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Willa Knight: Dweller? Bad-ass? Notorious pet to five magical beings?

In Blesswood, there are rules, and someone is trying to teach her how to follow them. The only problem is Willa. Which shouldn't be anything new, since she has been a problem since birth—something her pseudo-sister Emmy would agree on.

So it definitely shouldn't be new ... but it is.

Because things are starting to happen that have never happened before.

Things are starting to get ...chaotic.

This is a full novel, 90,000 words. Book 2 of 5 in the Curse of the Gods Series

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From Reader Review Persuasion for online ebook

Alexandra Harris says

Holy shit balls!! I knew she was.... and that this would... but omfg.... best ending ever! I will update review after a cold shower, Xanax

Dude. Though. For. Real.

Thank you, pain and seduction for making my morning better...

Just...

Ok, I'm done, be back later.

Xoxo

I need the next book today..... Like now!

Jessie Ramsay says

I JUST CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!!!!!!

Can we get an official release date?!

Full Review to come... :D

Helen 2.0 says

New favorite Abcurses is Siret, Mr. Trickery. I like a guy with a decent sense of humor.

? Sh3lly - Grumpy Book Grrrl ? says

Second Read: ★★★★★

First Read: ★★★

New thoughts: I enjoyed this more than my first read, but it's still not as good as the Seraph Black series by Jane Washington. That series has so much depth and the romances are done much better. Maybe it's because that series is complete and this one is on-going, so it feels more satisfying? This one is much more light and ridiculous, not as much drama, not as much world-building. The Abcurses are totally swoon-worthy. Willa is 18, so not sure why they can't push the envelope a bit more with the romance. The amount of times she rubs up against one of them or "accidentally" smooshes her face against their lips or has a wet t-shirt on (or in her bra) is over the top silly. It still feels more frustrating than steamy. I'm curious to see if Willa will get her HEA and if the authors will choose one or none or all. I hope all! :P

Original review:

I should have known the follow up to a book I lurved and five-starred wouldn't be as good. It always happens. This wasn't horrible, but it felt too much like a run-on of book one. There wasn't anything that set

this one apart. The actual plot didn't even really begin until about 40%.

Willa's cutesy clumsiness was more irritating and she became a Special Snowflake, which doesn't usually bother me, but it was obviously coming. Also, the romance with the Abcurse brothers is infuriating. How much more kissing and hugging are we going to have to see? Either take it to the next level or drop it. It's like filler now. Oh, Willa's being hugged. Again. She's trapped in a wall of hot muscly men, being protected. Again. I love the idea that she could possibly be in a relationship with all five of them. It's kind of unique and controversial. But it's like the authors don't have any intention of actually going through with it. So, either pick one or drop the romance completely. I'm tired of being strung along. It's not cute anymore. :/

I pretty much knew what was going to happen (view spoiler). It was obvious. I think it's kind of cool, though. There were some highlights... like the scene with the pantera, the obstacle course, the God of Neutrality...

There is potential with some of the plots, like the dweller rebellion and the possibility of changing the status quo. There are some things I would like to know more about, like how the process of the sols becoming gods after death works and more about the servers.

I hope the next one has more substance and it's not just another run-on with the same things happening. :/

My review of the first book, Trickery.

Jennifer G says

I loved Trickery and had ridiculously high expectations for Persuasion. Expectations so high that I honestly couldn't expect them to be met. Never underestimate the JJ's. Persuasion is excellent, excellent, excellent. Without a doubt, I have never loved a lead female like I love Willa with her ridiculous (in the best way) inner monologue, and the Abcurse's are beyond male perfection. Jane Washington and Jaymin Eve are two talented writers individually. Together, they are brilliant.

The book picks back up at Blesswood. Willa is tied to the 5 Abcurse brothers, so she has to be with at least one at all times. She has moved into their rooms, takes classes with them. They have accepted her completely as one of the family. She has turned parts of their lives upside down; she still gets herself into the most ridiculous situations with her clumsiness, her impulsiveness, her uniqueness. She also entertains them completely, brings out a protective quality in them, and opens their eyes to the world beyond their own existence.

