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Who do you trust when your power can be used against you?

For generations the Incenaga Witches have been forced to use their power to fulfill the wishes of others until they are drained of their magic and left to die. Desperate to protect his infant daughter - the last surviving witch - Emmeline's father escapes with her to the forests where he vows to keep her hidden from the world and from the truth.

Sixteen years later, Emmeline is discovered and finds herself in the grip of a traitor who will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even if it means abusing her power until she dies. As she fights to regain her freedom she is faced with a choice between a prince who offers a lifetime of security and a common gamekeeper who has no idea of her power, but offers his heart.

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From Reader Review The Last Witch for online ebook

Lauren (Northern Plunder) says

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I was lucky enough to see a post on Facebook about this being on the Amazon Kindle Lending Library and the day I saw it was the last day it was available too. I'm really happy I did because I had yet to decide what to borrow.

I wanted to love this book from page one, it had a great concept behind it and as Emmeline didn't know about her heritage or powers we found out about them along with her, whilst it was frustrating that everyone wanted to keep her in the dark - quite literally too as her power comes from fire - it was fine to deal with because of how the story developed. My actual issue was that for me the rest of the story was a little too predictable for my likings, it wasn't one hundred percent oh yes this is definitely going to happen for most of the story but it was still pretty obvious. I wouldn't let that put you off picking up the book though because this is something I deal with for most books and movies, I just have a natural talent for taking guessing with what's about to happen and more often than not, it does. I really need to stop doing that and to suspend my thoughts whilst trying to enjoy myself but that is easier said than done too - the only thing that I felt was very obvious was the Gamekeeper and his background, to me it was just too impossible that there wasn't more to him.

So I've pointed out why I didn't rate this book higher than three stars considering I really liked Emmeline's character development and I want to point out what else I liked too because it was a great read, just my brain lacks the ability to shut off. I believe one of my favourite things about this book is that we get to see how Emmeline's powers can be controlled by others, we get to see her at her weakest as well as her strongest, how she has no choice but to do others willings at times but also how she has to depend on another to control her if only for a brief moment to make guarantee their safety. Basically, I like how just because she's the main character with all this power behind her doesn't mean she always has to be strong and kicking butt. Also I think its set the scene well for the second book which I think will be a lot better and I'm looking forward to be able to read it.

Kimmie Thomas says

The Last Witch is a fairy tale, but it doesn't have the textbook happy ending. Emmeline is a poor farm girl who discovers that she has special powers that everyone seems to want to control, but she is betrothed to a prince in a country she has never heard of. When it's time for her to marry him she isn't sure she wants to be stuck married to some guy she doesn't love just to unit the two countries. There are various villains in this book and it is sometimes hard to figure out who is really trying to manipulate her. It seems that all will not end well and her father may die if she doesn't do as she is told. This is Emmeline's journey to discover herself. As you read you can only hope and pray she will be able to marry the man she loves.

The characters are well described and life-like. I just had a hard time believing some of the story line. I also wondered why Emmeline never finished reading the Incenaga Witch book that was left for her in the library.

I must say that the story was well written with a graphic description of the story setting, often too descriptive

making it hard for me to push forward with reading the story. I also questioned why a major character in the book watched from the sidelines, but seemed to be completely unaware of what was going on with Emmeline, even though the premise for him being there was to watch out for traitors. She also spent the majority of her time with him.

Overall, the book is a good read, especially for young adults. The characters are wholesome, but intriguing. As a reader I do not like a lot of flowery scene building. I loved the cover of this book as well. I give this book four stars and suggest you give *The Last Witch* a read. This author is talented and definitely has more literary material hidden inside of her. I can't wait for part two.

This book given free for review.

Karen says

This book was amazing... Once I started I did not want to put it down. I regretfully had too because of my job, but I found myself thinking of all the characters while I was away and compelled to finish it as soon as possible. This book has everything for every type of reader. Action, adventure, mystery, romance and fantasy. The main character Emmeline transformation in this book is wonderful. The strength she gains is empowering. This story had me at the edge of my seat, biting my nails and heart pounding.

