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“Innovative take on the well-loved theme of fairies and dangerous wishes.”—Publishers Weekly

Pop goddess Selane has made some bad choices in her life on her road to success. All of her past connections have dropped her and she’s desperately trying to get them (and her reputation) back.

While running a charity telethon for a debilitating children’s disease, Selane discovers a remarkable girl during a broadcast – a real genie – and suddenly the solution to all of her problems is standing right in front of her.

But finding a genie is one thing...making wishes that count, is something else—particularly when the genie is a clueless teenager from California.

Maybe Ray, a fairy godmother, and the local 26-3 chapter of The Fairy Godmothers’ Union can help.

Angelina Adams’ companion piece follows the young genie, Vickie, as she travels to New Mexico. On her journey, a whole new host of characters befriend her, including Raj Chandra, a senior genie in the Demons, Djinni and Efreets Guild, and Indira, whose jealousy is bound to cause even more problems for the teenage wish granter.

## Wishing on a Star Details

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## Richard says

"Wishing On A Star" is a joint work in the Stellar Guild Series. Here we have a novella "Best Wishes" by Jody Lynn Nyr and a novelette, "Homecoming" by Angelina Adams. Both take place in a world inhabited by ordinary humans and others who have special powers such as Fairy Godmothers, Sandmen, Brownies, and Genies--all of whom are unionised. "Homecoming" focuses on a genie who appears from a lamp and is obligated to grant three wishes to a vain, greedy, and rather foolish singing star, Selane who runs a charity show for handicapped children. The genie, Victoria, appears as an apparently innocent 16 year old and Selane quickly decides she can easily manipulate the clueless Victoria to make a maximum amount of money and revive her flagging career.

Enter Raymond, an apprentice fairy godfather. He recognises the possibilities of disaster in Selane's manipulations and attempts to take a hand in events.

From here the story becomes a quite entertaining comedy with some unexpected ironies which add darker moments. It does take a bit of time to become used to the strange world of "Best Wishes" but it is certainly interesting. The characters are vivid and believable if not particularly complex. There are interesting twists in the plot and the full meaning of the title is nicely developed.

"Homecoming" is a sequel following the further adventures and back story of Victoria. It takes place in the same type of universe but is more domestic in setting. As with Nye's novel, there is a dark edge to the story though "Homecoming" is more gentle in tone. Character development centres on Victoria. In "Best Wishes" Victoria was little more than a waif-like figure; here Adams develops her character's personality emphasising a sweet winsome nature.

While "Wishing On a Star" is probably aimed at the young adult market, I believe it has sufficient charm to appeal to a wider audience.

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## Feda says

Wishing on a Star is another book in the Stellar Guild series that brings well established writers together with newcomers to the genre. This book features Jody Lynn Nye who is revisiting one of her old Novellas along with Angelina Adams who expands on the original idea by adding spin-off from the original story.

Both stories are set in modern day United States. First one in Chicago and the second one in New Mexico.

The world is much like the one we know and live in, except that there are magical creatures living among us. First story follows a young fairy godmother working a charity event who's start stumbles upon a magic lamp. The second Story follows the genie from that magic lamp.

The book starts off a bit slow but gets more interesting later on. One keeps expecting the story to have some sort of a profound message but in the end it just turns out into a nice story and nothing more.

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## Norma says

A charming, modern fairy story in two parts, the first by established author, Jody Lynn Nye, which introduces the reader to an assortment of fairy godparents, sandmen and a young genie who arrives

unexpectedly when a beautiful but fading T.V. star finds and rubs an old lamp on the set of a charity marathon. Deceptively simply written, the story follows the chaos which ensues when the usual three wishes are offered and some are made. The second part is by an up and coming writer, Angelina Adams, who continues by following the young, hippy genie into her new location with a family to care for her. The whole works well, often funny, sometimes poignant and gives a completely fresh insight into this world of magic. Thanks to Mike Resnick for bringing these authors together to provide a distinctive and delightful book.

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### **Julian White says**

The Stellar Guild format works well in this volume. The lead author takes a modern twist on the genie and three wishes story popular in folktales in a Chicago (which seems a popular location for urban fantasy) which sports fairy godparents and sandmen as well as genies and kitchen witches (demons, efreet, house brownies and guardian angels are also mentioned), organised into guilds and unions. The genie, Vickie, seems to have slipped through the system and it is her inexperience and naivete that provide much of the plot. The second part of the book by relative newcomer Angelina Adams, uses the new voice to tell the next stage of the story from Vickie's point of view and that is particularly suited to this dual-author format.

I don't know either author but will be on the look-out for more from both of them.

I received a free copy of the ebook for review.

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### **Karalee Coleman says**

*Wishing on a Star* is another in the Stellar Guild series, wherein an established author writes a novella and his/her protégé(e) writes a companion piece. They are published together in a single offering to give exposure to the new author. Ms. Nye has written the first, longer piece in this set.

*Best Wishes* starts with an interesting concept: our pantheon of superbeings ? fairy godparents, sandmen, genii for example ? are actually normal people living normal lives, who have somehow been recruited and trained for part-time jobs as users of magical powers. A non-magical character in the story acquires a lamp with a genie who has not been properly trained, and a *Monkey's Paw* mess results. The story is fun, but the lamp-owning character is poorly defined. She is at times and without apparent reason horrible or humble, benevolent or tyrannical, adored or detested. It is difficult to know whether to like her or despise her, so I couldn't rouse much sympathy for her plight.

Ms. Adams takes the genie forward in her shorter novella *Homecoming*, where Vickie the Genie moves in with a genie family, joins a guild, and finally receives some training. I think the author spends too much of her effort focusing on domestic, bureaucratic and transitional details, and not enough on what is otherwise a very good story arc. In a full-length novel this might go unnoticed, but in a novella of only 24,000 words, she needs to compress.

In both stories the genie appears to be not so much a recruit to the magical life as an unfortunate victim, literally a slave to the lamp, which left me sad. I would have liked the stories better if she had somehow acquired control over her own life.

I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Margaret says**

The Stellar Guild series hopes to help new authors get a jump start on being discovered by pairing them with established authors. I really enjoyed *The Magic Touch* by Jody Lynn Nye and was delighted to discover that it had a sequel, of sorts. This is the Fairy Godmothers Union book *Wishing on a Star*. *Wishing on a Star* was published in 2015. Ms. Nye wrote novella *Best Wishes*, the next chapter in Ray & Rose's story, and then newcomer Angelina Adams wrote a companion novelette *Homecoming* about one of the new characters, Vicki.

I just read both on my Kindle.

I highly recommend both short works of fiction and I really do hope Ms. Nye is able to write more Fairy Godmother Union books!

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