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Witch At Odds: A Jinx Hamilton Mystery Book 2 (The Jinx Hamilton Mysteries)



Synopsis

Resigned to her new life as a witch and determined to make a success of both that and her business, Jinx has a lot to learn. She sets out to both study her craft and get a real direction for her aunt's haphazard approach to inventory. Not to mention the fact that she wouldn't mind getting to know neighboring business owner Chase McGregor a lot better. Although Jinx can call on Aunt Fiona's ghost for help, the old lady is far too busy living a jet set afterlife to be worried about her niece's learning curve. That sets Jinx up to make a major mistake and to figure out how to set things right again.

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Customer Reviews

Norma Jean "Jinx" Hamilton has had a lot of changes going on in her life. She's recently moved, inherited a lovely story from her Aunt Fiona, incorporated the business to include her BFF Tori and a coffee stand, met a great guy...oh and she's become a witch with power her Aunt also bequeathed to her when she died. Witch at Odds picks up nicely where Witch on First left off. We find the shop renovations not going as smoothly as the girls hoped, particularly since they didn't run it by Myrtle, the magic sentient building that they and the store resides in. And because there's no one to train

Jinx in her magic she takes a very 21st century approach to figuring it all out. She Google's it - or rather, she uses the internet to formulate a plan to help set the spirits at the cemetery at peace by googling spells. And as most stories in the fantasy/fiction genre normally tend to lean, all does not go smoothly, and an adventure begins. I loved this book. With the introduction of new characters, the fleshing out of the main cast, and the strong supporting characters, Juliette Harper has done wonderful job. And while there were moments that were kind of obvious and you saw coming a mile away, it was never not enjoyable. My strongest gripes are the proofreading was done poorly (there were several typographical and syntax errors) and that this wasn't really a mystery, it was more an adventure with bits of thriller or suspense woven in. This wasn't a "who done it?", it's a "how do we fix it?" Be clear it's still a great book and a wonderful read, but not a mystery. Not to me anyway. That said I would recommend this book even as a stand alone with no need to read the first book to understand what's going on (though it does help, and you'd be missing out). The amount of heart warming moments made this a great read. I hope you enjoy.

Fabulous cast of characters, edge of seat suspense, interesting historical notes. Jinx Hamilton is totally a likeable witch -- just the right amount of snark, humor, and heart. Her bff Tori, along with assorted ghosts and magical creatures help Jinx on her continuing journey in discovering more of her abilities while righting a wrong and fighting an ancient evil.

Jinx just jumped in when she found out she was a witch and tried to help the "ghosts" she's come to love who cannot leave the cemetery. But she raises an entirely new and much larger problem when she does an incantation over a certain "dark" grave! Nothing so far has prepared Jinx for this mess she's gotten herself in now. This is the second book in this series. It was just as wonderful as the first one. Great lovable characters, intriguing plot with lots of twists. Not a murder mystery, but definitely a cozy paranormal mystery! There is so much that happens in this book. The reader learns more about Aunt Fiona, and also about Myrtle. Then there is the new information about handsome and adorable Chase. Ahhhh, yes! Not to forget Aminty, Jinx' neighbor. However, with everything that happens in this book, it's the epilogue that makes you rush back to see if the next book has been published yet!!! Hope you enjoy this as much as I did.

Book 2 in a series, and just as enjoyable as the first book! In fact, this was less of a mystery and more of a discovery book. Jinx is trying to learn about her recently developed witchcraft, and since her only mentor (her dead aunt Fiona) is unreliable as far as being available to tutor her, she turns

to google. With her online reading comes a spell that she tweaks to use at the graveyard. While trying to release one ghost, she ends up releasing the entire graveyard as well as a few other surprises. We learn a lot about the supernatural going on in the community, and in fact, at this point we know many things that Jinx and Tori haven't even imagined! The characters (old and new) in this book are well developed and interesting. I was captivated by Darby, almost in tears when Jinx meets her many great-grandmother, and fascinated to get to know Myrtle. The story from beginning to end was filled with surprises. A few editing slips did not affect the enjoyment of the book or the desire to read the next book in the series. It is refreshing to see this interpretation of witchcraft among us, and the author certainly makes it seem real! Or maybe I just suspended reality because it was such a fun book to read. In any case, I would recommend this to all ages of witchcraft lovers. While it doesn't rely on book 1 being read, thanks to careful addition of detailed explanations along the way, it certainly is more enjoyable if you read the books in order!

I have to admit it took me just a bit to get into this book; in fact, I started and stopped it twice, moving on to other novels. Having now read it and looking back for a reason on why I found it difficult to read the beginning, I think that this was due to the fact that I hadn't read the first book in the series. As a result, the initial scenes in this story seemed a bit unlikely and perhaps confusing. So I'd advise other readers to begin the series by reading the first book. That being said, though, once I finally got going on it, the book was a delight! The characters were great fun and parts of the story were absolutely hilarious. The main character's lighthearted realization of her own ego and assumptions was well-done, and one of the ghostly characters was simply marvelous--a ghost I'd love to meet. (And can someone please tell me where I can find my own Darby, the house brownie?!) Simply spoken, I like to befriend the characters I read in novels, and that was easy to do in this book; moreover, I read for relaxation and entertainment, and I found this novel fit the bill perfectly. My only complaint was a very few editing fails in the story (i.e., "...drank from the garden house" instead of hose). These were few and far between and definitely not enough to detract from the reader's enjoyment of a very lighthearted and entertaining novel.

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