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Liz DiBenedetto says

Omgosh this book was so great! I couldn't put it down. It has such a great story line that just grips you from the beginning. I really enjoyed Cassidy and Killian's characters and the magic system. I love books about angels and demons and omg so good. Can't wait for book 2!!!!

Lydia H says

Oh my gosh!!!! DA Roach hooked me instantly with this book. So, so, SO GOOD!! I LOVE reading YA Paranormal books with just the right amount of romance intertwined to keep me hoping something more will happen, and let me just say: this is IT.

My heart was sad right off the bat and I feared this would be one of those books where the HEA was doomed from the very beginning... But then, things turned around and got very promising.

Enter Killian.

Hello, Mr. Delicious!!!! Broody, mysterious, powerful, tattooed, protective....and did I mention, dee-licious?! Oh, yes! He was the leader of his clan (they were demon hunters) and let me tell you, he was a leader through and through, and a sexy one at that. He'd stayed away from love or even the idea of it because he'd always put his clan first. Their safety was his one priority and always would be.

Or would it, now...?

Cassidy had lost her boyfriend of four years to a car accident. Then, her grandmother who raised her passed away suddenly too. Talk about kicking a girl when she's down! She was left all alone, feeling beyond lost. Needing to find the one thing that would connect her to Jace, her mother's ring she'd given him, she one day headed to the scene of the accident hoping to find it there. That day changed everything for Cassidy. She found more than a ring. She met Killian and was introduced to this whole other world that she'd always been interested in, but never really knew actually existed!

Killian and Cassidy.

Man, oh man.

Their chemistry sizzled and it went beyond the bond they shared in order for Killian to save her life. (I mean, there ARE worse things in life than being bonded to one of the hottest guys EVER, but that's besides the point. Lol!) It was funny reading scenes where Killian would get jealous of Casper, one of the clan members that was assigned -- by Killian, mind you -- to protect Cassidy. I probably had the biggest grin on my face while reading at this point.

Okay, let me explain. Cassidy and Killian shared a tattoo (they were bonded through that tattoo) and every time Killian would feel anger or jealousy because of Casper, their tattoos would light up and sting. Now, at first Cassidy did not know who she was bonded with (Killian kept her at arm's length), only that she was bonded to someone in the clan in order to keep her from dying from injuries she had sustained. So when her tattoo would out of nowhere hurt, it was pretty comical because it would ALWAYS happen when her and

Casper were hanging out and maybe getting a bit too close. And it just so happened that Killian would be near by SEEING THAT. Oh, hmm.

Anyway, so much happened between the pages of this book. I fear that I can easily get carried away and spill the beans on everything, so I will stop here. I will say that there was drama, action, little surprises thrown into the mix...and then, we also got the INEVITABLE romance brewing between Killian and Cassidy. If you love YA PNR books, do yourself a favor and get this book. I promise you will enjoy it!! I can't wait to start book 2!! FIVE STARS.

Carrie says

Eighteen year old Cassidy has known nothing but loss. Her mother died during child birth leaving her with her grandmother. Now at the end of her senior year her high school sweetheart Jace had been killed in an automobile accident. Shortly after Jace's death Cassidy's grandmother also passes away from a heart attack.

Left all alone in life Cassidy visits the cemetery and finds herself stumbling through a gate into the unknown finding herself waking in the care of a clan of demon hunters. In order to save her life after passing the gate she's been tattooed with the blood of Killian, the head demon hunter. Killian and Cassidy now share a bond but he wants nothing more than to get her back out of the demon realm before she ends up in danger from a pending war.

Between the Bleeding Willows reminded me an awful lot of the Mortal Instrument series by Cassandra Clare. I absolutely love that series so it's not shocking that I also enjoyed this book with all of the similarities between the two I just didn't feel this one grabbed me quite as much as the MI series had, perhaps that's because it took a while to weed out the originality with this one since so much seemed the same.

Eventually this story took on a life of it's own and I really began to enjoy the book. It is the first book of a series and I'd be interested in continuing to see where this goes. While there were a lot of things revealed there is also room for the story to really grow and become a great series.

Overall, I decided on 3.5 stars for this one. A world of demon hunters much like the Mortal Instruments series so fans of those books may enjoy this one.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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Judi Easley says

DNF, I just couldn't read this one. I gave up at 31%.

BeautyandtheBooks says

I can't remember the last time I read a paranormal romance book so I was a bit worried about this one. After I started reading it, I couldn't stop, and ended up reading it straight through. I absolutely loved it! It was so fun to read. This book reminded me how much I love this genre. It felt good to read something different. It's really fast paced and definitely action packed. Who doesn't love a hot demon hunter? I'm sad I have to wait for the next book!!

Kat Valentine says

I enjoyed this book!! Cassidy has lost a lot lately first her boyfriend dies in a car crash and a couple weeks later her beloved grandmother dies. Cassidy goes in search of her mothers ring that she gave to her boyfriend, but she finds more then her ring. Cassidy will find that theirs more to this world then mortals know. the battle of good and evil is going on. Their are demons and demon hunters and it looks like her boyfriend jace might have become a demon!!!

