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Holden Clark walks into Rebecca Powell's life, a tall, blue-eyed stranger who stirs long forgotten desires. But nothing, including this man, is what it seems. A dark necromancer is targeting Becca for a full-blown demonic possession. She is thrust into a world she never knew existed—a world where dark casters create chaos and necromancers talk to the dead.

Holden has no faith in his power. A necromancer, he communicates with the dead, but he has never embraced his gifts. Now, he has no choice. He must stop the dark caster attacking Rebecca, but accepting this mission means he'll be delving into dangerous magics he's never used before.

Under the protection of the damaged and mysterious Holden, Rebecca will question everything ...

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Audrey says

Absolutely fantastic! I think this story was built perfectly. It starts a little abruptly, but it becomes clear as to why that is as you get farther into it. Some great foreshadowing. Suspense building. A bit predictable, but not in a bad way. Like building up to the perfect climax. A great book choice for anyone interested in magic, a bit of mystery and a bit of romance. It's hard not to become invested in the characters as you read it. Truly a must read!

*I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

Paula Ratcliffe says

This book starts out dragging you into a world with magic and demons and spells attached to Rebecca Powell and it's up to Holden to save her. While Rebecca is very resistant to this idea, all she knows about magic is about how it's make believe and doesn't exist when Holden shows up she assumes he's some crazy stalker but there are things happening to her that she can't explain or even fathom.

I loved this book so much it was a great paranormal adventure with many twists and turns letting you wonder who is putting a spell on Becca. I also loved the romance and watching Holden connect with Becca and the way he was able to set his Grams free. Awesome job Ms. Abner did telling this story!

Mariah says

This book was a Goodreads First Reads book (along with books two and three.) I thought this book was interesting. Becca has horrible headaches and unexplainable things have been happening; moving furniture and flickering lights above many other strange things. She moved from her home, sold it, hoping things would end there but they don't, following her around like some sort of freakish parasite the strange happenings follow her across three differing, run down apartments. Enter Grams, a spirit on a mission of mercy, and our savior Holden, a necromancer with loner tendencies and some PTSD issues. Together they convince Becca that she's not jinxed, does not have a tumor, but has a worse problem indeed. Slowly a demon is possessing her. Once possessed it will create chaos for as long as it is able and she will never be herself again if that happens. At first she doesn't believe but Holden is persistent. Soon they're living out of a shitty motel with his young dog, trying desperately to find the person responsible for the spell casting slowly destroying her defenses. Towards the end it's a breakneck dash to find him. Yet during all this rushing around a sweet relationship develops between Holden and Becca, and despite all their personal hang ups they find something beautiful and right, especially sweet. This was definitely a good, solid read with a fresh take on necromancers, spirits, and beings best fought with the powers of good. In Anna Abner's world not all necromancers are bad and not all spirits are good. and I read this book with great interest knowing that my

belief that spirits and ghosts are separate beings was not tainted by each other's meanings. I don't know how to explain that better than to say that while I'm not into ghost busting stupidness, this book was very believable and I can't wait to read her second book.

Yaritza says

A paranormal love story that all readers will love. The chemistry between Holden and Rebecca was extraordinary. They could light a fire just by looking at each other. I loved that Holden sought to help Rebecca before a demon possessed her. They both worked together and fought evil with power and spells.

Robyn says

For anyone who enjoys supernatural romance, this book could easily be rated a 4. It is not a graphic romance with explicit sex...more of a romance light that would be suitable for teens and adults. The main character is a novice necromancer who struggles with employing his gift. He soon finds a nearly demon possessed woman he must assist before she is taken over by evil. It is suspenseful and fun and reminded me of Jim Butcher and Charlene Harris a bit.

I look forward to continuing with the series.

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Jasmyn says

I loved Abner's take on necromancer's. It was refreshing to see them portrayed as real people that have a choice to use their powers for good or evil, instead of just automatically being nasty people because of their powers. Holden is a genuinely good guy with lots of baggage. Baggage that he is forced to confront head on if he wants to save Becca from demonic possession. She's got a particularly nasty demon that is being summoned to take control of her. Becca and Holden need to find a way to stop it and kill the necromancer controlling it before it's too late.

Even though I had guessed the bad guy's identity part way through, the story was written in a way that I kept second guessing myself all along the way. With lots of action and a deep love between our two characters, it was a fantastic story that kept me very entertained until the very end.

Julie Lamay says

A scary sexy read! Holden is a scarred, tortured hero who comes to life when he meets Rebecca, a peppy real estate agent with a summoning spell hanging over her head. He's haunted (literally) by the past, namely the spirit of his Grams. Rebecca is trying to be the perfect daughter, perfect sister, perfect businesswoman, etc., etc., etc. but failing. And when someone close to her casts a demonic possession spell on her she has to trust Holden, an amateur, to help her. They search for a way to stop the dark caster and along the way discover they're perfect for each other.

Lyla Dune says

This was a wonderful paranormal romance. I really enjoyed the characters. The necromancer was well drawn. A hero who saves the girl from the dark side - is quite the charmer :)

Madison Mabel says

My favorite part of this book was the hero, Holden. He's complex and damaged (I love damaged heroes!) and I couldn't wait to find out how he would grow within the story. My favorite scene is when Holden finally confesses his painful near death experience to Rebecca and they end up falling asleep beside each other. I thought that was very emotional and intimate.

Joseph Wynne says

Totally fun and exciting read. Finished it in just a few days, I couldn't put it down. Can't wait to read more from this author.

In this first book of a new series, Rebecca--a perky real estate agent--is about to be possessed by a demon. Holden, a mysterious necromancer with a painful past--agrees to help. The only problem is he's never really cast magic before.

