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A migration of mythical creatures has begun, and more and more of them are landing on Zoey Donovan's doorstep. As the only Aegis left in the country, it falls to her to protect the Hidden and keep them safe—and her house has become a sanctuary for water sprites, goblins, harpies, djinn and more.

Keeping track of her boarders is a full-time job, and Zoey's already got her hands full trying to run her wedding planning business. Good thing she has a resident closet monster to keep her organized, and a hot Reaper boyfriend to help her relax every once in a while.

But she can't keep up monster-triage indefinitely, and as more Hidden arrive, it becomes clear that someone—or something—is hunting them. In the midst of planning an event for a notoriously difficult client, Zoey's got to figure out who's behind the hunt...and she's got to stop them before there are no Hidden left.

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Larissa says

*NO SPOILERS

Zoey is back! The Monster Haven series is so great and R.L. Naquin has created such a compelling and interesting world that I can't help to look forward to the next adventure.

On my Pooka In My Pantry review I mentioned how well balanced the lighter and darker side of these novels. That is specially true with Fairies in My Fireplace, where I found myself laughing and crying throughout the novel.

I love the Hidden Monsters R.L. Naquin has added to this incredible world and I utterly enjoyed how much Zoey has evolved ever since Monster In My Closet, She is a great heroine.

In Fairies in My Fireplace Zoey has a great support system in her friends, but something strange is going on in the Hidden World and because Zoey is an Aegis, it's in her hand and her friends' to figure out what is going on.

I really enjoyed the plot in Fairies in My Fireplace it was fun and creepy all at the same time. What more could I have asked for in an Urban Fantasy novel?

If you enjoy UF novels with a lighter vein but full of heart, this is definitely the series for you!

Celine says

Fairies in My Fireplace is the best book in the Monster Haven series so far. Naquin proves that she has developed from the cute fluff of *Monster in My Closet* and that she can write a wider emotional range.

Zoey is the last Aegis left, which means that every Hidden comes knocking on her door when they need help. Right now she has her hands full with a harpy on her roof and the goblin children in the living room, but just taking care of them is not enough. Something or someone is hunting the Hidden, and Zoey has to stop it.

Zoey is one of those fun quirky characters that seem to inhabit many chicklit books. She has a weird fashion sense, acts on impulse some times, and is clumsy enough to trip over her own feet. Additionally, she feels obligated to help anyone that comes in her path. Throughout the second book but mainly the third, we're starting to see the downside of Zoey's personality - helping everyone around her means that she stops taking care of herself. In *Fairies in My Fireplace* she gets exhausted from the increased stream of Hidden coming to her home, and she needs all the help from her friends that she can use.

The shiny, happy world of Monster Haven gained a darker edge in the second book, *Pooka in My Pantry*. While it didn't completely sit comfortably in that book, the darkness is well-integrated in *Fairies in My Fireplace*. Some very sad but well-placed things happen in this book. The stakes are raised for the main characters as they find out that they aren't immune to the bad guys.

What's great about these books is that while each book has its own closed storyline, they all tie in to the greater story arch. In every book we learn more about the world and underlying questions like "what happened to Zoey's mom?" are slowly revealed and answered. I like knowing that by the end of this six-part series, all of these questions will be answered.

Fairies in My Fireplace defies multiple genre conventions for the best - the relationship between Riley and Zoey has very few dramatic hurdles and develops at a realistic pace. Zoey's "non-magical" best friend actually knows about what Zoey does for the Hidden and helps whenever she can. There is rarely any unnecessary drama, which I find incredibly refreshing.

The Monster Haven books keep getting better and better. I have high hopes for the other three books in the series.

Cheryl Landmark says

Review to come soon.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

This might have broken me. :(Loved it though! Full review to come.

Edited to add review

I adore this series, it is so much fun with a huge cast of monsters and humans alike that are bound to make you laugh, make you smile, and steal your heart.

It's easy for it to get lost in the huge genre that is urban fantasy but this is one series that truly does need to be seen and read. It stands out with its lighter moments, humor, friendship, and mystical creatures that sometimes steal the limelight as Zoey goes on adventure after adventure to save the day and of course, the wonderful world that Naquin has created.