Bec says

I was provided an review copy in exchange for an honest review.

Between the Bleeding Willows is about a young girl named Cassidy who had her boyfriend and grandmother die in her senior year of high school; her grandmother was her only family. Cassidy later thinks she sees her dead boyfriend while looking for a family trinket and stumbles into a realm of demon hunters. Killian runs a clan of demon hunters who are in a spot of bad luck; they find themselves at a disadvantage to the demons and this threatens the human realm. Killian cannot figure out how Cassidy stumbled into their realm or how she survived it.

Ok what I liked about the book was the first 25%. There is a lot of emotion and grief in the first part of the book and it seems very authentic; so authentic I wonder if the author has firsthand experience with this type of situation. The tragic circumstance stance that Cassidy is embroiled in at such a young age is heart wrenching and very well done.

What I didn't like was after the first quarter of the book the plot slows down and we cover some events that didn't seem necessary to the story. We have a couple of character introductions that were obvious red shirts and died fairly quickly; I didn't know enough about them to really care what happened to them. Some of the story through this middle section I just didn't find believable. A group of people whose whole purpose is to fight bad things is unlikely to say a tunnel they have used for a very long time that is connect directly to their strong hole is now just too dangerous to use and just close it off. I think it would be more believable that they would clean out the nasty things that tried to move in and keep it cleared out. Lastly at 40% of the book we have insta love. Frankly Cassidy and Killian have hardly spoken to each other and when they have it's been mostly in an investigative interview type manor. There is absolutely nothing there for Killian to have any sort of attachment to Cassidy let alone love her.

I feel that Between the Bleeding Willows needs another round of major editing. I have found many grammar and formatting errors throughout the book. There are sentences where it looks like part of something didn't

get deleted and it makes no sense. I find forgotten words or forgotten letters throughout and there is also whole section where there is tons of line breaks after either every sentence or mid-sentence on the Kindle version.

Over all I think the concept had a lot of potential and the first part of the book is great but after that the story and writing really didn't live up to what it could have been.

J.R. Sweeney says

This was good, Cassidy the main character really evolves. and the author describes the characters nicely, giving the reader a great visual. One can not go wrong with this book. If you like cool independent woman Cassidy succeeds at that. I will free up some time to read another D.A. Roach book soon

Miki says

This was first published on my blog "Lecture toute une Aventure"

Great first instalment in an excellent YA urban fantasy....we are immediately immersed in a universe captivating and it becomes quickly a real page turner.

I loved Cassidy, she is courageous and even if she is suffering she wants to help others...she is thrown into a world she had no ideas existed, she gets injured and she still wants to save her friends.

Killian is young but already a leader so when Cassidy follows him she becomes his responsibility even if deep down something else is growing. He is courageous, determined to do good by his clan even if it means not following his heart.

The secondary characters like Casper are also really interesting and we want to learn more about them.

There are a lot of violence - but they are fighting demons after all,- some moments are really tearful and at other time we are smiling or laughing so this story really has it all and i do recommend you to try it if you are interested.

the only thing a little bothersome is the cliffhanger but book 2 is already out so if you want you don't need to wait before continuing their adventures.

D.A. Roach says

This was my first paranormal book and it was a wild ride to create. Beyond creating characters and storyline, I had the chance to craft a new world powers, obstacles, creatures, and a unique set of rules. At times it was a lot to keep track of, but it was a very organic writing process and I'm happy with where the story ended up.

The setting takes place in the town I grew up in, a small suburb of Chicago with crops and run down barns occasionally dotting the landscape of strip malls and subdivisions. There is a lot going on in the book and I

needed to keep my focus and not forget about my characters. My characters, the people I wish could jump off the page and live in our world so I can know them as friends, I've grown emotionally close to them and think that they are what makes the story what it is.

I'm hoping others will like the book. It is more of a struggle between good and evil than a spooky story. Happy reading!

Carey Fletcher says

I received an ARC in exchange for my honest review.

I really enjoyed this book and found it difficult to put it down after reaching a point where the action picked up. When I reached 75%, I was afraid to read it on my lunch break as I had been doing because I was afraid I would get to a point that I just couldn't stop reading.

The book started out a little slow for me and I was worried that I wouldn't be able to give the book a good review. But then we're introduced to the demon/demon hunter world and it got real interesting. I haven't read many demon hunter books and was confused about some of the terminology used in the story and had to google it. Surprisingly enough there appears to be a lot of information in the world wide web about hunting demons.

The main female character Cassidy really seemed to grow throughout the book. At the start of the book I had the impression that she was a meek and shy girl. But as the book goes on she seemed capable of kicking some ass! I'm really looking forward to seeing what she learns to do with her newfound abilities and connection to the demon hunter world.

