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Keep your gods close and your monsters closer...

Police Chief Delaney Reed thinks she knows all of Ordinary, Oregon's secrets. Gods on vacation, lovelorn ghosts, friendly neighborhood monsters? Check.

But some secrets run deeper than even she knows. To take down an ancient vampire hell-bent on revenge, she will have to make the hardest decision of her life: give up the book of dark magic that can destroy them all, or surrender her mortal soul.

As she weighs her options, Delaney discovers she can no longer tell the difference between allies keeping secrets and enemies telling the truth. Questioning loyalties and running out of time, Delaney must choose sides before a kidnapping turns into murder, before rival crochet and knit gangs start a war, and before the full moon rises to signal the beginning of Ordinary's end.

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Debrac2014 says

Good story line! I wonder what will happen now without the Gods.

Marsha says

"Gods and Ends" is a great follow up to book two in the Ordinary series. There is no shortage of drama, action and just plain old fun in this read. I found myself laughing so hard throughout the story.

This time Delaney has to call in for additional officers from a neighboring town hoping to ease some of the burden on her over worked sisters. Jean is questioning what to do about her growing relationship with Hogan and Myra seems to be becoming over protective and depressed.

As the tensions between the wolves and vampires continue Delaney is working hard to keep the peace, find a way to rescue Ben and destroy Lavius. Of course she also has to deal with the war brewing between the Knitters (K.i.n.k.s) and the crocheters (C.o.c.k.s). My, my, my!

We also get a chance to learn more about the girl's father, Robert Reed. This information will bring about some interesting developments that will leave Delaney reeling. The author is planning some novellas for later this year and a couple of more books in the series. I'm glad because I for one can't get enough of Ordinary, Oregon.

Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

3.5 Stars

Amy A says

Originally posted at Vampire Book Club

Delaney Reed is running out of time to take down the ancient vampire who attacked and bit her just a short day ago. The vampire who's out for revenge and looking to take power away from Old Rossi. There's no time to rest as said vampire has in his possession someone dear to Ordinary, but bargaining for their release will require the handing over of an ancient dark magic book which in turn will mean the demise of everyone/thing in the small town as well. As Delaney tries to figure out the next steps to take, she'll end up having to make some big decisions, which is only made worse when she learns that those she trusted most have been keeping the biggest secrets from her.

Luckily, however, none of the things going on in the above summary will keep Delaney from weighing in on a matter that has decorated itself all over town. A matter that has divided the good people of Ordinary, and if something isn't done soon an all-out war threatens to break out between the Knitters and the Crocheters.

I wish I would have decided to start reading Gods and Ends a lot sooner because it picks up right where Devils and Details left off and it took me a bit before I was up to speed on remembering what happened in the previous book. Even then, I didn't immediately warm to the story. I felt like there was a more somber tone to this one, and what initially drew me to this series in the first place was just how fun and quirky everything was so to almost lose that aspect was a bit disconcerting for me. Don't get me wrong there were plenty of off-the-wall moments, they just weren't as myriad and off-the-wall as I had hoped.

You can clearly see that Gods and Ends is winding down the story arc so there's a lot of focus placed on the vampires and other supernaturals, with the majority of the Gods taking a backseat. The difficult decisions that Delaney is faced with end up dividing the story's conflicts into two separate problems. One that is a result of the rampaging vampire, and the other results from what Delaney tries to do about the rampaging vampire. Overall, I liked how Devon Monk handled so much going on at once, as well as the fact that there's another underlying layer of secrets and happenings that Delaney is not aware of.

One of my favorite things about this series has been the relationship between the sisters. Although Delaney has been the main character in the past three books, I was very excited to learn that Jean and Myra will both get their chance for the spotlight in a few novellas—one of which, Rock Candy has already released, with another to follow I believe in December. It's this reason why I think Devon Monk teases a few interesting tidbits for us readers to chew on, especially where Myra is concerned.

I've really enjoyed this series. While Gods and Ends is ending this particular story arc, Devon Monk hints in the acknowledgements that there will probably be more full-length stories in the future which suits me just fine as I feel like there's still plenty of Ordinary stories to tell.

Robin says

Alright, Delaney is kind of an idiot at times but I really love this story and the people in it. Great world building. I'm so glad 2018 will bring us more.

Elisa says

Some crazy stuff goes down! Great continuation of series, characters keep growing and we learn more. We get some new ones, and life is nuts, and the town is just insane anyway so it doesn't disappoint - I wish I had a craft group to join like they have there!

