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GOT DEMON?

Grace does. She's got more demon than she can saddle. In fact, she's got a sinfully sexy Crown Prince of Hell named Caspian. She's also got ten days to get rid of him or Bad Things shall ensue. See, her Russian mobster ex-boyfriend didn't take kindly to her smutty Mephistophelean contract. It's not that she's conspiring with fiends; that was his idea. It's that she's conspiring against him with outrageous devilry that runs the gamut from embarrassing to a dead hooker turned dominatrix demon gunning for his soul.

One should never trust demons, let alone shag them. They don't have hearts. Yet Grace is buying hers some slightly tarnished armor and hoping that once he's been shoveled into it, kicking and screaming, he'll find it's just his size. This damsel in distress needs a dark knight for a Happily Ever After.

"Grace + Caspian = LOL demonic lovin' fun!"--Dakota Cassidy, author of The Accidental Series

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Alexandra says

Interesting and in part fascinating story but sometimes quite long-winded and the end felt rush and not at all believable.

Andrea Heltsley says

Enjoyable sexy paranormal read. I liked some of the twists. Four glittery stars.

Toni says

3.5 Stars

Fun start to what looks to be a great series!

Grace is in need of some demon assistance. For four years she has been battling her ex and she has finally decided to call in the big guns. Those so called guns come in the form of one Crown Prince of Hell, Caspian. Oh yummy, yum-yum. The old adage of tall, dark and handsome totally describes Caspian. Oh, you can also throw in sex-on-a-stick and walking wet dream while you are at it. Revenge comes first and then well maybe she can....oh never mind. Anyways, now that she has the ability to fight her ex, Michael, she just has one other thing to do; she must pay Caspian's price for the contract.

Caspian could be called a bit of a show off. When his amazing entrance at his summoning does nothing for the gorgeous woman in front him, he is perplexed and intrigued. Normally women are falling at his feet and this goddess is not even batting an eye at him. Well he knows how he can change that...the terms of the contract. She must sleep with him if she wishes to use him to ruin Michael (imagine Grace doing a private happy dance). Too bad his plan backfires on him and he may be losing more than he planned for.

Their attraction is instant and they practically burn up the sheets, but what do you expect from a sizzling gorgeous demon. Caspian can make every one of Grace's dreams come true and let me just say it is delicious! In the end, is their love making going to be enough for them. Neither believes a life together is possible, but for extremely different reasons. What they didn't know is that there are other forces at play.

How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days is different, but not in a bad way what's so ever. It's has moments of brilliance, some good laughs and a plot that I have never read before; all that makes it a good "different". I think I'm unsettled because I think I was expecting more laughs, Michael being tortured more and while the different point of views were nice they became too much. I felt like I was missing out on things even though I was seeing into others perspectives. How to Lose a Demon is a really fun read, but at times the humor just didn't do it for me. But that being said, there is one scene that will forever be burned into my brain. I will forever view the act of getting caught during sex differently!! Ms. DeWylde's take on it, cracked me the heck up. If she could make that one singular act worse, she did. Those poor lovers *snicker*.

Ms. DeWylde's new series, 10 Days, is a winner. She ranks high in originality for plot and distinctive situations. Her ability to bring it all together is perfect and I'm happy with the final product. I'm just not all tingly and gitty. I'm pleasantly content. After reading the epilogue, I'm not sure if I'll be seeing these specific characters again, but my fingers are crossed. They were very entertaining and the brought a smile to my face.

I do believe she has unlocked a new universe with endless possibilities. 10 Days is a refreshing new take on paranormal. It snatches you from the ordinary and makes paranormal fun again. I'm here for the duration and heading out now to get in line for the next installment, How to Marry a Warlock, out now!

Aly is so frigging bored says

This was one funny book! I'm def adding the rest of the series!

