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Have a witch of a good time ...

Ivy Morgan is happy with who she is, and what she can do. She certainly doesn't need to second guess her life, or her witchy ways ... that is until Shadow Lake's newest police detective enters her life.

Jack Harker is haunted by a past he refuses to talk about, and he's not looking forward to a future with anyone – especially a sassy witch with boundary issues.

Jack and Ivy find their paths crossing on a regular basis when a dead body is discovered on the edge of Ivy's property. Jack doesn't want any romantic entanglements, but there's just something about Ivy that keeps drawing him in.

When the truth is finally revealed, Jack has to decide what he believes – and he has to do it before a murderer turns his attention to Ivy.

Can Ivy heal Jack's wounds? Will she even get a chance to try?

Wicked Days Details

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Katter says

This book was a total surprise! I didn't expect to love it as much as I did because it is not the kind of book that I usually read. I like grim and gritty Urban Fiction books not cozy paranormal stuff. Normally I find these kinds of stories to be ridiculous, full of over the top characters and the irritatingly nosy community troupe.

Now there are some meddling family members in this novel but the side characters are not written in a way that is overbearing. Instead of my usual distaste for cozy mysteries, I found myself adoring Wicked Days. This author knows what she is doing!

The main character, Ivy Morgan, is a likeable woman with a strong personality and an independent spirit. She becomes entangled in a murder mystery when a body is found in a ditch on her property. The body had strange symbols carved into it, and the bad thing is that Ivy is rumored to be a witch.

Someone is trying to frame Ivy and she is willing to help the police in any way she can. Luckily for her the detective on the case is the ever handsome Jack Harker. When the two meet they instantly click, they feel the electric zing that everyone knows means something special.

The two fight tooth and nail to keep away from each other because of bad past relationships. Men like looking at the pretty Ivy but bugger away from her because of her lifestyle. Jack is running away from something that haunts him and has decided to close himself off romantically.

While they work together to try to figure out who committed such a terrible crime, curiosity is peaked, imagination lingers, and sparks fly as they rely on one another to crack the case. Danger is lurking and all fingers eventually point to Ivy being in trouble.

Ivy's family adores her and they all see the way she looks at Jack and vice versa. They stick their nose in it a little bit, trying to nudge them both together. It's not too bothersome but really just adds more of a teasing, fluffy tone to the book so it's not too mystery heavy.

This was an enjoyable read all around! The mystery was good and had a nice twist at the end. I had my suspicions for a while about who the bad guy was and I was right. However I don't feel that having guessed right detracted from enjoying what was going on.

Hart made a fantastically charming book. It has everything I want! Mystery, suspense, witty banter, sweet romance, some sexual tension that isn't overbearing, and a male love interest that is not a neanderthal.

This was a fun ride of fluff and I like how it ended. It was happy and hopeful and I will be reading the next one! This is the perfect type of book to read when it's cold and raining out and you just want to read a feel good story. That is what this is! Absolutely loved it!

Karen says

Too silly

I don't think I would recommend this book to someone looking for a good read. The writing is juvenile, and there seems to be a huge focus and much high-school like teasing in regards to the love life of the 2 main characters. I found the characters immature, especially the main female character who behaves like a spoiled, petulant child.

I listened to this book as an audio book, and the reader did nothing to enhance the reading experience. I probably won't be buying another book in this series.

Kimberly says

The characters were extremely childish. It felt like they were either teenager or children. the mystery was good but it was hard to get into the story with them fighting all the time. I wanted to like the book really bad but i just couldn't. But don't take my word for it though try story out and see if you like it for your self. this is just how i felt about it.

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

This is one of those books I have to write the review out before settling on a * rating. So Ivy lives in a small town and happens to be a witch. She's around 28 (I think- didn't mention ages, but I know (or assume) it's been at least 10 years since she's been out of high school). Jack is around 30. Jack had Something Bad happen and he decided to move to Shadow Lake from Detroit. Re: the Something Bad- I know he got shot and there is a mention of a betrayal. What happened (I'm assuming) will be revealed in a future book.

Ivy finds a body in her yard on Jack's first day on the job. There is an instant connection between Ivy and Jack. But, very little romance in this one. There is a lot (A LOT) of back and forth with Ivy and Jack. They felt younger than the ages they are supposed to be. Jack sees Ivy with her brother and automatically assumes she lied to him about having a boyfriend. Ivy was rude to her aunt.

I thought this was weird too- Ivy's father confronting Jack on his interest in Ivy/Ivy's interest in him. Um, Micheal, you just met Jack. Jack and Ivy have known each other for a few weeks? Just weird.

After all the "I'm not looking for a relationship," (from both) and the constant reminding of Ivy being a witch, I was just tired and irritated. At the least the mystery wasn't too bad.

hana says

mostly about sexual tension and denial for both Jack and Ivy

Shari Kay says

Eh. See #2. Lot of push/pull.

The more I see of future books... the more I lean towards a 'no'. #4

Corinne says

There was an alarming amount of unneeded ellipses used in this book, a rather tremendous pet peeve of mine. I've been giving the audiobook a go in hopes that if I couldn't see them it wouldn't be so irksome. Alas, this was not the case. The actress proceeded to talk robotically to emphasize the ellipses I had tried so desperately to escape. What was worse, she pronounced most of the Michigan place names totally wrong, though I can't blame the book for that.