This book expands our knowledge of Topia, the gods, and the curse of Rau. There's so much going on. Willa has everyone's focus which puts her in danger. The Sols resent her for not knowing her place, the Dwellers are starting to rebel wanting a life more like hers, and the gods are up to no good. Each group is planning and plotting and Willa is caught up in their plans. She blunders her way through each new threat; sometimes with pure luck, sometimes with her own brand of ingenuity, sometimes with the strange new powers she sporadically has, and sometimes with the direct intervention of the Abcurses. It takes a lot to keep Willa in one piece.

We also get more of Willa and the brothers. Her relationship with each one is unique. Yael, Siret, Rome, Aros and Coen are all complete individuals. She needs each one in a different way and they respond to her distinctively. It's slow moving, but the bond is deepening. The connection goes beyond the curse and when

tested, the brothers show that they want Willa in their lives. The emotion they show for her when she's been in danger or missing gives me the warm fuzzies. I want more! There's a bit of kissing, lots of touching, and plenty of nakedness, despite the pact and the new rule. Again, I want more!

It's clear the world is changing. Blesswood itself is on the edge of pandemonium. The gods, Sols, and dwellers are all going to have to make changes, and the change won't be easy. Willa has triggered some of this and will be swept up in the turmoil, no doubt. The Abcurses now have an idea about Willa's role in this discord, and at the very end provoke her to get their proof. What they prove changes everything once again. Willa's life just got even more complicated. She thought that she didn't fit in before, now she knows where to place herself (if not what to call herself), but she can't fulfill her new role for the sake of the world. She's definitely in over her head, but the Abcurses will be right there with her.

This book is brilliant. Original, well written, funny, sexy, suspenseful. JJ's I can't wait for the next one!

Melissa_lifeinthebooks says

4.5 stars!! I just love Willa, she's just so ridiculously funny and likeable. I love how she gives out funny nicknames "Fakey" "Stabby" "Slappy" "Mountain man", so funny. I was on the edge of my seat waiting to see what crazy thing Willa would do next. The guys, I can't choose between any of the Abcurses brothers, love them all. This book has me convinced that Willa will not choose between them either, she's gonna end up with all of them.

This book was filled with lots of twists and turns, and I was left with so many questions and eager for book three. I was a little confused by that impromptu obstacle course that Willa and the guys had to go through, I thought that was pointless and the scene where the gods came down to Blesswood was a bit anticlimactic, I was expecting more from that scene with the gods.

I'm really looking forward to seeing how Willa will deal with the fact that she's more than just a dweller and I'm hoping we get to see another dweller uprising in book three. Overall great read this book left me anxiously awaiting book three, I need more Willa and her guys.

Liz says

Technically it's April.... WHERE IS THIS BOOK?!?

Sateem ó_ò says

★.~^~.★ *4.5 Stars* ★.~^~.★

Just as fun as the first one.. but with a bit more PG-13 porno moments..

Is it wrong that I wish it was a tad bit smuttier?

ugh..I think I hate that stupid pact even more than Willa did.

Anywho, I do love all the five, but Siret is still my babe..

Anya Kothari says

I neeeeeeed this book. Like yesterday. I can't even deal with how long I'll have to wait

Update: Like the first book, there were more than a few passages that had me in hysterics. I can't help it. I love Willa. She's not the heroine we wanted, but I think she's the heroine we need. I'm patiently awaiting the third book, minus the patiently.

Cece ❀Rants, Raves &Reviews❀ says

Willa freaking Knight. Baddass Extraordinaire. Best Dweller in the World.

What makes Willa so great? Well....

“I actually was pretty special, but not in a kick-the-gods-asses kind of way. More in the dropped-on-my-head-at-birth kind of way.”

She's not good at many things, but she excels at getting in the way. Especially if it's something dangerous. So for those of you who were concerned... Don't worry Willa is still the same quirky clumsy awesome heroine you loved in the first book

“What have we told you about doors?” he asked.

“They move ... so I shouldn't lean on them.”

Welcome back to the world of the Gods. Dwellers are servants who hope and pray to get sent to Blesswood Academy so they can work their entire life away for **stuck-up pricks** that happen to be born with abilities.

Here are BlessWood, our motto is: Welcome to the Academy, try not to die.