Christyn says

I don't consider myself a very picky reader and am pretty easily satisfied with books, I don't like to leave bad reviews, therefore rarely do because it tends to take a lot for me to all out despise a book. But once in a while a book comes along that is just hair-ripping-out, full-on-migraine-inducing (yes, nausea and everything), what-in-all-creation-was-I-thinking, wish-I-could-unread bad. This is unfortunately one of those books for me. I was expecting something light, humorous, and romantic - I didn't get it.

How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days will forever be known as the book that taught me *why* people DNF books. I so badly wanted to not finish this but sheer stubbornness prevailed (though never again - my head is still aching, and I can't believe I got through it. Next time I know to better than to finish because despite what I hope, some books are set right from the beginning and simply *do not* get better.) It is probably the most awful book I've had the pain of getting through in a while - certainly the worst in the past few years. I'm not even entirely sure where to start.

Given any book - I am prepared to forgive a few things. Flat two-dimensional characters with no growth, the necessity to suspend disbelief, a lack of fully detailed world building, a lack of extensive details period, magical elements with no detail (provided they have some explanation), bad guys that are simply bad guys, plot twists that make absolutely no sense, in fact a whole lot of things that make no sense, a declaration of 'love' that suddenly hits the heroine, even a deus ex machina on occasion. Okay a few of these I could've (probably) handled but this book had **ALL** of these things. If you have no desire to read my rant (some swearing involved) and some spoilers feel free to skip ahead (I will attempt to mark as many spoilers as I can).

The World

I feel like we were just dropped into the middle of a world with no explanations or world building, I don't even know where or when this was set. There are hardly any general details much less details about what's going on and why. There's magic, but nothing's explained. There are oddities but nothings explained. There are things suddenly appearing and/or changing but *nothing's explained*. My biggest fucking problem is that **NOTHING IS EXPLAINED**. And it's so *frustrating*. And the things that *are* explained don't always make

sense.

Let me give you a few examples:

(view spoiler)

Characters

...I don't think there was a cast of characters I've disliked more in a while. It would be easier to list the characters I liked. Hades (the Devil). Ethelred (the Demon). Jill (the dead-brought-back-to-life-turned-into-demon-hooker). I think that about covers it, well Petru (bad-guy's henchmen) & even Caspian (the-'hero') wasn't so bad... The thing is all these characters with the exception of Caspian were *side characters*. The reason I liked them? *They were the only characters that had and made any sense*, and even that was questionable at times with some of them.

The bad guys were just bad guys. There was no real explanation to the two big baddies, just the whole I-want-power schtick. They both apparently had fucked up lives that made them that way - not that we get any detail. No redeeming qualities in either of them and I guess it was supposed to make the heroine look good - it didn't work.

As for the characters I disliked the most - that goes to Grace (the 'heroine') and Seraphim (the 'grandma'). These witches were two peas in a pod (this is not a good thing). Seriously stupid and plain tiring they had equally disagreeable personalities and were just plain unlikable. **Grace** I would've forgiven if she had shown some degree of growth. But she just remains the same absurdly incompetent tsrl heroine in a world full of tsrl 'heroines'. Not only does she refuse to see the truth even when it's laid out in front of her throughout most of the book (which I could've forgiven if not for everything else) - the choices she makes, and things she does are just *stupid*.

Not even halfway through the book - Grace decides it's a good idea to go and visit the bad guy despite everything that's happened and been revealed to her. Upon not finding him, she waits and gets **drunk**. Seriously?! You're going to go meet with the evil villain whose done you so much wrong (by yourself) and think it's a good idea to do so while drunk?! (view spoiler) This is just one thing in a whole host of idiotic moments brought to you by Grace.