With heart felt moments that had me teary eyed and grabbed at the heart strings as well as a slow burning romance and many laugh out loud moments, this continues to be a series that I can't get enough of and will be sad to see it end.

Sabina Bundgaard says

We first met the wonderful, charming and quirky wedding planner Zoey in *Monster in My Closet*, where she was dealing with a lot in her life. Not only did she and her business partner (and BFF) have to plan The Wedding of the year – Councilwoman Alma Dickson daughter was getting married – but Zoey got a visit from a Monster Closet; Maurice. And to make matters worse... An incubus is in town, hunting. His ultimate target? Zoey. But not until he's gone after each and every woman close to Zoey.

In *Pooka in My Pantry*, Zoey got her hands full... again. A Pooka comes waltzing into Zoey's house, acts like it's a Hotel – and forgets to wear pants (o.O) A Leprechaun Mafia is in Town targeting everyone with a hint of Hidden Blood in them, creatures start to come to Zoey for help, secrets are being spilled and Zoey's

worst nightmare comes into reality when she realizes her mother's disappearance years ago wasn't what anyone thought it was.

Now in *Fairies in My Fireplace*, Zoey is back, with all of her friends; Maurice – the Closet Monster who loves to cook and clean (and is really, really good at it – can't you persuade him to come by my home Rachel? Pretty Please?), Andrew and Milo – Zoey's good friend, herbalist and his little fox, Sara – Zoey's BFF and business Partner, Iris – Zoey's bodyguard and a skunkape, not to forget Riley – a Reaper and Zoey's boyfriend. And how can I forget all the new ones? A yeti, Djinn, Merman and a Mothman! Things are looking more dire this time. The Hidden(magical creatures) are being targeted, they are disappearing. Nobody knows why. Not even Bernice who is the head of the Hidden Board (well, the only one LEFT) knows what is happening. All they know is that Hidden from all over the US is disappearing, including the Aegis. (The Aegis is a... well, kinda of a caretaker for the Hidden. It's where all the Hidden go when they need help.) Right now, Zoey is the ONLY functioning Aegis in the ENTIRE US. Can you guess what happens? Yup. Every Hidden creature that needs help in one way or another finds their way to Zoey's soon very crowded home. But where do the Aegis go for help when she is attacked and her friends are kidnapped? Time is running short and Zoey is desperate to find her friends before it's too late.

I fell in love with Rachel's Monster Haven Series from the first book; *Monster in My Closet*. I fell even harder when I read the sequel; *Pooka in My Pantry*. Having just finished the third book in the series; *Fairies in My Fireplace*... I'm finding myself utterly engulfed by this amazing tale. I'm addicted, and PROUD of it. Opening a book written by Rachel is like stepping into a world you know and love, and yet nothing is the same. Something new is always happening, something different, and Rachel is sooo damn good at delivering everything you wanted and what you didn't know you were looking for.

I have no words to describe *Fairies in My Fireplace*. I loved it. It broke my f*cking heart, and I still wouldn't want it any other way. Each and every time I open a Monster Haven Series Book, I'm getting a new, a wonderful and absolutely amazing adventure. *Fairies in My Fireplace* is no different than the rest of the series, although this one is more emotional, more heartbreaking than the previous two. I still love it. It made me cry, made me smile, made my heart jump and made me want to reach into the book and hug them all... it was an amazing read. I loved *Monster in My Closet*, I really did, *Pooka in My Pantry* made me so furious (on the bad guys), made me laugh out loud several times, and I loved it even more than *Monster in My Closet*, and now... *Fairies in My Fireplace* is even better than *Monster in MY Closet* and *Pooka in My Pantry*. Believe it or not. I loved every second of this book and couldn't put it down.

If you haven't read this series, then you're seriously missing out on a wonderful, amazing, freaking awesome adventure – and you really should get yourself a copy... like NOW!

Marsha says

I just love the world R. L. Naquin creates in her Monster Haven series. So many series lose their luster after the first or second book; however, this is not the case with this series. "*Fairies in My Fireplace*" is proof that this series just keeps getting better and better.

