new favorite witch! I LOVE every minute of this and can not wait for more!

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## **Mia Bishop says**

Loved book 1, book 2 was another great adventure with Abby! A.L. Kessler does a great job of spinning suspense and mystery into the story to keep you guessing all the way through.

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## **Benjamin says**

A good sequel to "No More Black Magic", "Deathly Magic" just didn't grab me like its predecessor did. There were definitely some similarities between the two, but the fact that there didn't seem to be much in the realm of new information into the characters was a bit of a letdown. There were pieces here and there that hinted at bigger things, but none of it was explained in this book. One thing that was also missing was the tying together of all the different storylines, leaving this novel feeling fragmented in places and repetitive in others.

Overall, I'm still interested in what Kessler has to offer in this series, but "Deathly Magic" was merely a step between the first book and the next for me.

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## **Adrienne Testa says**

An amazing story that keeps the pages turning. You just can't help but cheer for Abigail as she struggles and battles through her case of zombies and blood starved vamps. It has a bit of humor, some mystery and a whole bunch of paranormal craziness to keep the story interesting. This series just gets better with each book.

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## **Jana Gundy says**

### **Full on urban fantasy**

Abigail is back and she gets right into trouble with tons of action and mystery. The author does a great job of creating a world and plot that keep you reading. There is very little romance and what is there, isn't very emotional, so this definitely Moore urban fantasy than paranormal romance. The story was great and I look forward to what comes next.

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## **Jessica Poodiack says**

### **More questions than answers, but still a very good read.**

The characters are interesting, the plot is a bit convoluted and slow in coming together. I still enjoyed the book, and hope we learn more about Levi and why Abby is quick to dismiss any questions she has about his vampire family. The pseudo relationship with Simon was pretty boring. Abby needs to be a little less blasé on attempts on her life.

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## Carrie says

Man, Abby has the worst luck ever. These books are just non-stop action filled madness, and I'm completely obsessed.

Even after her vacation, Abby just can't catch a break. Her work, which was already a huge component of her life, is now pretty much 100% of her life. Luckily, it also involves her kinda-sorta-love interest, Simon, so there is a little glimmer of hope in the romance department. That little glimmer is stomped on again and again in this book, as each date get preempted by all sorts of nastiness. There's starved vampires, zombies, lots of mauled corpses, missing werewolves, evil witches, and so many secrets that I don't even know where to begin.

The bigger story (other than the Abby/Simon romance-ish) has to do with the bodies that keep turning up. Not only do the bodies connect to Levi's vampire dealings, but they also appear to connect with Abby's most recent near-death experiences. No - I'm not talking about the ones in the previous book - these are brand new incidents. The sheer amount of destruction that Abby leaves in her wake is staggering. She's like the female version of Harry Dresden.

If you're looking for all your questions to be answered, this book will not make you happy. Sure, we are learning more about the mysterious Uncle, but Levi is still a mystery (that includes farm animals that had me laughing out loud). There are probably a lot of clues thrown in along the way, but we've got all sorts of questions, like who is the boss man? who is the vampire king? where did the cat come from? what is Nick's problem? The list is endless, and I will eagerly gobble up the next book!

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## Annie Slasher (Booked & Loaded) says

This is an original review from Booked & Loaded - all opinions are my own and are not influenced in any way.

Deathly Magic by A.L. Kessler is the second book in her Here Witchy Witchy series. This urban fantasy was a joy to read and only left me jonesing for more.

Deathly Magic is a quick paced Urban Fantasy. The character growth and back-story that is bursting forth with awesomeness, has left me with a yearning for MORE Abigail. I always expect these two things from any Urban Fantasy and I am so pleased that this series is accomplishing both.

I am undecided about Abby's new partner Nick. I still don't like him but I think my feelings pretty much run parallel with Abby on this subject, which makes it very easy. Hell, maybe her **HEALTHY** dose of paranoia matches my own crazy and that is why I enjoy her so much. Or, maybe it is because Nick just really is a creepy creeper and that is why he seems to amp up my spidey sense. I guess I will have to wait and see....

Deathly Magic is full of paranormal aspects, thrilling action and well placed conflict. Pick up this series and dive into your next Urban Fantasy obsession!