A great, quick read for paranormal romance fans!

Mary Lou says

I loved this story so much! It's a fast-paced paranormal romance, but there are no vampires in sight. Just witches, demons, and sexy necromancers. I really enjoyed the characters and I was swept up in the mystery from the very start. I can't wait to read the sequel!

Anastasia Emel says

Call of summoning is about a woman Rebecca, who is under a spell. A spell, which once complete, will allow a demon to be in control of her entire existence. And of course we have the main hero, Holden, a man who can see spirits and can use their powers to help beat the demon, or maybe he can't.

As much as I'd like to tell a bit more, I think it will be best If you choose to read it yourself and find out! The book starts, I think, rather abruptly. It puts us a few minutes before the two main heroes meet. As I continued to read I felt at a loss with all the new characters and background information mentioned. But as the story unfolds, it all starts to fall into place. And it is there, as I kept on reading, that I felt gripped by the plot. The main male character, Holden, is not the classic hero who comes to save the day. He is a rather anti-

social man, with gentleness and an upsetting past. The main female character, Rebecca, is your typical businesswoman who, of course doesn't need a man to save her (even if she doesn't understand any part of her situation). However, both of them change and in a way become more mature as they spend more and more time together. They come face to face with real feelings, about their past and about this connection that has begun to form between them.

The romance, which is expected to happen between the characters, is indeed truly sweet and the story itself has many funny parts. On the other hand, the story that involves the demon spell and the effort to beat it, is pretty unexpected. As I continued to read, I felt like sitting at the edge of my seat, and I couldn't put the book down, literally! Being a fan of the paranormal, I must admit that I expected to read things that I had read or seen before, but I couldn't be more wrong. Every part of the story was very original and the descriptions of the scenes were so detailed that I felt like I was right there watching it. Finally, the ending has such an amazing twist. I loved it.

In general, I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the paranormal, combined with funny lines from the characters and with a splash of romance.

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Christine Rains says

Holden Clark would rather hide out in his house with his dog and fix the place up than mingle with people. But his Grams, or rather, the ghost of his Grams, urges him to help Rebecca Powell who has a demon possession spell cast on her. He's a necromancer with little experience, but he has to learn a heck of a lot to help Rebecca or she'll lose her soul to the demon.

This is a great paranormal romance with a fresh take on necromancers. Necromancers do usually get a bad rep in the paranormal world, but in this book, they're like any other magic user in that they can be good or bad. Some are born and some are made, but it's a fascinating take on them. Holden is the perfect necromancer paladin too. Strong, moral, and handsome. He'll do the right thing no matter what it takes.

Rebecca is the perfect complement to him. She's feisty and independent. She has a successful career and is not in the business of being rescued by anyone. Though it is hard to resist sexy Holden!

While I guessed who was the evil necromancer, the joy was in the journey. A wonderful romantic plot that was sizzling and sweet along with excellent characterization.

I'll definitely be picking up the next one in this series.

Millie Wynne says

I love paranormal romances, and this book was fantastic. Great hero (the poor guy really needs a hug at the beginning of the book) and lots of magic. Loved it!

CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says

Holden Clark is a necromancer, or a person who can see the dead and channel their power to do spells. He owns Sparky's a 1950's diner and is pretty much a recluse due to questions about an incident he had as a teenager which included a near death experience. However, when his grams, who stays with him in spirit tells him he must help someone who is about to be possessed by a demon he actually leaves his home with the intention of helping her.

Rebecca Powell has been having the worst luck, horrible migraines, insomnia, nightmares and a rash of paranormal activity has dogged her recently. While she is a realtor by trade, she has decided that it is time to leave her home town and move to the big city where there is more opportunity for people in her line of work. Unfortunately her current circumstances are not making it easy so when Holden gets her to meet with him on false pretenses, she is less than enthused. Particularly when his dog Buster jumps all over her and ruins her clothes!

When Holden sees Rebecca he knows that a demon is trying to possess her, he can see its inky black fog with red eyes clinging to Rebecca's shoulders. But he is unclear just how to communicate this information, but at his gram's urging he finally blurts out what he knows. While Rebecca does not believe him initially, there is a bit of doubt that lingers in the back of her mind, the idea that "what if he is right?" that makes her allow him to convince her at least a little. However, it is not long before it becomes obvious to both of them with the help of a natural witch and a friend of Holden's that another necromancer is trying summon a demon to possess her. But finding that necromancer and stopping him before the demon completely possesses Rebecca is going to be more than difficult. As they work together to find the necromancer both Rebecca and Holden begin falling in love with each other. But will Holden be able to save Rebecca, or will the necromancer win at his evil game?

Wow! It has been some time since I read a book that kept me that on the edge of my seat! I loved Spell of Summoning. The paranormal world reflected in this book was obviously created with both imagination and good research making the story of Holden and Rebecca come to life. The author did an excellent job of dropping clues about who the evil necromancer could be without totally giving the game away. I had at least three people that I thought it could be but wasn't really sure which is one thing I love about books like this. If I can figure out who the bad guy is in the first twenty or thirty pages I tend to lose interest, this was not the case with this book. The feelings between Holden and Rebecca are sweet, and sensual and the author does an excellent job of showing their budding relationship, and by the end of the book I was truly satisfied with how the ending came about. This is a wonderful, suspenseful love story and great feel good book! If you love happy endings, but like there to be turmoil and obstacles before you get to the end, as well as, story having paranormal elements, then you do not want to miss Spell of Summoning. I will definitely be picking up this author's next book!

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