The characters are as flat as the sheet of paper they were written on. Their minds are apparently so hormone addled that they couldn't even pay attention to the body that was found because they were too busy looking at each other. It's hard to believe she feels guilty about being unable to help when she was so entirely blasé about it initially. The dialogue is totally unbelievable throughout.

Sherry says

Wickedly Entertaining!

The author states in a prologue "If you want a lot of magic right from the start you're probably not going to like this series...." She is correct that this first book is light on magic, however, it is heavy on mystery, a budding relationship, & cult like issues. I really enjoyed the verbal volleying between Ivy & her brother Max, & Ivy & Detective Jack Harker. I laughed out loud numerous times! I can't wait for book 2 - Wicked Dreams!

Amber Jackson says

Cute, Quirky Read

I guess when I read the description and got this book I was expecting a bit more paranormal witchcraft-ery. As far as "witchcraft" go, this book is actually focused more on the Wiccan practice than actual paranormal witchcraft. There are a few things, like auras and premonitions, but don't expect spells to be flying. Either way, I very much enjoyed this book. The main character, Ivy, is insanely funny, sarcastic and instantly lovable with her quick wit and sometimes snark. The detective, Jack, is also very likable and matches wits quite easily with Ivy. Neither are looking for a relationship, but have an undeniable chemistry between them. Unfortunately, it's not easy to stay in denial when murder and mayhem and interfering friends keep pushing them together. This book is only the beginning of Ivy and Jack, and it does sort of leave you wondering, but it is a great read. I can't remember the last time I actually laughed while reading, but some of the snark in here was just hilarious. Anyone who enjoys romantic comedy with a murder mystery plus a little paranormal activity thrown in will love this book.

Mystereity Reviews says

DNF. Unfortunately, I just couldn't wade through the hormonal disturbance that was this book.

If all the cheesy, melodramatic and overwrought romance was taken out of this book, it would've been a great mystery. It's one thing to introduce a little romantic spark, or a bit of sexual tension. It adds a little spice to a book. I get that. It's another thing to beat a reader over the head with pent-up in-your-face hot mess. If this book was a dance move, it would be a pelvic thrust. In your eye. Going on and on and on.

It would've been only 12 pages long, but it would've been a good mystery. So 1 star for plot, -4 stars for everything else.

Jen says

I did not finish this book, which makes me hesitant to rate it, but I have read 10 chapters.

Before I go further, I just wanted to say I wanted to like this book. It seemed cute and I thought it was right up my alley with it being paranormal and mystery, but god, I cannot take anymore.

I wish I had more to show for 10 chapters, but all I know is there was a murder, Ivy is a witch, and something happened to Jack when he was a cop in Detroit. Also, Ivy and Jack like each other, but are in complete denial.

This book constantly focused on Ivy and Jack's attraction to one another. I don't mind romance, but SOLVE the fucking murder. Plus, all the other characters were just focused on pushing them together. Give me something else other than the adolescent bickering of these main characters.

Don't get me wrong. The characters were okay, but together, they were insufferable.

Betty says

Sparks Fly Between Ivy And Jack

The cover caught my eye. I downloaded it thinking it was a paranormal; however it turned out to a very interesting love story with a twist of paranormal. Ivy Morgan a single girl that many of the villagers believe she is witch because her lifestyle is different. She dresses odd, lives in the woods, has a fairy ring and makes herbal lotions. Jack Hacker is a homicide detective from Detroit who accepted a job in a small to forget his last case. He is ready for the peace and quiet of keeping a small town safe.

They meet when Ivy find a body with satanic symbols carved on it. Sparks fly between them as they explore the crime. I will read more of this series.

Jana Gundy says

Sweet and funny

This story was heavy on mystery and humor but pretty light on romance. Ivy and Jack are definitely into each other but fighting it all the way. They are both damaged and I hope we learn why Jack is in the next book. The side characters were great and it held my interest the whole time. This is a dual pov which I always love.

Corrie Mattingly says

Great book

I would recommend this book to any reader who wants a funny romantic mystery. The characters are great. I really liked Ivy. She is quirky.

● ???? ● says

I love when female characters are aware there's a murderous wackjob in the city gunning for their head and still determinedly waltz out in the dark, alone, at night.

That aside...

Admittedly this wasn't perhaps the most intellectual or complicated literary pursuit I've ever undertaken, but I'm easy to please. I just want a story where the leads genuinely like each other with a minimum of angst and an absence of third-party involvement and/or nefarious meddling.

More to the point: after enduring Rachel's endless self-deprecation and Trent's continuing assholism in *The Hollows*, I desperately needed something to cleanse the palate of that icky dysfunctional-relationship aftertaste. This definitely did the trick!

Ivy was a bit childish with her tantrums, but I genuinely liked Jack, and I like them together. Really, all I want out of a series is a nice couple who go on adventures together, facing obstacles as a unit rather than spending the pages on interpersonal turmoil. Looking forward to the upcoming eight novels in the series!
