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Psychic medium Alexandra King is sick of being pestered by her boss's dead mother demanding help to reunite her two estranged sons. Determined to get some peace and quiet again, Alexandra follows a lead in finding the younger Collins brother to Charleston, South Carolina, where she immediately meets the hottest man she's ever laid eyes on and finds herself a willing participant in seduction. Of course, her one-night-stand turns out to be none other than Dylan Collins — her boss's younger brother and a homicide detective who believes psychics are a complete waste of time.

All Dylan wants is a few hours of pleasure to take his mind off of the case haunting him. A serial killer is stalking the streets of The Holy City — a killer who calls himself The Grim Reaper. When the woman he'd just spent the night with turns up and offers her services as a psychic consultant on the case, his ardor quickly cools. Last thing he needs is to get tangled up with a con artist.

It doesn't take long for Dylan to realize Alexandra is the real deal - and the killer's next target. Dylan's protective instincts battle his reluctance to get too involved with a woman he isn't sure he can trust. As they get closer to finding the killer, they also grow closer to one another, but will Alexandra's secret agenda destroy their chance at happiness — if the killer doesn't strike first?

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Cheryl M-M says

This turned out to be quite a surprise.

It is a very well-written paranormal romance, the sequel to On the Scent with plenty of sub-plots for further books.

It flowed really smoothly plotwise with just the right amount of steamy bedroom scenes with the paranormal storyline jogging seamlessly alongside. Often authors find it difficult to balance the two genres in one story but this was just right.

The main character Alexandra has been tasked with finding her employers brother so the two of them can reconcile. The person who has sent her on this mission just happens to be dead. Whilst out searching for him she stumbles into the midst of a police investigation and unfortunately the killer takes a shine to her.

So what we have here are the ingredients for a normal para romance and yes it has all been done before, but this just ticked all the boxes for me. It was entertaining without being cheesy, it was romantic without being x-rated or soppy and there was enough action to sustain an interest in the crime angle.

I received a copy of this book via Netgalley.

Sarah says

3.5 stars

We first met Alexandra when she helped Zach come to terms with his psychic abilities in the first book, since then she has started working for Zach at his private detective agency and has become very good friend's with Hannah. Alexandra has always been able to talk to ghosts but she currently being haunted by Zach's mother who is desperate to find a way to reunite her sons. Zach and Dylan haven't spoken to each other for years, Dylan believes his older brother abandoned him and has refused Zach's attempts to reconnect. The only way Alexandra is going to be able to stop their mother from following her around all day is to find a way of getting the two of them to talk to each other but Dylan is stubborn so it won't be easy.

As it turns out Dylan is in need of Alexandra's help for more than one reason, he is a detective currently on the hunt for a serial killer but the murderer is very good at covering his tracks and it could be that Alexandra's abilities are the only way they'll be able to catch him. Dylan doesn't believe in psychics though so he is very reluctant to accept Alexandra's help and he pushes against it for all he's worth. Unfortunately Alexandra catches the eye of the killer and it looks like she's going to be the next victim, unless Dylan can get past his prejudice and learn to work alongside her to stop him before it's too late.

Something Wicked is the second book in **Angela Campbell's** psychic detectives series and I enjoyed it just as much as the first. While it was the pets that stole the show in the first book (watch out for a guest appearance from Abbott the cat here - he's just as snarky and amusing as usual!) this time around the quirky humour is added by the ghosts that surround Charleston. Alexandra is like a ghost magnet and they are all drawn to her because of her abilities which leads to some amusing situations. I liked both characters, Alexandra is confident about who she is and is proud of her abilities. I loved the fact that she doesn't care if people believe her or not - she just gets out there and does her thing and passes on the information to the police. Dylan is stubborn and doesn't want to believe her but it doesn't take her long to prove herself to him. They have great chemistry and make a really cute couple.

The books in this series are all quick, fun reads that are full of humour and a nice amount of romance versus action and I'm looking forward to reading the third book **Spirited Away**.

Lynn says

ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC

This is the second book in the series and it was every bit as good as the first one. It has everything in it that I require in a good book, strong characters, a good romance and a great mystery. The paranormal aspect is just an amazing plus. Now I'm on to book 3. I sure hope these keep coming for a long time.

Pandora says

Great fun with supernatural

Ms. Campbell has a way to make you want to be involved with the supernatural. I liked how she introduced demons into the book. Lots of smiles.

Sharon says

I loved this book. It was very interesting. I read this book in one sitting.

Cheryl says

Wicked good!

Something Wicked was a fantastic book, could hardly put it down, cover to cover! I've already purchased the third book in the series!

Jean says

Another great book

This was a better book than the first one. I agree with other reviews that it would have been great to have a little more of the animals as well as Zach but overall it was worth the money. I am on to the next book. Hope it is as good as this one. I will be adding this series to my read again list.

