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Brea O'Brien is one unlucky leprechaun. Not only is she born with no magical powers to speak of, everything she touches is a disaster. A social outcast, the only bright spot in her life is her friend; a sprite. Things start to get interesting when she befriends Caith, a local human, only to learn he isn't what he seems. To make matters worse, Trevor, the youngest member of the family Brea is bound to protect with her life shows up. She is told to keep her distance, but when a gypsy foretells of coming danger targeting him, she finds the only way to save him is to tell him.

As a battle looms, the three must come to terms with new revelations about themselves and band together or all of Ireland will be lost.

## Army of Sorrow Details

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## From Reader Review Army of Sorrow for online ebook

### Cody Smith-Candelaria says

Book one of this series gives you everything you need. Gail has great character development which I think is the biggest key to a story. She really makes you care for her characters. Brea is everything you need her to be, spunky and fierce but loyal and loving all while being slightly flawed. She's the driving force behind this book and she's perfection in her role. The other cast is supportive but also has the unique ability to stand on their own. The story progresses nicely with a steady flow that leaves you wanting more. The descriptiveness of this book is splendid and paints a picture that allows the reader to be completely immersed within this fairy tale land. I could barely wait to start the second book as soon as I flipped the last page of this one. You'll love it.

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### Frankie Manion says

Excellent novel. Please tell me there is a sequel....!

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### booknerd\_dork says

Really Cool, Another book by Gail Wagner and this is as Awesome as others. Love it! My mind and soul was stuck on the story when I wasn't reading it. It is really, I don't know what to say, lol but it was sweet with action and ugh not getting the right word, but a definitely a good read.

Love all the characters Brea, Orla, Caith, Trevor and loved the part where it was added (that wasn't in older version of the book) about his life before he got there and let me know more of his POV and it was kind of funny when Brea thought him of as arrogant lol, cuz I didn't thought so. But the ending chapter was of sas and the new turn in the story. Can't wait to read the next book in the series.

\*I received the copy in exchange of an honest review.\*

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### Inline Comments

*My parents are going to kill me. She groaned. "What's wrong? Is it hurting you?" Eyes darting to Orla, he looked ready to squish her like a bug.*

Lol, caith is cute :D

*"Why are you so beautiful?" Caith wanted to kick himself as soon as the question left his mouth. Out of the hundreds buzzing around his brain, this is the one that pops out? "I mean, aren't banshees drab and ugly?" He felt he was digging himself deeper into a hole as they all stared at him mutely. He should have just kept his mouth shut. After all, the only experience he had with magical creatures were the few movies he'd seen. Wishing the couch would swallow him whole, he wondered if there was such a thing as carnivorous furniture in this new world he had been thrust in. He shifted uncomfortably at the thought.*  
Lol!!

*"Brea, I think I'll head home. You seem to be enjoying yourself, and I'd hate to interrupt two young people getting to know each other. I'm sure Mr. Bradigan won't mind if you stay a little longer." Her father exchanged a meaningful look with Granddad, who nodded resignedly. Had Trevor missed something? It was easy to see that Brea was not enjoying herself.*

She is so totally enjoying! Lol!

*Trevor inched closer, careful not to step on the miniature Brea, just in case she was real.*

He is cute!

*Like the annoying fact that one ear was slightly higher than the other.*

Lol! She noticed that.

*She hated the fact that she always cried when she got mad.*

I hate that too.

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**jgyweniverel says**

Second chance. Hoping on my four-leaf-clover this Eire lass wins this time!

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**Louise says**

A very enjoyable story. I could feel the characters pain and joy. I recommend this book to everyone.

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**Melissa says**

When I was asked if this was a good book while I was reading it my answer was "meh, it's OK" and that sums up how I felt by the end of the book.

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Great idea for a story! I loved that it was centered around leprechauns, and they had a quest laid out for them that sounded like it could have a lot of interesting side trips for them to take. They were Leprechauns which should have meant a great fantasy story, but then that aspect of the story really didn't jump out a lot and I thought the leprechaun lore and fantasy aspects of them being leprechauns wasn't really used as much as I thought it could have been. It was very much, "oh, you're a leprechaun great, but now stay big sized and never do anything but what normal humans do". I really hope in future installments of this story that is developed more.

The characters are good characters and I would be interested to see how they develop since the author gave them different personalities and abilities.

The story itself was what left me feeling "meh" I think. I kept waiting for a bit more. More character development, more magic, more of some point as to why Brea had no powers. The author focused a lot on

how she really liked this boy, but then she suddenly after not liking boy #2 she talks about how she has the hots for him but without any real development between them. It was just weird.

Overall, it was an interesting story, but didn't overly impress me.

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### **Amanda says**

I liked this book. I hope there is a 2nd one.

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### **Roger says**

Donegal Sidhe: Army of Sorrow is a fast paced historical fantasy. It is based in modern day Ireland told from the point of view of Brea a leprechaun and her friends. She has to protect Ireland from an evil demon Caoranach, which St. Patrick banished according to Irish folklore.

