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## **From Reader Review Treasures, Demons, and Other Black Magic for online ebook**

### **Elation says**

this series is addictive. When's the next one coming out?

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### **Archer says**

Loved the third installment in the series, it picked up where it left off in book two. Loved that this was all substance and no smut (not that I wasn't thinking of McGrowly in the naughty way), this was all about the story and what a story it is.

See I get migraines from Chocolate so this series was hard for an ex-chocolate addict seeing all the good chocolate bars that she picked up along the way. And don't even get me started on all the wonderful Cupcakes she made throughout the whole series..

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### **Lucy at Rain and Cupcakes Book Blog says**

Jade is back with her chocolate goodness! And oh boy what a delicious treat is Treasures, Demons, and Other Black Magic. The Dowser has become one of my favorite Urban Fantasy series, if you haven't read it yet, I don't know what you are waiting for, start reading this series today!

->Every time I read this series, I feel like I need to have cupcakes nearby, and chocolate, loads of chocolate...

->Warning! This review contains certain sensitive information, and may be a spoiler if you haven't read book 1&2, please think carefully before you continue reading this review.

Poor Jade, she just can't catch a break. When Jade returns after three months and a half training with the dragons, she only has one thing in mind. Hunt down her sister, otherwise known as psycho Black Witch to the Others. With the help of her green-hair werewolf bestfriend/protector, Kandy, her vampire friend/mentor/or whatever he is to Jade, Kette. And her overactive, possible ADD fledgling Dragon companion, Drake. You would think this mission might be a little easier for Jade, WRONG!

It seems no matter what Jade does, she is always one step behind her evil, psycho foster sister. Even when she has a plan she somehow ends up making more mistakes than she intended.

->I wouldn't say Jade is badass yet, she is still in training after all. But as a half-witch and half-something

else (censor for those who haven't read book 2), Jade is no doubt unique and would be quite powerful in the near future. I love reading about Jade's magic, I think it's neat and refreshing. Badass or not, Jade kick-butts in this book!

->I felt really bad for Jade in this book, it seem all of her friends were quite harsh on her.

Jade made a decision to stay behind the Dragon Nexus, in order to avoid all her love ones ended up dead in Sienna's hands. Her strength and magic were simply not strong enough, and she needed the training to be prepared. It seems some may not understand Jade's absence. Now, what's interesting is Jade actually left the Dragon Nexus early, well she actually sneak out. Does this mean she will be returning to the Nexus and continue her training?

->Jade has a good heart, maybe too good. She needs to become mentally and emotionally stronger in order to survive the magic world. Or just eat loads of chocolate and bake plenty of cupcakes (I think this would work out pretty well too).

Sienna on the other hand, I did not feel bad for her at all. She is after all quite murderous, arrogant, power hungry, full of envy and you know pure evil.

->very happy about how this ended, though I am positive Jade disagreed. But I don't have any complaints.

Compare to the first two books, this book is much darker, there are more dead and more friends will be hurt. Jade will be forced to make decisions in order to save all her love ones, and you know everyone else. I thought the pace of this book was great, how the story unfolded was solid and very well written. Each part in Jade's journey on finding her foster sister were full of actions. The anticipation leading up to the ending battle definitely kept me on edge. This book continues with strong world building, and character developments. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book.

So, there were interesting developments on Jade and Kette...

->Kette is definitely growing on me, I am quite intrigued by Kette. I am interested to learn more about him (yeah, can you tell I am a fan?).

->Anyone else like Drake? He is quite a character, I hope we see more of him in the future.

->Not enough of Desmond in this book!! (sad)

However, when Desmond does appear in the book, I was totally hooked on it. I love the chemistry he has with Jade, and how he trusts Jade and supports her in this book. Jade also confides in Desmond when she was too afraid and guilty to tell the others. I love their connection and relationship. But I am not sure what will happen to them now, and I can't help but to remember the warning Kandy keeps giving Jade. But I am still keeping positive thoughts though (one can only hope).

I wonder what waits for Jade in the next book, I can't wait!

I highly recommend this series to those who enjoy Urban Fantasy genre.

Happy reading!

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### **Laura says**

To me, this is the best in the series so far. What I liked most were the layers of complexity in the characters and the relationships between the characters themselves, so much so that I forgot to be on the lookout for plot holes. I really liked that the relationships between Jade and her friends and allies are just as strong and important to the story as the potential budding relationship between she and Desmond.

Jade's not a bad main character. I like the fact that she's constantly learning and progressing. She's not perfect but she's strong and gaining self confidence without becoming overbearing. I was really glad that Pearl finally made an appearance and had more page time than in the previous books. I really like the developing relationship between she and Jade and Scarlett.