Mary says

THIS IS OUT TODAY!

Something Wicked caught my eye as soon as I realized it was a paranormal novel based in Charleston, SC. I am so glad that I clicked that “Request” button!

Alexandra King is a psychic medium who visits Charleston to track down the estranged brother of her boss. She soon learns that all of the ghosts in this historic town can quickly overwhelm her defenses and there are strong spirits that want her out of the way.

This was a fun book that was easy to read. Alexandra is a fairly strong heroine and I especially appreciated that she wasn’t a doormat to gain the affection of our hero, Dylan. While he is an alpha male, he doesn’t overdo it with the “she’s mine” mentality that can be frustrating in some PNR.

There are no big surprises here – girl meets boy, they fall into bed together, conflict ensues, etc., etc., etc. But, sometimes it’s okay to be a little predictable. The author kept it interesting with the banter and flirtation between the main characters and the supporting cast (specifically the Charleston ghosts) was also very entertaining. It wasn’t too dark, was steamy but not raunchy and had a good amount of action. Charleston was a great back-drop to the story and it was nice to see restaurants and other locations mentioned that we all know and love.

I would recommend this for anyone looking for a good paranormal romance with a little mystery. 4/5 stars.

Thank you to the publisher for providing an E-ARC through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at <http://smexybooks.com/2013/12/review-...>

Alexandra King, a medium who works for The Psychic Detective agency, is at her wits end. Harassed by her boss’s deceased mother, she finds herself in Charleston, SC trying to find her boss’s brother and convince him to reconcile with her boss per their mother’s request. Using her contacts, she gets herself placed on a case he is working on only to discover he is her one night stand from earlier. Awkward to say the least, Alexandra has to convince the younger Collins that she and her gifts are real before the killer they are hunting adds her to his collection.

Dylan Collins a detective on the Charleston police force and confirmed skeptic, is shocked to find the woman from his dream night is a psychic. Already caught up in a demanding case, he doesn’t have time to mess with a con artist. When he finally realizes she is in fact the real deal, he is dismayed to find she has become the focus of the serial killer he is hunting.

Working together brings Alexandra and Dylan closer and the chemistry heats up as these two do some heavy duty investigation between the sheets. Can Dylan keep Alexandra safe as the killer closes in on them? And

when Alexandra's real reason for being there comes to light, will it destroy whatever chance at happiness they might have?

Something Wicked is the second book in Campbell's Psychic Detective series. Though it picks up where book one leaves off, Campbell interjects pertinent facts from book one into this story in order to allow the reader to dive right in without feeling as though they are missing parts of the story or need to read the first book to understand what is happening. A fast lightweight PNR that offers up some steamy romance intertwined with an interesting mystery. Heavily character driven, we see old friends and meet some new ones who add to the overall appeal of this series.

While I enjoyed Something Wicked, I wasn't blown away by it. The story line, especially the romance, is fairly predictable. I found the actual story far less dark than the premise suggested though Campbell does a good job of setting up the main conflict and developing the villain's storyline. What engaged me more was the characters. Alexandra is a strong intelligent good natured woman who isn't ashamed of her gifts or her sexuality. She doesn't allow Dylan at anytime to make her feel guilty for what she can do and I liked that she was able to engage in a sexual relationship with him without feeling guilty.

Dylan is equally strong and intelligent and even his hard to let go of skepticism didn't distract. His feelings are genuine and I would have been skeptical myself if he had instantly accepted Alexandra's claims. He has a strong alpha streak but doesn't go overboard in his need to protect Alexandra.

Their chemistry is intense; filled with sexuality and humor. They have a delightful banter between them that heightens their appeal. The romance develops slowly in the midst of the main conflict and Campbell allows plenty of time for them to get to know one another and resolve their differences. Both carry a considerable amount of baggage and neither are completely honest with one another in the beginning. I did feel that Alexandra allowed Dylan to get away with too much. She would have a righteous anger going on but the minute he gave off any sexual vibes, she gave in to him and forgot her ire.

A personable cast of secondary characters add depth and humor to the story. I love the story is set in Charleston and a tribute paid to this lovely haunted city. George, the derby hat wearing ghost that haunts the local watering hole, is hilarious in his efforts to engage and interact with our hero and heroine. Various other ghostly entities make their way towards the heroine and help facilitate the storyline and it's ending.

The ending is quite intense as Dylan and Alexandra find themselves caught in the serial killer's web and fighting for their lives and love. Questions are answered and they get plenty of help from some unexpected sources. Everything wraps up nicely and we are left with our couple in a happy place.

All in all, a humorous lightweight PNR with a viable couple and engaging plotlines. Book three, title and release date to be announced, is Spider's (Emma's) story.