The book has both action and some romance, but remains appropriate for all ages. I enjoyed the fresh fast paced plot. It was a well written book.

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### **Kay says**

Wow, this was awesome....so looking forward to the next. You are a talented author and did a great job with one of my favorite subjects.

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### **Carla says**

An amazing debut novel along the lines of Fablehaven, Twilight, and Harry Potter. Gail Wagner gives us an inside look at the lives of modern day leprechauns through a "young" trian named Brea. Interwoven within the human and faerie world, this creative and unique story is never short on adventure, suspense, or romance. It will leave you impatient for the sequel!

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### **Becky says**

What an amazing read!

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### **Mary says**

Welcome to a world of human and faerie, escape with Brea as she fights to protect her friends and Ireland from banshees and the evil demon Caoranach. Join her on an extraordinary journey, as she learns she is so much stronger and unique than she believes herself to be. A very well written, magical tale, appropriate for any age. I received this book through the Goodreads First Reads Program for free.

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### **Amie Huffman says**

I loved this book. Now I am so very anxious for Book #2 Sea of Despair. Gail has done a rewrite on Army of Sorrow, which is what I read. I am not sure what changes were made or added other than the cover is different and I am very partial to it. I couldn't stand to put it down. Gail did a wonderful job with this story. Loved, loved it. It is fun to read a book by someone you know personally.

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### **Carl Wagner says**

If you want to visit another world, this is the book. The author got me into the minds of the characters, and what interesting characters! Now I've finished the book and am back to this world. But being a human is so boring....Must read the book again!

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### **Patricia Kemp Blackmon says**

#### **Fairies, Leprechauns, Trolls and Banshees. Oh No!**

Brea O'Brien is out walking in the wood to find her sprite friend Orla. When she finally finds Orla she is working to make the flowers and nature more lively and vibrant. You see Orla is of the fairy world, she is a Sprite, Brea is also of the fairy world but she is a leprechaun. Brea is a trian which is the third child to be born to leprechauns when they normally only have two children. As the trian she was meant to have a magical gift far greater than any other Leprechaun. But it has yet to come to surface in her five hundred plus years of her life. As she watches Orla do her magic on the nature around them she hears a strange music. She and Orla go to search out the music when they see a young human man sitting under a tree. Fairies are not suppose to confront humans in any way. When the young man looks up at Brea she can't help but notice how very handsome is. He introduces himself as Caith and apparently he can see Orla which is weird because humans are not suppose to see fairies. As days and months go by Caith and Brea become close friends.

Brea's family name is O'brien and they have been chosen to watch over and guard a human family by the name of Bradigan, they are descended from druids over five hundred years ago. Brea has been friends and played with all the Bradigan children through her long life. Now one of her playmates is an old man and is getting close to the end of his years. His grandson Trevor is coming to stay with him. Mr.B has asked Brea not to approach or get involved with Trevor. He does not want him to know about the fairy world.

Trevor arrives sooner than expected and he finds Brea in his grandfather's house. His grandfather rushes her to leave without even introducing Trevor to the beautiful young woman. He is determined to find out who this young young woman was because his grandfather wasn't offering any information. Trevor's grandfather tells him he will be needing to attend a fair in his stead, as a judge.

The fair was any day now and Brea told her parents that she was concerned for Trevor's safety at the fairgrounds and that someone in their family should watch over him while he attended the fair. This was actually just a scheme so Brea could go to the fair with Caith. Her parents told her to guard Trevor at the fair to make sure he stayed out of harms way. Her plan worked and she would be going to the fair with Caith. When the day finally arrived she and Caith along with Orla were making their way through the crowd when got a weird feeling that Trevor was in danger. She ran to where he was standing knocking both of them to the ground. As they recovered their fall an old gypsy woman that had been talking to Trevor continued to warn him about some pending danger.

This is where the adventure begins. The old gypsy woman was really not a threat to any of them in fact she was there to warn them that the fairy world was in danger. Apparently the banshees wanted to destroy the fairy world and Trevor's family and Brea's family were the only ones that could stop the destruction. But how could Brea help when it was very clear she was not magically gifted.

Even though the book started out a little slow and sedate for me I felt it was necessary in order to get acquainted with the main characters, their species and their purpose in Ireland's folklore. Is it really folklore?

There are rules set up for all of the fairy world, sprites, leprechauns, trolls and banshees. I have heard of the banshees but not the true definition.

As stated in an excerpt from this book banshees are the souls of women who were murdered. "Murder is such a violent end to life. The soul is trapped in those final moments of terror and anger. For eternity. Imagine never being able to do anything else and the pain, the sorrow that would cause."

The author did an amazing job at keeping my attention throughout the story. It was a constant puzzle trying to figure out who was good and who was out to harm the fairy world. There are mysteries to solve, languages and dialects to translate and learn, spells to learn, and most of all the quest and the danger therein.

I was very impressed that this was the author's first book. I surely hope she write another. The character she created for this story were intriguing, romantic and charming. Although some were downright scary and disgusting.

I highly recommend this book for young adult/adults.

I rated this book a 5 out of 5.

Disclosure:

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