I really do hope that the Sienna storyline is truly over, I thought the way it ended was rewarding and satisfying but emotional as well, and I'm angry at what Desmond did. I think Jade would have done the right thing and needed just a few moments to gather herself and process that it was truly the end before dealing the final blow. Sienna wasn't going anywhere. And it wasn't like he got caught up in the moment either, he stated, quite plainly that it was always going to be him, Sienna had murdered members of his pack. It was completely selfish and revealed a self important dominating aspect to his personality that I didn't like. Yes he did have an argument, but so did everyone else gathered there. Sienna didn't murder his pack members exclusively, all the other groups had suffered and lost someone at her hands as well, and she was Jade's sister and a witch and therefore it was up to the witches and Jade to mete out the final justice. Had he truly believed that it was going to be too hard for Jade and that he was doing what he thought she needed him to do then I would be singing a completely different song right now. But he made that statement of entitlement and so I'm glad Jade walked away. It's going to take quite a conversation and plenty of atonement before I can ever ship the two of them again.

As much as I enjoyed this, there were some things that I didn't like. There were a few times when Jade's friends were somewhat shitty to her and I couldn't get just exactly what it was that they were so mad about and that was annoying. Also, the first half of the book was kind of slow. There were moments here and there that kept it from actually dragging but when compared to the second half of the book I found it lacking. There is an overabundance of food scenes usually involving chocolate and it's really hard to read this without developing a serious craving. And finally, there is a lot of magic in this book and I don't think it's always adequately explained. Still, nothing so serious as to keep me from wanting to read the rest of the series.

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### **Melinda VanLone says**

I am so in love with this series I almost can't stand it. I don't think she can write them fast enough to satisfy my intense craving for the world, the main character Jade, the lore...all of it. This one was so very good. All the good things: epic fights, battles between sisters...which made me cry along with Jade, by the way...watching Jade come into her power, the entire concept of dragons, which should be enough for anyone right there because, dragons! This story has it all, plus cupcakes! And who doesn't love cupcakes? No one, that's who.

This was an adventure that I could NOT put down and left me wanting more more more more more. I'll have to make do with chocolate for now, but...write faster! :-D

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### **Megan says**

AAAHHHh I tore through this one as well! Loved it so much!

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### **Michelle Hofacker says**

I loved this book, it picked up where the second stopped and had me hooked! The connections and emotional development of each character was already so solid and now we get an even closer look into their lives. I love the laugh out loud moments that catch me by surprise and esp. the deep desire and crave for chocolate, lol. This book was a much more emotional and personal journey for all the characters making it my fave of the three.

This is one of my favorite series and I hope that it continues.

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### **So, I Read This Book Today says**

Treasures, Demons, and Other Black Magic - Dowser #3 - Meghan Ciana Doidge

*The envious die not once, but as oft as the envied win applause.* - Baltasar Gracian

*Like hatred, jealousy is forbidden by the laws of life because it is essentially destructive.* - Alexis Carrel

*I hadn't set foot in the human world for more than a few hours in over three and a half months.* So begins the third in the Dowser series by Meghan Ciana Doidge, one of the better Urban Fantasy series I have found. Creativity and depth define the works of Ms. Doidge in all of her stories, but especially in the Dowser series.

If you haven't yet read Cupcakes, Trinkets and Other Deadly Magic, or Trinkets, Treasures and Other Bloody Magic, you can still read Treasures, Demons, and Other Black Magic – but why would you want to read the one without the others? They are, in a word, wonderful. In my review of Cupcakes I said; "Jade is a sweetheart. A nice young half witch, half human (maybe...) with a nasty tempered foster sister, a wild earth witch grandmother, and a cupcake bakery. A very popular cupcake bakery with a reputation for 'magical' tasting cupcakes. She has a quiet life, happy with her baking, her trinket making and her quiet, apparently fulfilling life.

Then, of course, things change. And not in a nice way. Poor Jade. Life will never be the same. Apparently she isn't who she thought she was. But then, who is she?

Since then, Jade's life has become so very much more than it was, and she is so more than she ever expected to become. And not all of it makes her terribly happy. Will she, and her friends, ever be safe again?

We rejoin Jade's story in book three as she reenters our world through a magical portal from the reality of the Dragon Guardians, protectors of the earth and heavens, where she has been training for the last three and a half months. Three and a half months spent preparing to kill her psychotic, blood witch sister, Sienna. It is Jade's intention to find and kill the wicked witch (yea, yea, I know, but I couldn't resist...) all on her own.

Only things don't exactly go according to plan. She is followed from the portal by Drake, a thirteen-year-old fledgling Guardian, alternately cocky and wise beyond his years. A trip to the castle of the sorcerer Blackwell results in terrifying news, and the addition to her little group of Jade's best friend Kandy, a green-haired werewolf, and Kett, or Kett, Executioner of the Conclave of Vampires, who Jade is linked to through a life debt.

Many things happen in this third novel, as the search for Sienna comes to a head. New alliances are made, old friends are lost, new ones gained, and the war may be won, or lost, on whether old alliances can be regained.

Once again, Meghan does a fabulous job of telling a compelling story of love and power, life and death, and the strength and weakness of family. This is a great story, and is high on my list of best loved reads!