RATING: C+

?°•.. Jillie Anne ..•°? says

Read at the beach, enjoyed this book, fun, 2nd book in the series so it was easy to pick up where the other left off.

Laurie Anderson says

Creepier than book 1

Alexandra's and Dylan's story. Much creepier than the first one. Same sense of humor, but Charleston ghosts, demon, and a serial killer..

Annette Dahl "Old Vicarious Reader" says

I absolutely loved this Paranormal Romance. It had everything I love to read. Romance, steamy passion, and twists and turns in the suspense. It just hit all of my reading love buttons. It has a hint of humor and a couple of sidekicks, and I also learned a new slang phrase, LOL.

The book had a few typos which usually takes a star. And, I usually prefer a HEA not a HFN. But, those things did not take away from this delightful tale. Excellent read.

Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

“By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes”, or so says one of the witches in Macbeth.

Something Wicked is also the darker second book in Angela Campbell’s Psychic Detectives series, after the first book in the series, the light-hearted romp On the Scent, reviewed at Book Lovers Inc.

I picked Something Wicked as my Halloween review because it considerably darker than the first book in the series. While the story still contains a romance, there is much more of a feeling of suspense and absolutely a heart of darkness; psychic medium Alexandra King and Charleston Police Detective Dylan Collins are on the trail of a serial killer calling himself “Grim Reaper”; all the while that Grim Reaper is stalking them.

The story starts as a simple quest. At the end of On the Scent, the late, lamented Rebecca Collins pesters Alexandra King until she agrees to go to Charleston to attempt to reunite her two sons, Zachary and Dylan. Alexandra left Zachary in Atlanta, happily in love with Hannah at the end of the previous story, but unfortunately very much estranged from his younger brother Dylan.

Dylan is a cop in Charleston, and Rebecca is sure that he is in danger, and not just the everyday kind of danger a cop usually faces. In case you missed it, I called Rebecca the “late, lamented”. Rebecca is a ghost, and Alexandra does, indeed, see dead people. This is that kind of story. It is Halloween, after all.

There's “meet cute” and then there's “meet really cute.” Alexandra gets to Charleston, goes to a bar/restaurant recommended by her hotel, has a meal, picks up a gorgeous guy, has a night of really fantastic

sex, and never gets the guy's name.

The next morning, her visions show her that there's a serial killer in town, and that the cop leading the case is both her one night stand and the guy she came to find. Only then does she discover that Dylan Collins hates psychics. Dylan does not want her on the case. His boss does. The police need all the help they can get, even from a psychic.

Something Wicked should have been the same kind of lighthearted romp that the first book was, but it isn't. Not just because the serial killer is not merely a sick bastard, but he's chasing Alexandra and Dylan while they're chasing him. It goes further than that. Alexandra has a sympathetic relationship with ghosts, she helps them "cross over" to the other side. Something evil is messing with the ghosts of Charleston, and is making living people get sick, too. A demon gives Dylan's partner pneumonia. Charleston has LOTS of ghosts (think Civil War) and the demon is suborning those ghosts and getting them to attack the living. It's very creepy.

So we have a live serial killer, killing people, and a dead serial killer messing with ghosts doing even more evil. Kind of a double-creepy effect. This shouldn't work but it very much does.

Because Alexandra talks with ghosts, she can be affected from both planes, so both the serial killer and the demon are out to get her.

It all starts because one mother wanted to make sure her sons reconciled. If Zachary and Dylan work together, maybe they can manage to save both Rebecca and Alexandra.

Escape Rating Boo+: Something Wicked is a wickedly fun read for Halloween, although it will help you enjoy the story if you read On the Scent first to get introduced to Alexandra and the other Collins brother, Zachary. The scene late in the book where Zach figures out where Alexandra is will be way more fun (and loads funnier!) if you know their history.

Dylan and Alexandra have a lot to work through. They start out not being honest with each other, at least partially because they start out not sharing much except hot sex. No introductions were made. It's only later that Alexandra neglects to mention that she's in Charleston because she knows Dylan's brother.

The scene where Alexandra gives Dylan a complete dressing down for his assumptions about psychics is funny but also spot-on. He has a lot of baggage he needs to lose before they can have a real relationship. He spends most of the story dropping those bags, piece by piece.

This story had just the right amount of creepy factor for a Halloween read for me. I don't like straight out horror, but I was looking for something with those elements to give the season that appropriately shivery sensation. Something Wicked was just right!

Marian says

If possible the each book is more thrilling.

Sandra Holladay says

At least 4.5 stars! This is a excellent read. Alexandra and Dylan make a great couple. There is lots of conflict, turmoil, and tension. Love the ghost, George; he is a character.