What else bothered me about Grace - her inability to see the truth - couldn't she tell the "memories" weren't real? I mean they were all different, inconsistent - some showing Michael took Nikoli away right when he was born, others showing her and Nikoli bonding, etc. Not to mention the fact that there were people that outright told her the truth. She is hot and cold, her decision making is baffling, she's contradictory (bad/good,

confident/shy, I'm-going-to-kill-you-Michael/okay-you-can-kill-me-Michael), she doesn't show any growth and she is like a caricature from a comic strip gone horribly wrong. (view spoiler)

Seraphim, like Grace really doesn't live up to her name. She is a *hypocritical, judgmental, my-way-or-the-highway* witch turned (view spoiler) that is just as stupid (if not more) than her granddaughter - Grace! (view spoiler) And for crying out loud I do not *need* or *want* the picture of "Grams" and the devil having sex in my brain, especially when they keep saying she's an "old crone" and then a "young maiden". Because I just see "old crone". And *no, No, NO!*

Hades was my favorite - because he was the smartest, most sensible, straight-forward character in the book that didn't make absurd choices! The only thing was I don't get the attraction to Seraphim (or Caspian's attraction to Grace for that matter). I have to stop before I really get going.

Point is...

...I didn't like it. I didn't just not like it there were times I actively hated it. I try not to give too many spoilers but it's hard. Let's just say there are a lot of things that are contradictory or simply make no sense or have no explanation for why/how they occurred. Expect to spend either a lot of time suspending disbelief or sitting there in abject disbelief (like me). Maybe you'll enjoy it if you can just ignore the inconsistencies, and don't mind lack of details and explanations for what the heck just happened.

There was just **too much wrong** with this book for me to have any enjoyment of it. It may have gotten a laugh or two out of me (with what Caspian did to Michael) but it wasn't worth the pain of reading it. What really made me steam was that on top of everything else - the ending was just OMG, WTF?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?! It isn't bad enough I had to sit through hours of this book but you're going to give the book the worst ending ever?! (view spoiler)

All I have left to say is I am so thankful it's over and that I borrowed this from the library instead of buying it. Never, ever again. You could not *pay* me to read this book again. In fact I may *pay you* to take it far far away from me (so long as you accept payment in the form of my eternal gratitude or peanut butter cups). I need to go hug my dogs, eat some ice cream, take a couple of aspirin and restore order in my world - I think I'll watch a movie or read a cute animal book.

If it was possible I'd give this book negative stars, simply because 12 hours later my head *still* hurts thinking about it. There are books that make you cry in a good way with emotions, like joy because you loved it and didn't want it to end and then there are other books that when you finish you cry with joy because *it's over* and you're relieved. I'm sure you can tell which it was for me with this book.

Ana says

Kind of disappointed in this one. Too much happening at the same time and yet not enough. How this managed to be confusing and slightly boring too is beyond me. There's a lot of sex. Like, even more than usual and normally I wouldn't even care because I thought there was no such thing as too much sex. This book proved me wrong. Everyone seems to have sex in this story. All the time. And that, while not necessarily unpleasant, certainly complicated the plot and its evolution. I'm okay with complicated plots. I even like them from time to time. What I don't like is trying to understand said complicated plot with only a couple pages. And that's what ended up happening because most of the 300 pages in this novel are sex

scenes. One after the other. Nonstop. How the main couple even managed to fall in love is, again, beyond me. They barely talked. And because they never talked and were always busy having sex, they never came up with a plan for the bad guys. All that concentrated power and completely useless. Her father had to come save her for Christ's sake. And the angel Raphael being her father? Totally out of the blue and, honestly, someone that didn't even need to be there. Her Grandma is Baba Yaga. Her grandpa is Hades. She's a half-demon/half-angel witch. Her boyfriend is a Crown Prince of Hell. I'm name dropping, I know. But you get my point. And the bad guys weren't even that clever or powerful. They simply made a plan and executed it. Not that hard, really. So why couldn't our good guys do the same?? Nope...Much more fun to wait for our doom, have sex while waiting and expect a miracle when the time of reckoning comes. Much better.