Note: I am proofreader for Meghan's works. I received a copy for proofreading from Meghan, and write this review based upon that copy. No matter – this is still one of the best Urban Fantasy series with strong, well-written heroines on the Urban Fantasy scene today. Highly recommended!

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### **J.L. says**

4 Stars

"I sure as hell don't know who I actually am yet-"  
"That's easy. You're Jade. You're cupcakes, trinkets, and deadly magic."

Those two lines basically describe Jade's life up through this book. She is still finding out who she is and what she is capable of. Plus finding out the same one all other adepts.

I like how this story is progressing and I'm going on to book four now.

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### **Heather Faville says**

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Thus begins book 3 of the Dowser Series by the ever talented and always highly chocolatinated, Meghan Ciana Doidge. (Chocolatinated may not be a real word, but I guarantee Ms Doidge is quite often close to being over chocolinated...not that that is a bad thing.) Treasures, Demons and Other Black Magic is quite

different from the previous 2 books, in that it is ACTION PACKED....like practically nonstop action from the moment you start reading. Our cupcake baking, chocolate craving half witch and her friends not only use magic to do battle, but swords, knives, fists You see our heroine, Jade, must find and defeat her foster sister, Sienna, who has taken to practicing black magic, which leads to murder and demon summoning and that's never a good thing.

Jade returns to the human world after 3 months of training with her father and his other, we will call them cohorts, because calling them anything else would be....spoilers. She is again joined with her friends Kandy, a werewolf, the vampire Kett, her mother and grandmother, of course, potential love interest and shape shifter, Desmond and a host of other Adept. We, also, meet 13 year old, Drake who has is own special ability, but again....I can't go into detail without ruining things for you.

With Jade's newfound abilities and the training she has received we enjoy some fun new moments in Jade kicking ass and taking names, but we still learn that, like nearly all people with and without special powers, she still needs her friends to help her out from time to time. And even with this help we start to question if it's enough. Will Jade be able to defeat her sister and the demons she is summoning and how many will die in order for this to happen? These question and more will be answered in the latest Dowser book, Treasures, Demons and Other Black Magic.

This series is a lot of fun to read, oh, and do yourself a favor, have some chocolate on hand, because you're doing to be craving it. Trust me!

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### **Anika says**

Loved it. I thought for a minute there that this could have been a trilogy but its not. Thanks goodness. A lot happened in this book and while I could write everything i might leave something out but this was by far the best yet and gladly there is more to come.

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### **Elizabeth Emily Browne says**

*Yeah, all I had to do was get through a horde of demons, overcome Sienna's defenses and kill my sister. Easy as freaking pie.*

Okay here goes. These books just keep getting better and better. The authors writing skills obviously improve as we go on but I am also getting more and more involved with the characters. I have one book left to read of this series and Kett and Jade aren't together yet, grr. I'm not going to dwell on this all the way through I promise.

I love the characters in this series and we are being introduced to more and more of them all the time. The author is so good at character building that if you really wanted too you feel as though they could step out of the book to greet you.

However. I will be much happier once I have my happy ending...

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## **Gertie says**

It's here, it's here!

Last night I baked cupcakes in honor of the release of book 3. I shared most of them. But not all. :-P

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So, I kind of screwed myself over on this one. I actually finished it quite a while ago (I seriously started reading it right after it was released). Unfortunately I had a lot of other commitments at the time, including some book commitments for clubs etc., so I wasn't able to read this without interruption from other stories. I think this is a large part of why I didn't connect to this book as much as previous ones - stopping and starting makes that difficult.

It's been a while, but I do recall that I enjoyed the ending more than the beginning/middle, feeling more interested and (re)invested by then. Still enjoying this series a lot and will be reading book 4 when it comes out. (With my lesson learned- read it uninterrupted.)

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## **Lauren says**

I have loved these books, I think they're fun, easy to read, and entertaining. That being said this was my least favorite. Nothing happened. A hot guy comes in (again) and barely anything happens (again) and while I love that the female lead isn't a sappy whiney girl like most in novels, she is throwing herself a 2 book long pity party. I hope the next book is better.

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## **Sarah says**

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to author Meghan Ciana Doidge.)

Jade made have found out that she's half-witch, and half something else, but she still hasn't found a way to deal with her crazy half-sister Sienna.

Is Jade's training enough to dead with Sienna? And how many more must die before she is stopped?

This was a good third instalment in this urban fantasy series, and I am still lusting after those cupcakes!

Jade was once again strong in this book. She'd obviously put a lot of time and effort into training in an effort to stop her sister Sienna from destroying the world, even going so far as to \*gasp\* go without chocolate for three and a half months!!

The storyline in this was good, and I liked the action. I liked Jade's new found talents and the way she had learned to use them, and even though we didn't see many of them, the cupcakes sounded delicious!

There was a touch of romance, and one little romantic tryst, there wasn't a lot of it though, and this book

wasn't really about the romance.

The ending was good, and I liked the way we finally saw the end of Sienna! I have a feeling we haven't seen the end of Jade yet though.

Overall; another great instalment in this urban fantasy series,  
7 out of 10.

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