Zoey has been adjusting fairly well to her new life as Aegis, protector of monsters. However, when a large influx of monsters enters her home seeking asylum everyone knows that something wicked this way comes. Soon it is quite clear that monsters are being kidnapped; but, the question is by whom?

Our favorite evil City Counsel woman, Alma, is back in all her glory. This time she wants Zoey and Sara to plan a charity fashion show benefiting a shelter for women and children. Additionally, Sara has another job for the girls, planning a auction of a different sort. After meeting with Alma at her pretentious home, Zoey

realizes that there are fairies being kept hostage in her garden dying slowly due to iron poisoning. Zoey talks Alma into removing the iron cages and she vows to come back and release them.

Riley, Zoey's EMT/reaper boyfriend is back from visiting the Council and proves that he missed her. He cannot believe all of the harpies, Djinn, hell hounds and dust devils living at Zoey's house. One of the members of the Aegis council, Darius shows up and Zoey discovers he is a mothman. He informs her that she is the only remaining Aegis who has not been kidnapped. He demands she goes with him but Riley is having none of that! Soon, Riley and Zoey are doing the horizontal mumbo much to everyone's relief.

This installment has a mucho action, humor and of course our favorite chef, Maurice, the closet monster. I have to tell you though, my heart almost broke at the loss of one of my other favorite characters. For every loss, there is a new opportunity, right? So, the future gleams bright for the next book in the series. I for one cannot wait.

If I had a criticism, it would be that the love between Riley and Zoey was a little too sweet. After making us wait for them to hook up, I was expecting a really "hot" love fest. All we got was a sweet sizzle. It was nice but it could have been great! With that said, do not wait a minute, pick up this series starting with the first book, "Monster in My Closet." You will absolutely fall in love with it.

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review Courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

Every time I open up a Monster Haven book I fall in love again with these quirky, loveable characters and this exciting crazy world. FAIRIES IN MY FIREPLACE comes with more fast paced action, humorous dialogue and dangerous new bad guys. Zoey continues to be a brilliant and hilarious heroine with a very questionable dress sense. Basically, she's someone I would become fast friends with if she were real.

In FAIRIES IN MY FIREPLACE, Zoey has a lot more on her plate with more mythological creatures coming to her house for her Aegis protection. This creates a more frenetically paced story that had me feeling just as tired as Zoey at times. I liked that there was no lull in the action or character antics as it really helped to amp up the tension and keep the story from getting too stale.

Along with more characters helping to deepen the worldbuilding, is the expansion of the overarching storyline which has slowly become even more dire and serious for everyone. FAIRIES IN MY FIREPLACE definitely adds some creepiness to the plot with the revelation of the antagonist's methods for capturing and using monsters. While the plot has gotten a little darker there is an excellent balance of lightness and darkness in FAIRIES IN MY FIREPLACE that I was found myself laughing and then tearing up a few pages later. Yes, there is some heartbreak in this story and I was shocked at what happened and kept on hoping against hope it wasn't true.

Aside from the roller coaster of emotions I felt reading this book there is a lot of hope and great adventure awaiting Zoey and her friends in the future. I continue to absolutely unabashedly gush over the Monster Haven series and impatiently look forward to GOLEM IN MY GLOVEBOX coming out in 2014 by Carina Press.

Sexual Content: mildly graphic sex scene

Monique Timberlake-brady says

As a previous reviewer said, every book in this series so far has been delightful, pure escapism! In fact, I have to admit, I cried a bit at the end of this one.

I'm looking forward to reading whatever else this author writes.

Kimber Wheaton says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

When I read the synopsis of the book and saw the cover, there was no doubt in my mind that I was reading it. I haven't read the first two books in the *Monster Haven* series, but you can bet that I will after how much I enjoyed this one. Make me cry and I may remember a book for a little while; make me laugh repeatedly, and I'm a devoted fan for life. I love the whole premise behind the *Monster Haven* series. *Fairies in My Fireplace* is exciting and so much fun to read.