The pace of the novel was great too even though it took place over months the author focused on the action and adventure of certain days instead of going into extensive detail of long drawn out days. The story was unique and I found myself drawn in from the first page, as Emmeline discovers her powers a lot of openings for the story that lead the way for the next two books in this delightful trilogy to explore and I am looking forward to reading every one

Debbie Dee says

Okay, okay, I held off as long as I could! But obviously I can't control myself so I'm reviewing my own book. Am I a total doofus? Of course, I thought it was amazing! :D :D

Justine says

I received this book free from the quote in exchange for and honest review.

I fell in love with this book from the moment I started to read it. Debbie Dee has created a scary but beautiful nation hell bent on the extinction of witches and even going to fight wars over it. But luckily we find out that there is one last witch. There is so much present in this novel but also just as much good. Everything keeps you begging for more. I also enjoyed the idea that the Incenaga witches harness their power from the fire, but it is also their greatest weakness. I found it very interesting how they can be controlled by looking into their shining eyes. This is just a great fantasy novel overall.

I loved how quickly Emmeline became socialized from only ever interacting with her father to becoming a

princess. She was also so strong and brave to have went through what she did and not just give up. I did find Erick's secret rather predictable but it was still cute. Also I found Erick to be a very honourable character. I can't wait to see how their romance blossoms and what adversities they will have to overcome in the next instalment.

This is an awesome story for fantasy lovers. I can't wait to start on book two. If you love stories about witches, kingdoms and magic, then this is a great book for you topics up.

J. Ann says

First I got a want to mention I got a copy of this book from the author herself. It in no way altered my feelings for this book (which are of my own opinion). I am grateful for the opportunity I had to read it. Now, on to the review.

I can't say I loved this book but I didn't hate it either. Half of the time I was found myself wanting to scream at Emmaline for this or that. The other half I enjoyed. This book starts off great. You get drawn in from the very first page. The author's attention to detail was amazing. And the ending was just as good. Then there was the middle half of the book.

I had to force myself to read it. I felt like I was reading the same thing over and over again. Once I even felt like throwing my computer across the room because I had become frustrated with the montony. Finally, I pushed threw it until the end. I was glad I did.

I give this book a PG-13 rating because of some pretty graphic violence. There wasn't much of it but it was enough that I wouldn't suggest this to any kid under a teen. All in all the book left me excited to find out what happens next.

Elicia Cheah says

You can also find this reveiew on <http://girlinthewoodsreviews.blogspot...>

Detailed Review: I honestly liked the storyline, truly liked it because it was just too good to stay away from. I love the cover, which is especially lovely!

The story starts with Emmeline Durandi complaining that she's bored and lonely but then she hears a sound from outside her isolated house in Pamizak. It's the thunder of horses' hooves. Her father, who had been with her, immediately goes into a frenzy and starts packing things, which astonishes Emmeline because why would he do that if there were visitors coming?

Unless they weren't.

It appears that it is also a group of King's men from Dolmerti that have come to fetch their princess-to-be back to where their Crown Prince was waiting to marry her. But it turns out that he has gone on a trip and won't be back for a week or two.

It turns out that her father had signed a betrothal agreement which already decided Emmeline's fate for her. Also, her father was the king of Pamizak. Unbelievable.

When Emmeline is brought back to Dolmerti against her will, she starts to discover a plot to start a war between the two countries that she is in between in. She herself as a witch finds herself powerless as a man repeatedly tries to be her master. Being the last of the Incenagas, she wasn't going to let herself be enslaved until her power is used so she resists, though not without suffering for it.

How do you own an Incenaga witch anyways?

Answer is you have to be brave enough to stare into the witch's eyes when it holds the light of a thousand lights. If you can do that, she's all yours.

In one of Emmeline's adventures, she meets a handsome gamekeeper, Erick who she finds herself at ease with because of his crooked smile and his never-ending humor. Their relationship starts to develop into something more, more than they could ever imagine...

Meanwhile, she also meets Prince Weldon, the Crown Prince's younger brother, and finds him in desperately in love with her, which she couldn't accept. Not without being disgusted and confused by it.

But meetings with the King also manages to lighten up her moods since he's probably the smartest King I've ever known. Not to mention the humor and optimism he possesses despite his blindness.

Now to shock you out of your seat, Prince Weldon has turned out to be the traitor, the person who has been planning to start a war between Dolmerti and Pamizak, not Mahlon, the King's most trusted knight.