Mihaela says

I loved this book. I don't remember the last time I had so much fun while reading. The peanut allergy scene...Priceless!! Hahahaha!!! That alone deserves 5 stars :)

Misty says

How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days is one of the funniest books I've read in a very long time. Grace has ten days to shake her Russian mobster ex and save her son. So what does Grace do? She summons a demon to do her bidding, and what she gets is not just any demon but Caspian who is not just any old demon but the Prince of Hell. Add in an entire cast that runs the gamut from a dead hooker turned dominatrix demon gunning for his soul to the devil himself and you have a laugh a minute ride. Typically a book this funny loses the romance side of itself, but that is not the case in How to Lose a Demon, the romance builds at a fun and sexy pace, making it an absolute delight to read. I have read many comical romance authors but never one that had me laughing from the first page to the last. The pure insanity of this book has me anxious to come back for the rest of the books in this series. If you're one that likes your light paranormal, heavy on the steam, and insane on the laughs then I highly recommend this book.

Jackie Uhrmacher says

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Grace is a woman scorned. Her Russian mobster ex-boyfriend kidnapped her son and has refused to let her see him in four years. A woman can only take so much before she reaches a breaking point, especially when that woman is the granddaughter of one of the most powerful witches to walk this earth. Grandma didn't raise no fool, so Grace knows exactly what she's doing when she summons Caspian, one of the Crown Princes of Hell. She refuses to take his word, forces him to sign the contract in blood, and even keeps from slapping the smug off his face when he names his price for helping her: in order to exact vengeance, Grace must sleep with Caspian. Problem is, Grace's ex threatens to kill their son if she doesn't get rid of her demonic lover in ten days. What's a girl to do when she's stuck between a rock and a hard demon?

The main focus of How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days by Saranna DeWylde is on Grace, Caspian, and their struggles to gain custody of Grace's son. (Warning: if you're cursed with Mommy Emotions, this whole plot

arch is going to make you scream to the heavens in agony.) We also have the typical romance element of several other relationships developing throughout the main storyline that include a sadistic mob boss and the dead hookers who no longer love him, an undead evil witch and her lover, and Hades and his heart of tarnished gold, among others. Each one added to the flow of the story and the development of the characters, but their epilogue was a little too cute for me. Keep in mind: I laughed my sizable ass off with the demonic crabs went after a character's nether regions, so I'm a dark and twisted mind. Just because cutesy isn't my thing doesn't mean it won't be yours.

My one complaint—yes, just one! it's a miracle!—is in the whole Vulcan Mind Meld thing. In the beginning (imagine me with a big, booming voice), Caspian could hear some of Grace's thoughts because she "thought loud." When this would have come in handy, he can't hear a damn thing. It's a tiny thing, really, but it made me throw imaginary popcorn at the screen in my mind and yell, "Oh no she didn't! Girl, tell him how you feel!"

How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days is not your average romance. Sure, there's a snarky heroine, an antihero, plenty of Big Bads, and some breath-taking love scenes, but don't let that fool you. Underneath that glimmering sheen of romance lays a dirty, laugh-until-you-can't-breathe novel full of tongue-swelling, sex-toy-killing, heart-stopping action that will change your religion. Be prepared for hot sex, multiple orgasms, forked tongues, grandmas who get more action than we do, and a love story that spans multiple planes of existence.

A few of my favorite passages:

"Fine. I love you. Get me the hooker."

"Just because I'm female and you give great orgasms doesn't mean I'm going to get all anime-eyed."

Ibrium says

Picked this one up for free during a promotion. Thank god, because if I'd spent money on it, I'd be genuinely grumpy. As it stands, I'm merely bemused.

I managed to make it a page or two into chapter 8. A common thought I had while reading was along the lines of how HARD the author was trying. Total exercise in how the effort to impress the reader with wittiness overrides the story itself. I didn't find it clever, I found it grating in the extreme.

The possibility this was destined for DNF-land hit me pretty early on. Its arrival there was assured by a bizarre, nonsensical simile about staring and dung beetles. THEN the heroine gets plastered while confronting her evil ex. Because that's just the thing to do. I seriously can't even.