Megh says

Fun but silly

Solid 3 stars. I picked up this series because it was on sale. The premise is very interesting- a family are

guardians of a paranormal town where gods go to vacation. While they vacation gods are without their powers. There is interesting world and character building that builds well on it's self with each new book.

In this book, we see a lot of unexpected choices and character development. I was pretty solidly unhappy with the main characters for the majority of this book. I think it mostly just didn't seem like the main character was consistent with who she had been in previous books. Previously had been steady and knowledgeable. But now she's like a bull in a China shop. I fully buy into the course of events leading us here and the motivation for the choices does hold true. It just felt abrupt.

All that being said, I'll probably keep reading more. Like I said before, the world building is fun and character development has been pretty good so far. I'm curious to see where it goes and what complications turn up after this books events.

Under the Covers Book Blog says

I was really excited about the release of this book. As always, it seems as if they always come as an unexpected surprise because of the lack of general news about release dates ahead of time (or at least I always seem to miss it). But as much as I was jumping with excitement to dive into GODS AND ENDS, once I started I found myself easily putting it down. So I set it aside and gave it some time to come back to it maybe at a time that was better for my mood. Sadly, things didn't improve that much from there.

This book picks up right where DEVILS AND DETAILS left off. I was intrigued by the story line in this one but I'm not sure I loved so much the execution and the turns of events. One of my favorite things about this series are the Gods and they were missing a bit from the story here. Not completely, but the feel of them was certainly less. Less jokes, less Death. Perfect example of what I wanted more of is one of my fave quotes/moments referenced below. I needed more of that! In the end, it seems there might be a little switch on where the rest of the series will go especially with how things turned out in this book, but I'm still holding out hope that we can get that essence back in the next installment.

But all that aside, we have Delaney Reed. The heroine we've been coming to love throughout this series. And she's just as great in this one. I really do like her character and her fierce loyalty for upholding her role and protecting people. Even at the highest cost to her. She was one of my favorite parts of this book! And yes, maybe a certain demon as well. Is that wrong of me? I kinda love those obscure characters that you don't know whether they're good or bad, or maybe just a mix of both. So that was a refreshing addition to story.

Everything else, though, felt like it took a backseat. The town and the romance... While this was a more subdued version of Ordinary in my opinion and lacked that spark that originally attracted me to the series, I'm curious to see where we go from here for sure.

Favorite Quote:

“It’s much worse than demons.”

“Vampires?” I asked.

She pressed her lips together, disappointed in my mental abilities. “How about you just tell me, Bertie so I know what kind of weaponry to pack.”

“It’s the knitters. They’ve declared war. And the crocheters are geared up for the siege.”

Pause.

“What now?”

“The knitters. You know. The K.I.N.K.s and C.O.C.K.s.”

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jammaster_mom says

Great urban fantasy trilogy with a twist!

This series has really drawn me in. The premise of gods and monsters being able to vacation in neutral territory, if they agree to set aside their powers intrigued me. The depth of the characters and the twists of the story kept me reading book after book.

This is the last book in the trilogy and the main story line is wrapped up as promised. But, there will be a few short stories that explore some of the side characters/story's that were also really interesting. Yes to more books! This book does wrap up the big bad that is the ancient and evil vampire Lavius. Along the way we learn much more about the residents and visiting deities of Ordinary. I very much enjoyed seeing more of the sister relationship between Delaney, Jean, and Myra. There was a little bit more going back and forth and waiting for the big confrontation. That feeling of treading water kept the book from being 5 stars for me.

Overall I very much enjoyed this book and series. Ms. Monk is one of my favorite urban fantasy writers and I can't wait for the short stories and to see what she comes out with next!

Ami says

3.5 stars

~*~* **SPOILER-Y REVIEW** ~*~*

Repeat warning, no spoiler tag for this one, so you've been warned :)

Okay, I am not completely blown away with this book, which is a sad fact considering how much I enjoyed the first and second one... ESPECIALLY after the event in the second one, when the old evil vampire Lavius bit Delaney and kidnapped Ben. I thought **Gods and Ends** would be the final book, but it turned out that there would be at least two more books in this universe. So I wonder if **Gods and Ends** suffered from middle-book syndrome.

The thing that made me unsatisfied was the part about Delaney and the devil, Bathin. OMG, I think I spent almost almost 90% of this book FUMING at Delaney for the choices she made. Sure, it wasn't her fault that she was bit by Lavius and Ben was kidnapped.