The plot involves Emmeline murdering the Crown Prince on their wedding night, which would certainly cause an outburst in Dolmerti. And even Emmeline herself can't say no, since she's already lost her own battle with the person who's trying to own her.

But one person she could never imagine saves her from what she has to do. Erick. You wouldn't believe this if I tell you now but I won't keep the truth from you longer.

ERICK IS THE CROWN PRINCE RICHMOND FREDERICK III.

I'm sure your mouths should be open with shock now. But I'll excuse that. So yeah... Emmeline ends up getting married to the person she loves. Happily ever after. There's going to be a sequel though... So I just can't wait to see how her fate will turn out after she's married!

Best witch's book ever!

Brief Review: The plot was good and I liked the setting. The boring parts, which were actually quite rare, were excusable after I read some good parts of the book. Some descriptions were quite vivid and they easily got stuck in my mind. The cover though, was what got me drooling the most!

Final Rating: 4/5 'Really Liked It'

April says

Debbie Dee captured my attention within the first few pages and held my attention until the very end. It's rare for a book to keep me enthralled as *The Last Witch* did. I credit the innocent, loving characters of Emmeline and Erick and the intriguing plot for keeping me immersed in the story. Emmeline is such a sweet character. Like most young adults, she struggles to understand her heritage and place in the world. She recently learned she was the last incenga witch. However, she doesn't understand the true significance of her power. Erick is an honorable, young man. He envisions a prosperous kingdom by creating trade agreements with other lands unlike others who believe the kingdom will only prosper through war. However, the King's right hand man, Mahron, has different plans. He wants all the power and the control. Mahron will stop at nothing to achieve his goal of war. Unfortunately, I don't like to give any spoilers in my reviews. So, everyone will have to read *The Last Witch* to see which prevails: innocence and good or power and greed.

I highly recommend this book. It was a pleasantly surprising read. I loved it! I hope to see more of Emmeline and Erick in the future.

A copy of this book was provided to me by the publisher and/or author for an honest review.

Trisha says

This is a really different type of book for me. For some reason, books about witches and witchcraft tend to not make it into my TBR pile, which I am quickly regretting

The Last Witch is a great story about Emmeline, a girl not experienced in the world or with people. Suddenly taken from her home and her life, she is thrown into a castle where she is held captive to save her own life. Torn between the love of outdoors and being safe - she is stumbling through making new friends and trying to protect herself from new enemies.

Emmeline is a character that is easy to love. She is strong and witty and a survivor through and through.

Adventure, love, and a little magic. This book was great to read! And the cover is just beautiful!!!!

Brenda says

If you are like me and are always looking for a book to get lost in, *The Last Witch* is it! The characters kept popping into my head during the day, and I couldn't wait for my nighttime reading. This book will result in late nights and lack of sleep! So worth it. The characters were well developed, and although I am by no means a part of the young adult audience, I found them to be age appropriate yet mature. Emmeline could be a worthy heroine for girls. Not once did I roll my eyes at their silliness, which can sometimes happen for me with this genre. The love story was very sweet and compelling, but there was nothing that would make me embarrassed to recommend this book to my mother or a teenager.

The scenery throughout was beautifully imagined. It isn't all prettiness though, there was action and suspense too. I found myself re-reading passages, not because they weren't clear, but because they were so lovely! Ms.

Dee is certainly a talented writer. You know how when you finish a good book, you miss the characters and wonder what happens next? It's like that. A great ending to this story, but I really look forward to the next in the series!

Christina Torretta says

Ok, firstly, I couldn't stop reading this. I stayed up until 2 am trying to get to the end and hoping that this was going to be a part of a series.

Secondly, the ending was fabulous. I don't normally talk about endings at the beginning of my reviews but it was so good that it could have been the end of the story. No cliff hanger. But I so want to know more about Emmeline! I was very pleased to find out that this is book one! YAY!

Ok, now for the characters, Emmeline is fabulous. She doesn't know anything about being a witch or having powers so as she learns, we learn. You only get tid bits here and there about the Incenaga and why she is the last and why they can be so dangerous.

The BIG part of the book I was able to guess at. There are some things that hint to something that happens nearly at the end, but I was able to figure this portion out. Normally, if you're able to guess at such a huge part, maybe you wouldn't be interested in continuing to read, but the way this was written, I just couldn't stop. I wanted to know if I was right. I was but even when I got to the part that validated my guess, it made me want to continue. Now, I have to say, I'm sorry for the intrigue! But really, I don't want to spoil this for anyone! The story was well worth finding out what was happening.