Kt says

Review originally posted on my blog: A Book Obsession..

In a last ditch effort to give her ex-boyfriend, the Russian Mobster the comeuppance he deserves, Grace summons a demon to do her will. Of course she gets much more than she bargains for when Caspian, the Crown Prince of Hell shows up. In their bargaining, Grace had been expecting a price, but she never could

have imagined Caspian's demands to be so carnal. But if sleeping with a denizen of hell is bad, falling for one is even worse, and she has only 10 days to get rid of him before it is too late.

Based on the description, I imagined this book would have a tongue in cheek kind of humor, but I never would have predicted the hilarity that greeted me from page one. I mean come on, a demon who is trying to act all badass should never ever say the word frolicking in reference to himself. Kinda bursts all shreds of credibility from the start, especially as Grace labeled him metrosexual and was worried about him "bibbity-bopping along," even as he had a serious case of ADD due to her breasts. All that in just the first few pages, and things only got "worse" from there. There was one point involving peanuts and a very compromising position that left tears streaming down my face because I was laughing so hard. I can't remember the last time I read a book this funny, and it was a nice change of pace from the darker books I typically read. I mean, don't get me wrong, this book isn't just "fluff" as the overall plot is quite dark in its own right, it's just that the humor plays such a large role that it greatly overshadowed the danger.

I really enjoyed watching Grace and Caspian grow and change in this book. Caspian started out so full of himself and absolutely carefree in his emotions, or rather the lack thereof. However that all changed once Grace came into his life. It was so much fun watching him squirm as he realized to his absolute horror he may actually have feelings for her, especially as he didn't know what to do about them. There were several times he royally messed up in his blundering about, but that only entertained me more due to the hilarity of it all. Grace on the other hand, in the beginning she was so uptight and shut off from the world, although she did have good reason. Even so, being a bitter harpy hell bent (literally) on revenge didn't suit her well, and I loved seeing Caspian slow start to change her as well. Of course, being so strong willed she fought that attraction tooth and nail, leading

How to Lose a Demon in 10 Days is an incredibly sexy, fun romp that kept me thoroughly entertained. From the great characters and their steamy moments that sizzled right off the page, to the insane hilarity of it all, I was thoroughly entertained from start to finish. If this book is any indication of the future installments, the 10 Days series will be going onto my most anticipated list. This is a definite must read for those who like their paranormals with a large slice of humor on the side, and I highly recommend it!

Holley says

OK as a halloween read. It jumped around a lot, didn't have good flow, and had many plot holes. I finished it without trouble but did not feel any interest in reading more in the series.

Lady Allison says

Grace is sick of her creepy ex threatening to take away her son. He's already stolen the first two years and she is unwilling to let him steal any more. She's tried the courts, but she's ready to get down and dirty to give him what he deserves. It's time to call the Crown Prince of Hell, Caspian. When she summons him, he is so taken with her that he agrees to make her mobster of a boyfriend miserable if she'll agree to be his – whenever, however, and for as long as it takes to wear the guy down. Of course, with Caspian being the sexiest demon she's ever met, the deal isn't too hard to make – sealed with an orgasm, of course! Thus begins the torrid affair between Grace, the human and Caspian, the Prince of Hell.

I think the author was going for a Darynda Jones paranormal comedy feel, but unfortunately it fell pretty flat for me. The humor was trying too hard (it read like a paranormal Three Stooges), the romance wasn't all that convincing, & it was downright graphic in the creepy ex-boyfriend parts. (He was so evil, his goal was to become a demon).

There was a mystery with a twist thrown in that I didn't see coming that made me hate her ex that much more (yes, it's possible!) and I did like the characters themselves...I just feel that they alone couldn't carry the story. I'm glad they got their Happy Ever After, but I can't say I'd read another by this author.

Grade: D-

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Sandirae Kennedy says

Not quite my kind of romance.

Tina says

Oh GAWD this was bad.....Two Words....Peanut Butter