I enjoyed the struggling relationship between Cassidy and Killian, but was a bit disappointed we didn't get to see them connect more. But I guess maybe there was more of a focus on the demon hunting. I was disappointed to see the bond between the two removed and actually a bit surprised to see that it could be done. I hope the bond is introduced again. I'd like to see how it could affect the two characters.

I was disappointed that the book ended without resolutions to several things and without a happy period ending. I know things need to be unresolved to continue the series into multiple books. I just wish there could have been a way to end the book on a break between bad things of sorts where people are happy and things are looking up.

I hope I don't have to wait too long to read book 2!

Coco.V says

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Kendall {Book Crazy} says

I met this author at a book convention in June and she was lovely and offered me a copy of this book to review! I said yes, even though I wasn't really sure what this book was about! I read the synopsis shortly after and this book sounded amazing, so I couldn't wait to read it! I just feel really bad now that it taken me months to get to this book because I was enthralled by this book as soon as I started reading it! It only took me a few sittings to read and I read the first 60% in one sitting because I couldn't put it down! The plot also developed at the perfect pace and I loved the originality of it! The plot had some action and suspense in it too, which I loved! There was romance as well! The plot wasn't heavy on the romance, but it was in there and there was definitely enough of it! The plot also had paranormal creatures in it like demons! There were also part angel creatures as well, which is what the main male character was, but I'm not really sure what you called them lol! It was most likely in the book, but I zoomed through it so fast I probably missed it lol! I just loved the plot and it did surprise me with some twist and turns! The characters were also amazing and made this book even better! Cassidy was the main female character, and my heart completely went out to her in this book! She had lost everyone that was close to her, but what I loved about Cassidy was that she didn't wallow in self pity and she got up and she kept living! Cassidy then went through a lot in this book and she was thrust into a world that she knew nothing about! Cassidy handled it way better than I would have lol! She was so calm and she fitted in so well! I also connected with Cassidy all the way thorough this book and I didn't lose that connection with her! I loved her as a character! Killian was the main male character and love interest of Cassidy! I loved Killian a lot! He was seriously hot and he took charge and tried to do the best he could for his people! I loved the way Killian was with Cassidy too! It was easy to see his feelings develop for

her as the plot developed! He was very protective of her too, which was understandable considering the situation they were in! Killian was also a kick-ass character and he showed this again and again in this book! He could fight, he took charge when needed, and he cared a lot about the people closest to him! I can't wait to read more of Killian in the next book! I loved that this book was written from both Cassidy and Killian's point of views! I wasn't expecting this book to be co-written, but it was really cool that it was! It helped me connect with the two main characters more and it also allowed for more things to happen in the plot! I also can't wait to read the next book in this series! I'm really happy that it's recently released so that I don't have to wait for it! This book also exceeded my expectations, so I can't wait to see what's going to happen next for the characters! The ending was also left at the perfect place! it wasn't a huge cliff-hanger, which I loved in a way lol! The cover for this book suits it perfectly! I love it and it would definitely make me pick the book up to find out more!

Sandy says

Book club book - the pick was supporting local author. Having been my first read of other world type books, I wasn't sure what to expect. First loved the local references (heehee). I did like the various characters and could actually picture the different places she wrote about. I am annoyed though... it showed "96% finished" on my kindle and I couldn't imagine how it would end... ITS A SERIES!! I really looking forward to the next book :)

Itsy Bitsy Book Bits says

This book is about a girl Cassidy, who grew up motherless and fatherless. Raised by her Gram in a small town. When her high school sweetheart wraps his car around a tree, she is devastated, but when not much later her Gram dies of a heart attack, she becomes listless, lonely, and dwelling in the past. She gives up the idea of collage at least for a while and she stays home trying to put herself back together. Looking for a memento that has special properties, left to her by her mother and given to her sweetheart Jace. She goes to the site of Jace's accident and begins to look around, thinking she hears voices she follows the sounds to an old, abandoned and be lived haunted cemetery, where she thinks she see Jace being chased, then he disappears between a pair of bleeding willows. Doubting herself she follows. Between two bleeding willows she finds her memento and everything goes black. Waking up in a clinic type room and hearing voices when the people talking realize that she is awake they explain that she fell into their world and that no one has ever survived it before, and the man who appears to be in charge is persistent in asking how she had done it. Killian is clan leader of a group of Demon hunters that are descendants of angles breeding with humans and they are guardian to the gates of hell basically. When he saves a girl that has gated in by accident he takes her to his sister the clan healer where he waits for her to wake up. When she eventually does come around calling for Jace a recently dead man changed to demon Killian has to know how she was able to get through the gate and how she knows Jace, she is not really able to say much on how she arrived but she does explain who Jace was to her, and he tells her how Jace has changed, and as soon as she is able he sends her though the cemetery gate home. This is the beginning of their very unlikely relationship and things just get more complicated from there. This book was a fast paced Urban Fantasy, well worth the read. This author has a very different perspective on demons and demon hunters, I really enjoyed it.