“Those who make it all the way through go on to the next round. The rest will possibly be sacrificed, depending on the whims of the gods.”

For real, I love this world for so many reasons and this book reminded me of that with its world-building specifically the different creatures and a HIERARCHY of the gods.

She is still a badass trying to fight and ending up hitting her own team because....honestly hun what a clutz. This was an inherent part of her personality. **NOT JUST something just said in the beginning then forgotten by the end** (hello bella from twilight)

“One of the boys was going to check on me at any moment—and I didn't want them to see me dragging the crazy-assed-sol down the hallway by her legs”

And Willa gets herself in the most ridiculous situations. Like being stranded in a floating platform in the sky. With a god who has anger issues. Who she may or may not have kicked in the balls.

“I shrieked and tried to throw the jug of water on them, only to realise it was empty and all I had actually thrown was the jug.”

Which smacked into Siret's head.

He swung around with another snarl and I froze, both hands held out in front of me. "Shit! Sorry, I meant to hit Rau ... and I meant to throw the water not the jug! And I'm ... shit"

So we have Willa getting in some hilarious situations and the guys are there. This book definitely had more flirty flirty-angst stuff. Not that Willa would ever admit she has feelings.

"They had just dropped the whole beta bomb on me, and then immediately jumped into a wrestling match because I was naked.

They were all insane.

"We heard that!" Siret yelled, ducking to the side to avoid Aros's fist."

Picture this:

A beautiful independent lady trying to boss around 5 crazy-hot gods.

But this independent woman trips over nothing, sets fire to everything, somehow always loses her clothes, and just... pure chaos man.

"You should get revenge on him," Coen advised.

"I should!" I immediately tried to kick my walk into a run—taking Coen's suggestion as permission to punch one of them—but he caught my shirt again."

I just love it so freaking much

"So ... penises, right? I mean ... just wow, so many penises. What would a girl even do with that many penises together in one place?" Shut up Willa. What the hell is wrong with you?

There was a beat of silence and then suddenly the room was filled with laughter."

Though I mean this book isn't for everyone. Some people don't like **full bellied, hold-yourself-up-on-your-knees, can't-breathe-or-talk kind of laughter**. So if that's you, first stop following me and secondly read this book anyways.

It was also great seeing the relationships developed. They had inner jokes from the first books that carried over and honestly just **warmed mah wittle heart**. And they helped each other!! The guys made Willa more crazy outgoing and protective. And Willa in general made them more crazy

"We're upset that you removed it," Yael interrupted. "You ... you shweed!"

For a moment, not a single person even dared to breathe. Cyrus looked confused, but the others seemed to be torn between rage and amusement.

"What ..." Coen paused, taking a deep breath, "the hell is a shweed?"

"It's a cross between a shit-head and a weed," I said, causing everyone to turn to me.

"Her idiocy is contagious," Cyrus stated. He almost looked surprised."

This review was a little 2 ranty and ravey but honestly this book was a breath of fresh air. Characters I gave a shit about, interesting plot development

And can i just say...

I TOTAYL FUCKING CALLED IT WITH THE CHAOS THING I CALLED IT WHEN I FIRST READ THE FIRST BOOK BUT I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE GIVING THE AUTHOR TOO MUCH CREDIT BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH IT WAS EVEN BETTER OH MAH GAWDS THAT WAS BRILLANT I LOVED IT SO SO SO MUCH!! READ IT!!! NO SPOILERS!! READ IT SO I CAN GUSH ABOUT IT WITH YOU!!

Just so good. Definitely recommend.

Erin ? *Proud Book Hoarder* says

After finishing the oddball and indefinable first novel, I dug into this second right away to see what disasters Willa would get into this time with her five Sols.

Willa does indeed trip, stumble and cause general chaos, especially when she accidentally ends up in a floating platform world in the sky and angers the big Sols who toss her over the side. Still, Willa irritated me most of the novel and it got a bit repetitive and over the top how she keeps accidentally getting herself in weird situations of smooshing against the guys or is donned in wet shirts and nudity scenes. Some of her dialogue grates on her my nerves like nails on a chalkboard too, but hey, it's balanced since the story is fun enough and the Sols hold up the ship when it starts sinking into the silly zone too fast.

