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From the moment she first learned the truth about witches...she knew she was born to fight them.

Now, at sixteen, Iris is the lone girl on the Witch Hunters Special Ops Team.

But when Iris meets a boy named Arlo, he might just be the key to preventing an evil uprising in Southern California.

Together they're ready to protect the human race at all costs. Because that's what witch hunters do.

Welcome to Hollywood.

Hollywood Witch Hunter Details

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Shelley says

I received this book for free from (Publisher) via (NetGalley) in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Genre Young Adult, Paranormal

Rating 3.0

My Thoughts

"There are two types of people in Hollywood. The Hunted, and the Hunters."

16-year old Iris Maria Bently is an oddity. She carries the Hunters gene that is normally only found in men. It makes her train harder, and attempt to be better than anyone including her brother Knox, and cousin Dex. After a famous actress she was supposed to be protecting is murdered, Iris, who has clawed her way from the ground up to get recognized, finds herself in some really hot water with the Witch Hunting Organization (WHO). If that weren't enough, she finds herself training the newest recruit named Arlo Green, and enamored with Silos, a warlock from Scotland who has similar visions to hers.

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LPlovesyabooks says

I enjoyed this book. I found it to be humorous, quick in pace, and just a light, fun read. I really liked Iris as a character and was surprised how the story ended. I'd love to see more of the villain, Belinda. I can't wait for the next one.

Valerie Tejeda says

This is my book! Thanks so much for reading (or adding) Hollywood Witch Hunter!! Here are a few fun facts about the book:

1. HWH is the first book I have ever written and completed and I wrote the whole book during Nano Writing Month!
2. HWH is a satire. You may think Hollywood Witch Hunter is a standard urban fantasy but it is actually a UF satire and falls more into the action/comedy category. I'm a huge fan of satires of like Odd Thomas, "Buffy," "Men in Black," and of course the new horror/satire "Scream Queens." I always wanted to write a

satire that involved supernatural creatures with powers and it's meant to be over-the-top and silly at times, as most satires are.

3. HWH is the book that I would've loved to read a teenager. When I was in high school, I longed for a fun book with a superhero-like girl with characters who looked like me. So with Hollywood Witch Hunter, it was important for me to write the book that I wanted as a teenager so it was written with my teenage self in mind.

4. HWH started as a TV script. When I first started writing Hollywood Witch Hunter, it was originally intended to be a TV pilot that I planned on pitching. After showing the concept to a friend of mine, she suggested that I write it as a young adult book, especially because there weren't too many why YA satires on the market at the time. So after getting her feedback, I decided to tackle it as a book during Nano instead of finishing the screenplay.

5. HWH is a homage to my home town....sort of. I grew up in Burbank, California which is just a stones throw away from Hollywood. Living so close to the movie studios was so much fun and there were constantly movies being filmed, and movie stars driving around the streets, etc. Putting this book in Hollywood was very normal for me because I grew up in and around this world.

6. HWH has some Hollywood secrets, but I'm pretty certain you won't be able to pick up on them and if you do, I'm extremely impressed! My day job is working as an entertainment journalist and I have had the opportunity to meet some actors, singers, and models along the way. There are certain situations and circumstances in the book that are based off of real life experiences with certain celebrities except in HWH, these circumstances are hidden behind magic and witches. It's very subtle, and I'm not sure anyone has put the pieces together, but it is there. :)

Hope you enjoyed these fun facts! I meant to post this ages ago but I'm glad now, I've finally had the chance to do it!

xo
Val

The Book Jar Blog says

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I loved this book! It was such a fun, fast-past read that had me on the edge of my seat. I loved that Iris defied everyone who told her she couldn't be she was a girl. How many times have we heard that one? She kicks butt and this is a fabulous debut novel. Tajeda blends the world of Hollywood and witches to realistically that I wish I lived in this world. A mixture of Veronica Mars, Supernatural and Buffy, this is a great read. There are also some great twists and surprises that I wasn't expecting. The book is really well written and very witty. I also love that Iris isn't the typical heroine, she's diverse (a Spanish speaking heroine)! Great strong amazing characters and a fantastic villain. You should definitely pick this book up when it is released.

5/5

Sasha Alsberg says

Val created the perfect Hollywood satire book and mix that in with Witches and mayhem...well, that makes it even more awesome! Loved this book!

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 4 out of 5 Unicorns - I really liked it!!!

***Received a copy of the ebook for an honest review

The cover is pretty cool and what attracted me to the book initially, and it matches what Iris would look like :)

This is a YA book, and it is the first book by new author, Valerie Tejada. I think she did a great job creating a new and unique world that was definitely entertaining to explore. While it doesn't say this is a series, the ending suggests that there will be more to come (which I hope does happen because I want to know more!!!)