Sadly for Emmeline, she feels as if she can't trust anyone and this distrust just builds as the story continues. It's amazing how the plot builds and the stress builds! I found myself wondering how she was going to get out of the messes she found herself in, but Emmeline is a brilliant gal and a fabulously written character. I love every bit of her.

Erick also added quite a bit to the story. He was the one that I hoped she could trust above all. But even with him, you're left being curious as to what exactly his intentions are. He is my favorite character but you don't know if he or if anyone else is on Emmeline's side until the very end!

As I said above, the ending is wonderful, but these characters leave you wanting to know more, even after the story is finished. I can not wait for book two! Absolutely brilliant writing! I'm definitely a fan of Debbie Dee's!

Ruty B says

What would you do if someday someone appear at your door and drag you away from home to marry a person you have never seen before? What if you discovered an important part of your life that has been kept as a secret from you?

Emmeline has never known that she was the last Incenaga Witch alive. When a group of men comes to her

door claiming she has to go with them because she has to marry a prince, who she has been engaged with since a baby, her life is put upside down.

After being captured, she is kept captive in a castle and her powers start to grow. She meets a mysterious gamekeeper, who shows her beautiful places in the kingdom, the stables and keeps her company during her solitude.

Emmeline is a beautiful character, unaware of the potential of her powers, a very strong girl that only wants to be free, help her father and protect a prince she hasn't known yet, a proof of her good heart. We see her evolve and turn into a brave woman.

Of course we have a male character, Erick. He is a sweet guy, honest, handsome and with some secrets. But I have to say that at some points his secret identity was a bit obvious. However, his scenes and dialogues were funny, romantic and made the book greater.

The book counts with a really bad guy who is not afraid of hurting a girl just to get what he wants. The story is complete with treason, secret alliances, good fighting scenes and a good ending.

One of the best things is the rhythm of the story, which is very different to most YA novels. The book moves on with a strange and real timing. I love this fact because I didn't know what to expect.

Debbie made an excellent job with this book, not only is very entertaining and make you feel a wide range of emotions, it also leaves you waiting for more.

(An ecopy of this book was provided to me as part of a blog tour).

Amy says

Really amazing book! A great read from beginning to end! Love this book! I look forward to reading more books by this author!

Tracey (Life and Literature) says

Hidden away in the depths of the forest for many years by her father, Emmeline has had no contact with anyone besides him and she also has no knowledge that she is a witch. But not just any witch. She is the last living Incenaga. But one night the kings men pay a visit and she is forced to flee but is eventually captured and taken to the castle where she is told that her father had promised her hand in marriage to the crown prince of Dolmerti. Upon arrival at the castle she is informed that the prince is in fact travelling and will not return for quite some time. She is held a virtual prisoner in the castle and it is there that she see's true evil in the form of Mahlon, the King's Principal Knight.

Longing to be outside in the sunshine she makes an escape onto the grounds and meets the handsome gamekeeper Erick. A friendship develops between the two but Emmeline's feelings soon turn to much more even though she knows that nothing can come of it because she is set to marry the prince.

Emmeline experiences such harshness but she is so full of strength and determination. I loved her relationship with the King and I hope that we get to experience more of that in the next book. Erick was so caring and protective and him and Emmeline were so sweet together. Mahlon, was so full of bad!! He is just a horrible, horrible man who had me cringing at some of the things he did!!

Debbie Dee's The Last Witch is such a wonderfully written and descriptive story. Lots of action and suspense that is guaranteed to keep you engrossed from the first page to the last!! I will definitely be reading the next book in the series!!

4.5/5 Stars!!

Review first posted at YA Book Addict... <http://youngadultbookaddict.blogspot....>

Shellbelle19 says

I started this book last night and couldn't put it down! It was so so good! I loved the writing and the story was so amazing! I can't wait to read more! Debbie you are amazing! Now that I am done reading it I wish that I didn't read it so fast! But at the time I just couldn't put it down!

Debbie you are an incredible writer! Thanks so much for sharing your talent! I am so happy for you! And I can't wait for the next book!!