You'd definitely need to read this in order and know what's going on, but also to get into the characters since the actual storyline doesn't start for awhile and it holds up by being invested in the character's lives and their disasters up till this point. If you don't care about any of that or like any of them, you'd kind of be screwed since the storyline takes a bit to take off.

I was happy to see Dwellers are getting a backbone because of their submissive nature annoying the peaches off me. Developments are stirring up from various sources, and I liked meeting the God of Neutral and more with the God of Chaos, the inter-romantic rhythms with the five and their "pact".

Nonsensical and over the top, it's just plain fun and induces smiles at the same time it's bringing out the groans and eye rolls.

Was a buddy read with the MacHalo bunch.

Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says

I told myself over a year ago not to pick up a book that's part of an ongoing series until it's complete and yet I obviously didn't listen when I picked the first book in this series up. Now I'm stuck waiting very impatiently AGAIN for the third book to come out. I don't know why I do it to myself, self-inflicted torture is bollocks.

Anyway, I loved this book, not quite as much as the first but still more than a lot of books I've read lately.

I have a few niggles -

First - Willa was verging on just plain stupid rather than a bumbling idiot for parts of this book. Her clumsiness is all well and good, but it went too far for me this time and made her seem almost simple minded.

Secondly - the mounting sexual tension is driving me insane! Why can't she just get freaky with all of them right now! I don't care if they take turns or it's free for all. I want that. There's no need to pick, just be a greedy bitch Willa and have all the Abcurse brothers.

Lastly - nothing actually happens plot-wise until past the 50% mark. Now, this didn't bother me a great deal because these books have been so smooth and easy to read that just watching their interactions are entertaining, but it did mean that when things started to kick in, it was crammed in and I could have done with it being longer.

I'm still giving this 4.5 stars because I love all 5 brothers and the trainee god, power aspects going on. Plus that ending, I really didn't want to finish reading this so quickly and again, I want the next book now. Having to wait is shit.

Jasmine says

3.5 stars

Okay you guys, imma be honest. I love Jane Washington and I love her writing so of course I'd love to give her books glowing 5-star reviews. But I gotta be honest, I'm not 100% in love with this book. It kills me to say it but it's true. I kind of found it a bit...lacking in plot? Like I'm not quite sure what the plot was other than Willa being incredibly clumsy and the Abcurses being incredibly hot.

I mean it was entertaining to read about Willa and her journeys and all, like it's a fun and light read that puts you in a good mood. I read it in one sitting and will continue to read all the books in the series and then some. It's just not exactly deep or thought-provoking. Nothing wrong with that of course, not all books are meant to be, I was just pointing it out. The book also ends kind of abruptly but that's most likely because the books seem to pick up from where the previous left off so I can deal with that.

The next gripe I have isn't any fault of the authors or book, it's just a personal preference. Because I really don't want this to be a reverse harem where Willa ends up with all five guys. I mean come on. Reverse Harem can be fun to read about of course, but this series is already too similar to the Seraph Black series and having all the characters end up the same way is just too unoriginal for lack of a better word. If I want to read that series I'll read it, but if I'm reading something else, I'd want it to be different or more original, you know? This is, again, my personal opinion because if this does turn out to be a reverse harem then...oh well, I guess. It's not a flaw or something wrong with the book, I just won't be happy. Tbh I want Willa to be with Coen and Coen only. I was in love with Aros at first but idk. Coen just stole my heart I guess. (Plus he and Willa balance each other out perfectly, just saying.)

Also, I can't connect with Willa. Like she's not a relatable person at all and her inner dialogue is mostly just her quirky, awkward thoughts about Abcurse hotness. She's not written like a real person, I guess I'm trying to say. She doesn't have normal or personal or deep thoughts where I can feel like I'm in her head and understand her life, and she seems a bit dense.

But again, I think she was written like that on purpose. Besides, she's entertaining as hell and it makes the book fun to read about.

But anyway, enough of my complaining. I did enjoy the book, I love reading about the Abcurses, and Willa and all that. I love that this series is light and fun (but also hot, just saying), so it's not something to expect more out of. It is what it is and I do like what it is. I can't wait to see where the series goes because I feel like it's slowly building up into something more. Like all the action and world-building is coming and something epic is about to happen.