Zoey is an Aegis, a protector of the Hidden - monsters and mythological creatures of all shapes and sizes. I love Zoey's character. She's a strong female protagonist, with a great sense of humor, and fashion sense I can totally get behind. Zoey is a breath of fresh air in a world where so many protagonists take themselves a little too seriously. Romantic interest Riley is a reaper and a paramedic. I suppose the two could go hand in hand. I love Riley, he's such a great character: handsome, sweet, intelligent, and completely devoted to Zoey.

The secondary characters are many and are really what moves the book from good to great. Maurice, the closet monster, is fantastic...I wish he'd move in with me to manage my household. Iris, a skunk-ape, guards Zoey's property. Kam, an escaped Djinn, seeks sanctuary with Zoey after she escapes her cruel master. Sara, Zoey's best friend and business partner, is a perfect foil for Zoey's more over the top ways. Darius, a mothman but not the Mothman, is creepy and cool at the same time. These characters are not just thrown in; they come with backstory and personalities that leap off the pages.

Fairies in My Fireplace is difficult to put down once started. The pacing just keeps the reader turning the pages. I recommend this book to everyone 17+ that enjoys an endearing urban fantasy with memorable characters and an exciting plot.

Maryellen says

Cross posted to Amazon, spoilerish items ahead.

This series starts with *Monster in my Closet* - I'd bet *Fairies* could be read as a stand alone, but I'd recommend starting with the first book just because they're THAT GOOD.

This installment sees Zoey growing in confidence and ability as an Aegis, even as she's overwhelmed with all the baggage that comes with her role in life. Cool characters reappear, cool characters pass out of the story and new friends emerge and despite the sheer amount of world building, it's impossible not to love every single character.

This series is a perpetual favourite/reread, can't recommend enough.

Vilia says

Review from Backchatting Books

I'm going to start this review by confessing that I'm biased. I love this series. It's underlying sweetness radiates outwards and gives you the warm and fuzzies. Zoey Donovan is having a wee bit of trouble at home. The Hidden have invaded her house in large numbers with tales of friends and family that have gone missing. As Zoey's the only Aegis left, they are looking to her for guidance and protection. Someone is hunting them and Zoey's determined to put a stop to it.

Zoey may have absolutely no fashion sense (just look at the cover for proof) but she is tough, resourceful and caring. She has empathic abilities which makes it easy for her to connect with humans, animals and the Hidden. Managing her real life job and role as the Aegis is much tougher and something will have to give soon. Thank goodness her relationship with Riley the Reaper continues to evolve as she spends so much time helping others, she needs a hot guy in her quarter that just wants her because she's Zoey and not because of her Aegis abilities.

The zany Hidden characters continue to delight in their quirky mannerisms and they provide the majority of the humour. Naquin takes the time to round out their back stories which makes them truly come to life. Molly the brownie is a prime example as over the last three novels we have watched her leave her husband Walter because he was abusive, reunite with him once he gave up alcohol and become pregnant. It might be a simple tale but when you multiply that with other Hidden creatures, you have a very robust world. This time round we have Kam whose a djinn and Darius, a mothman. Yep, that's right. The latter's abilities are just a little freaky and I hope he sticks around in future novels. Maurice the closet monster remains an absolute delight.

The pace of this novel is frenetic and like Zoey, I was exhausted by the end. "Fairies in My Fireplace" is also slightly darker in tone as the stakes have been raised. There was a particular scene where a beloved character exits stage left that brought tears to my eyes. Sniff. The climax and denouement were executed well. I appreciate that Naquin has slowly expanded her world, exposing us to bigger issues than a sea serpent going into labour.

"Fairies in My Fireplace" is an absolute delight but please start with the first, "Monster in My Closet", so you can track Zoey's journey and don't miss out on any of the good stuff.

Mandy says

I received Fairies in My Fireplace in return for an honest review from the publisher Carina Press via

Netgalley. This is the third installment in the Monster Haven series. Even though Zoey is learning to be a better Aegis she still has her moments when she loses her shields and is smothered by the Hidden around hers emotions. As a Aegis it is Zoey's job to protect the Hidden but now they are showing up in waves with loved ones being kidnapped. As if finding the missing Hidden isn't enough she also has to set up another event for the evil Mrs. Alma Dickenson.