Iris, Knox, Dex, and Arlo are of course my favorite hunters. Of course, Iris is spunky and full of life, but she gets her share of garbage from the other hunters because she is the first and only female hunter. All sorts of action that keeps you fully engaged into the story, twists and turns, mysteries, and so much more. When it starts you think lines of good and evil are firmly drawn, but are they? You will have to read to see because I wouldn't want to ruin your adventure in reading this book.

I can't wait to see what Valerie magics up next ;) I recommend this series to YA witch/hunter fans because you will be entertained.

Heather A says

DNF at 30%.

Just don't like it. It's too cheesy for me. And I hate the characters. It started off pretty terrible but it was sort of amusing and entertaining, but the more I'm reading, the more I'm not liking it.

I can not stand the main character Iris, drives me up and the wall and makes my eyes roll. As a supposedly bad-ass girl who dresses in leather and carries a special gold knife to hunt witches and who is supposedly the only female witch hunter in history says "beotch" instead of bitch - it makes me want to slap her. If you're bad ass enough to wear leather and hunt things - swear properly!!

The mythology makes me shake my head and I wanted to slap characters as well when the new guy who comes in and is being shown around is pleased that witches won't hunt his male relatives. In spite of the main character being the only girl with the witch hunter gene the whole thing had an irritating misogynistic vibe to it.

I am done with this book.

Liviania says

In Hollywood, witches have to kill to stay alive. Hunters are born to hunt them and to protect those they prey on, even though the witches get the most power and youth from the worst people. They still don't deserve to die. Iris is the first girl to be born with the hunter gene, and she's been fighting to be part of the group instead of left in the kitchen (literally).

That premise is seriously retrograde, so I appreciated newly found hunter Arlo pointing out just how stupid it is. Arlo always wanted to be a pop star, so being pressed into being a hunter hasn't made him too happy. He's one of two love interests. The other is Silos, an older man from Scotland who Iris dreams about before meeting. I thought either of them were decent romantic options, but I'm so over triangles.

HOLLYWOOD WITCH HUNTER is full of great characters playing out cliches. Iris is smart and believes her own observations over what others tell her about the world. Her brother Knox is the kind of brother everybody wants. Belinda, the head witch, has her own intriguing agenda going on. But I could guess every twist and turn the story took, including the surprise ending leading into the next book in the series.

The other thing that bothered me about HOLLYWOOD WITCH HUNTER is the way that Iris starts to bond with some of the witches. I am all for realizing that you've been indoctrinated your whole life and those people you've trained to hunt are actually people, but even as she got closer they were still killing people and Iris knew it. Being fun to hang out with doesn't turn a murderer into a good person.

HOLLYWOOD WITCH HUNTER is Valerie Tejeda's first novel, so I hope she'll work out some of those kinks. She's got characterization down, but she needs to find a plot of her own. I did like that she made Iris half-Colombian, which figured into the plot. People tend to assume that Iris is with the help, and being able to speak Spanish makes her a better investigator since she can talk to more people.

Once Upon a Twilight says

Beginning at the prologue, I had felt as if I had stepped into a bad, early 90s, original Disney Channel movie that had been released during Halloween. The prologue gives you the conflict upfront by saying that there is a witch named Belinda in Hollywood who is bitter and selfish, so she takes the lives of young, stuck-up girls to keep herself beautiful. Then she placed a curse on all witches in Hollywood so they would do the same. Because of this, there are people called Hunters that are only called so because they carry the gene.

See, typically, only men carry this gene, but Iris is now the only female known to carry it as well. So, throughout the story, you see Iris's struggle to prove herself among a world run by men.

Eventually there is a love interest, two actually, and some big secrets revealed about Iris's father, who happens to be in a high position of authority, and both said love interests.

The story progresses nicely, and there isn't anything too out of plot. There wasn't too much vocabulary to learn, either - 'cause when it comes to supernaturally themed books, there tends to be a whole new language

that comes with it. It was easy to pick up and read through quickly.

I would probably recommend this book to a mature 12 year old. Mature only because there is little use of explicit language and situations. For me, though, as a 16 year old, this book seemed a bit elementary. It was a nice story to jump into, though. - Bianca B.

Caitlin Gutilla says

Where do I even begin.

I would first like to point out that the reason I did not give this book one star is because that rating is reserved for books that I cannot finish. This book did have SOME entertainment value, which allowed me to finish it, but in basically every other area, it fell flat.

I HAVE A LIST:

1) The NAMES. Are you kidding me? This is the first thing I noticed about this story: every single person has a weird name, witch or otherwise. Knox, Iris, Silos, Dex, Deacon, Arlo, Levana... come on, seriously? Tejeda gave these characters weird names just for the sake of it. I am really turned off by books with weird names when the setting is in a real American city. It makes no sense.