Saya ? Queen Of The Night says

5 FUCKINGTASTIC STARS

I love this series, and everything about it.

I am Willa and I need my Abcurses brothers, right this second to complete my soul.

“I had strong feelings for the Abcurses, it was a fact, I needed each one of them. I needed Siret’s grin, Aros’s heat, Coen’s hardness, Rome’s gruffness, and Yael’s stubbornness”

Gods-dammit. This book is my **soul**, and the only people in this crazy world I can entrust my soul with are **my Abcurses brothers**.

Waiting for this book was brutal, and it ate at me. Every single day was agony... okay that's a little much, but you get what I mean. I just couldn't get enough after *Trickery*. My whole life changed when I was introduced to the Abcurses brothers. *Yeah, yeah, that sounds so cliché.*

I like how everything flowed perfectly in the beginning-middle-and end of this book.

The banter between Willa and the Abcurses is *pure gold*. I absolutely fucking adore their conversations, I literally live for them.

We start off the book with the usual, and might I say regular degular, clumsiness from Willa. Which leads to epic banter with the Abcurses. Fakey from the last book, makes a few appearances, but is quickly shut down. The gods make an appearance at Blesswood Academy, and lo and behold, they've come to stir up shit. They start some bullshit life or death competition and guess which ~~'not a dweller but not a sol'~~ has to compete? Well, obviously the answer to the would be Willa.

Fear not as in true Willa style, she somehow survives.

I have to say that it was fascinating to see the development of Willa's "powers". Here and there she seems to show some hidden powers, and they're still somewhat iffy. However it's obvious at this point she is definitely not a dweller. Which hints back to the first book, and why her Mom was drunk and hardly involved herself in Willa's life. There is clearly a backstory to this and Willa's Mom must know why her daughter is "cursed".

I love the relationship between Willa and the Abcurses. It's relationship goals right there, now I just wish they would make it official. If Jaymin and Jane don't make this official I'm going to be shattered. They all have to be together, it would be weird if you just pair her with only one of them. Willa needs the full package, and they need Willa. *Simple*

“Nobody else exists, Rocks. It’s you and us. We’re everybody.”

The 'Pact' is the bane of my existence, like holy shit can you all just get together already?

I mean even Willa knows that it's stupid. But I do like how the brothers are so possessive of Willa. When Dru aka Mountain Man tried to flirt with Willa at the Arena, he magically was flung to the middle of the arena. My bet is that Rome flung him. Since he has that silent and strength vibe. And that's so hot.

but oh gods, all the Abcurse brothers are more than hot.

WHAT I LOVED

- The Abcurse Brothers
- Willa
- All the banter
- How much I laughed
- How becoming a Jeffrey is a general term
- Yael's competitiveness
- Aros seducing my life
- Siret just being trickery and calling Willa soldier
- Rome being my low key cinnamon-bun
- Coen at the end *swoons*

Can I just say Yael being so competitive is bloody hilarious. I think it has to do with him being Persuasion and getting whatever he wants. But still.. he is super serious about being number 1, that I can't help but explosively laugh when he gets edgy about it.

“Normally I’d say you can choose and it won’t be a problem, but for Yael ... it would definitely be a problem.”

Willa finally blessed us with a new word folks, and I intend to use this word on a regular basis.

“What ...” Coen paused, taking a deep breath, “the hell is a shweed?”

“It’s a cross between a shit-head and a weed,” I said, causing everyone to turn to me.”

Anyways, now I have to wait again. Woe is me, and me is woe.

You can't name the next book Seduction and expect me to not be seduced. That's just not fair.

My soul would be appeased if I could get this sometime in mid July. Not that I'm trying to hint a good date or anything. I mean..... that was a subtle hint, a friendly shove, a gods damn caress.

I need to commend Jaymin and Jane, These females are so incredibly talented. They've created a world and characters that bring joy to my life. I hope they work as a duo regularly, as together they make mind-blowing magic. Thank you for giving this life. <3

Alana • thebookishchick says

I’ve said it once and I’ll say it again, I’M ONLY HERE FOR WILLA & ROME.

That's it, so they better be a thing.

This was highly predictable but still an entertaining quick read.