Thankfully Zoey won't have to go it alone she has the help of her closet monster, best friend, boyfriend and even a few new Hidden friends. When a stranger shows up in town a Mothman who's the one who sent her the Pooka he knows more then he's telling but isn't willing to share. When Iris her skunk-ape bodyguard is taken they learn that a collector is going to have an auction. It just so happen's that Alma happens to be also hosting The Collectors Auction which will give the group the chance to save everyone or be captured.

Zoey is a protector of the Hidden she's just new to it so it's been a learning process. Zoey has always been one of my favorite characters. She stole my heart in the first book and just keeps getting better with age. She's a kick-ass-character who Is willing to risk it all for the Hidden and her friends. I love all the characters in the story, they enhance the story is such a positive way.

When I saw Fairies in My Fireplace I just knew I couldn't wait and had to request a copy right away. I love the unique concept for of Zoey as protector for the supernatural. I'm an addict for the supernatural and this book is loaded with all kinds of Hidden that go bump in the night. I keep looking in my closet hoping to find my own special closet monster. So far no luck yet but maybe one day I will find one who cooks as good as Maurice. I was instantly captivated by the book I had a hard time putting it down but sleep overtook me so I finished first thing this morning. From start to finish a emotional roller coaster filled with action, romance, danger, humor and bad guys. The characters are engaging; they steal your heart, mess with your emotions and you can't help falling in love with them. The story is well written filled with twists and turns that keep you guessing till the end only to leave you wanting more. I can't wait for the next book I want to know what's going to happen next. I can't even begin to imagine what she has living in her house next. One of my top 5 must read series.

Elspeth says

Find the full review with fun links at my MLE and my blog.

Warning: This review will contain spoilers.

First off I want to say that I am trying my hardest not to just squeeee and gush about this book. I will probably fail cause this book was just that good, I just want to point out that I am trying. This series has easily become one of my top ten favorites, it's a series that I drop all other titles I am reading to pick up the new installment. Possibly to read the whole series again. These books make me happy, and I just want to shout out to the book world that you really need to read them...really...please...I want people to talk about them with!

Okaaaay, to the book at hand...Fairies in My Fireplace is book three in the Monster Haven series. We start off not too long after *Pooka* ended. Zoey and the gang are exhausted with the hidden coming to her in droves. Something, or someone in the world is hunting the hidden, and Zoey as the last Aegis is the only refuge.

That is until it comes to town and strikes in her backyard.

There is a ring of Hidden trafficking, and they have one of her own.

This is all I want to say about the main plot like cause it was just so well done, so connected to the first two books that it was pure joy to read.

There were a few new characters in this, and I hope a few stick around for the novels to follow. Kam, how I love you, with your Pat Benatar outfit, exuberant nature, and constant failures to do housework. (Poor, poor Maurice).

The prom dress scene was just so much awesome, it had me giggling like a fool.

Now I want to warn you about the ending. My heart, it was just so much. The feels. There were many. So, so many.

I loved it, and I really hope my friends with too!

Megan says

Fairies is more of everything I've been enjoying about the Monster Haven series so far, light, fun, and engaging with all the characters we've come to love. If you've been reading Zoey's story up until now there's nothing in this third book that will disappoint you.

I'm not personally happy with how one of the end pieces played out, though I know it was done to try and keep you reading into the next book it felt contrived and unnecessary, that particular plot point could have played out either way and I still would have been engaged enough to pick up the next book. While I'm not loving this bit, it's not enough to dampen my overall enjoyment of the story and the world of the Hidden, so on to book 4!

Alana ~ The Book Pimp says

I'd got up to 4½♥ on this, and can I get a 'hell, yeah!' on the steamy reaper action!?! I've been thoroughly enchanted by this series, and can't wait until they get book #4 on audio. I'm really excited about the series-long story that is still going on, and the individual book stories. It was nice to learn more about the hidden, and though it was bittersweet, I liked how 'real' the story played out. It wasn't all happiness, rainbows, and light... even in the world of fae and jinn and closet monsters, there can be dark times, troubles, and sorrows.

Also, I totally dig Zoey's snark. It's one of the best things about this series!