However, everything after that ... the fact that she just easily dealt with Bathin by rendering her soul ... it screamed RECKLESS for me. I hated how Delaney acted rather nonchalant about the whole thing; she didn't understand why her sisters and Ryder were upset with her decision. She justified it by saying "there was no

other options". MY GOD, DELANEY, AT LEAST TALK TO THEM FIRST, WHY DON'T YOU!?!?

All right, all right, I know that the situation didn't exactly *let* her to, the deal with Bathin must have happened right at the very moment. But I still thought that she could at least take more time to think about the consequences. Oh, and also her complaints with her sisters changing the locks at her house. What is that, Delaney?! She is being stubborn for all the wrong reasons, me thinks.

I didn't mind the additional demon in this book -- I am sure that Bathin will serve his purpose later in the series. Plus I think there is a delicious tension between him and Myra, and I want to see THAT further explored. Oh, talking about the other sister, Jean? Yeah, her boyfriend Hogan was so sweet! I want the short story later this year to be about Jean and Hogan too, please?

But as always Devon Monk is a master of twists. I thought the final showdown between everyone vs. Lavius was awesome. And then Death strolled around the battlefield and doing what he did best. Gah, I am so going to miss Than in the next book because all the gods must leave Ordinary for a year.

In conclusion, I am not happy with Delaney in this book. Hopefully she redeems herself in the next one. It will be interesting to see Delaney without souls, Ordinary without gods, plus Myra and the tension with Bathin.

Barbara says

Pretty dark and very eventful story with the fabulous Delaney Reed and her vacation spot of the gods - Ordinary, Oregon. I loved it! This book began where the last one left off, with the attack of an ancient vampire that has arrived in Ordinary to retrieve a powerful book of dark magic from the resident vampire leader that has Delaney and her team working to contain the problem. After seeing her father's ghost, Delaney makes a deal with a demon, much to her family's dismay, but she'll do anything to protect her town and its residents, which includes her family and friends. I was a bit worried that she had gotten herself into something she couldn't get out of this time, but with the help of those closest to her, it all comes out right in the end, just as I hoped. I really love this series and I hope we get more books to enjoy, since those folks in Ordinary are always up to something and it's so entertaining to follow along.

Alison says

A great finale to a fun series.

Delaney has now been shot AND sold her soul to the demon Bathin. On the plus side she has got Ben back and they are working on a plan to defeat Lauvin.

As usual humour mixes with fantasy as the knitting and crocheting grandmas of Ordinary face off in a battle where both sides brandish steel weapons.

Karissa says

This is the third and final book in the Ordinary Magic series. Although there have been rumors that Monk might write some more books or stories set in Ordinary in the future. This was a somewhat disappointing book for me. It seemed like it was just wrapped up the previously started storylines, kind of more of a laying out of events than anything all that intriguing.

In this book Delaney is desperately look for a way to retrieve the vampire Ben from the evil Lavius. She ends up finding help in the form of a demon.

This book ties up things decently and pulls in a lot of story threads from the first two books. I just thought it was pretty boring and just laid events out in the expected order rather than wove a thrilling story. There were also long section dealing with the feuding knitting teams which I thought was over the top ridiculous. I know this was supposed to be funny, but I think it came off as overly silly instead.

Overall this was a somewhat disappointing ending to this urban fantasy series. Things are tied up, but they are also very predictable and fairly boring. I loved the idea of the town of Ordinary presented in the first book in this series but thought things went downhill from there as the series continued.

Maria says

Police Chief Delaney will do anything to keep the peace in her town of Ordinary. The problem is that there are two vampire factions squaring off and people are getting hurt.

Why I started this book: I've been doing a bit of stress reading and avoiding my alarming to-do list.

Why I finished it: "One more chapter-itis" meant that I had more time to procrastinate the grown-up things in my life. I'll make better choices tomorrow... Right after my nap.

Anita says

This seems to be the conclusion of a trilogy story arch, but there's definitely room to continue the series, and I'm very hopeful the author will continue it. It's a perfect blend of interesting characters, mystery, humor, charm, and a little bit of grit. And there's every kind of magical being you can imagine, all living in this small town named Ordinary. It's fun, though this third book is intense. Demons, evil vampires, and hit-and-run, nearly killing someone, intensity. The ending could be a finale, but it feels like there's more to tell.