2) This leads me to my second problem - the big America's sweetheart starlet isn't even GIVEN a name! We're supposed to be shocked and upset that this highly acclaimed actress got killed and the author doesn't even give her a name. To avoid giving a name, the author even has Iris freaking LOOK UP A PHOTO ON HER PHONE to show Arlo, instead of just telling him flat out, which is what would NORMALLY HAPPEN IN REAL LIFE.

3) None of these teenagers swear. Every single character in the book is 18 (except Iris because she's SPECIAL) and not one of them swears! You're telling me that we're supposed to believe modern teenagers use "freaking" for everything?! No! Unlikely! Would not happen AT ALL.

4) Instalove, and a love triangle. I don't even need to elaborate on this point.

5) No two teenage siblings would ever talk about their sex lives with each other. Knox bluntly berates Iris about hooking up with Arlo - and that's just weird and illogical. No, stop. What is this.

5) IRIS IS SO ANNOYING. First of all, there's this special girl trope going on where of course she's the only girl in a position where it's been only guys for the past however many years. That annoyed me enough. Then, she dangles two boys in this love triangle, then proceeds to be jealous about every little thing. She has an attitude and a high opinion of herself (honestly how has she not been sacrificed yet?), and she makes stupid decisions. Yes, let's choke the powerful warlock, because you can totally do damage, right? Iris joins my ranks of annoying female leads, for sure.

6) What's the word of the day? JUMP. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES IRIS JUMPED IN THIS BOOK? She jumped up, the words made her jump, the kiss made her jump, jump, JUMP. QUIT JUMPING. Are you really that sensitive? Mere words make you leap up from the couch? At least find a synonym for the word JUMP, Jesus Christ. THESAURUS.COM IS YOUR FRIEND.

If you can't tell by now, I'm really salty about this book. I read it because 1) it was 99 cents on Amazon and 2) it's the Perustopia book of the month.

This book is cheesy and mediocre. If you like JLA's Obsidian, this is the book for you, my friend. But I am going to stay far, far away from anymore "hunter" books. They all suck.

Andrea says

Hollywood Witch Hunter is a debut novel written by Valerie Tejada. It wasn't spectacular, but it was an enjoyable story. It was light, fun, interesting, unique and had a good pace. I wasn't thrilled by the third person point-of-view, but it worked better than most.

There were some twists and turns towards the end that I didn't suspect at all and I was pleasantly surprised as they really enhanced the story. I knew there was something "up" with two of the characters, but it wasn't what I had guessed...it was so much better! The ending felt a little rushed and there is an opening for another book which I really hope will happen. The last sentence could have been the first sentence for the next book.

I'm looking forward to another book by the author regardless if it's a sequel or not.

Feyza Doksanbir says

There is no other way for me to put this pleasantly. This book was just not my cup of tea at all. Do you recognize the feeling when you watch a film but the acting is just extremely pretentious to the point that it's aggravating you? Or when you watch a short clip on the Internet claimed to be filmed on the spot, but you can undeniably observe that it's all acted? Poorly, in this case. This book gave me that same exact feeling... I genuinely tried to appreciate this book, but it was just so preposterous to me that I had a hard time even completing this novel. The plot twists of this book... I could see them coming miles away. Perhaps this book is destined for a younger audience? That is debatable though. My judgment on the matter is that the author was trying too hard. Sadly, that didn't quite work out in this case.

Viv says

I read Hollywood Witch Hunter in one day. I couldn't put it down. I have been looking forward to this book for a long time and it didn't disappoint. The book is about a witch hunter named Iris who is finding her way. She has a brother name Knox and two guys, Arlo and Silos who are after her heart. It's not the typical love triangle so I enjoyed that.

There's a great villain and a few surprises I never saw coming. I cannot wait for the next one and I hope there is a next one. This book reminded me of shows like Buffy, iZombie, Vampire Diaries, and Supernatural because it's just a light fun read to escape with. It reminded me of older YA books that I am a fan off and being Cuban I loved that Iris was half Latina. Finally a book with Latino representation!

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves fun urban fantasy and who are looking a an really cool world to get lost in.

Ben Alderson says

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Jess says

Me he pasado todo el libro pensando *¿qué coño estoy leyendo?* Me parecía todo una broma, el carácter de la protagonista muy over the top y las situaciones ridículas. Brujas en Hollywood que se alimentan de la belleza y juventud de famosas actrices y cantantes, pero solo las egocéntricas ¿eh? que se lo merecen, claro que si. Y al otro lado unos cazadores que tienen que destruirlas para salvar la humanidad. En medio de todo el caos hay un romance que no es un romance, un triángulo que tampoco es triángulo y unas brujas y una cazadora que tampoco son lo que parecen. Super original, oye. Y tú intentando tomarte el libro en serio.

Si el chiste ya me hacía poca gracia menos me ha hecho leer la review de su autora explicando que esto es una sátira y que si no me gusta ese tipo de humor probablemente no entenderé el libro. Será eso. Así que no me voy a molestar en explicar nada más, para qué.
