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Don't miss this bewitching novella, set in the world of The Witch Hunter.

John Raleigh, one of the youngest and most talented magical healers in all of Anglia, can relieve any ailment except, perhaps, his own broken heart. Since the deaths of his mother and sister who burned at the stake for witchcraft, John has spent his nights lost in nightmares and his days drowning in melancholy. That is until he's summoned to the home of Nicholas Perevil, the most powerful wizard in the kingdom, who suffers from a mysterious illness that has confounded every other healer.

John immediately knows that this is no normal sickness. Nicholas, it seems, is falling apart because of a dangerous curse, and their only clue for a cure is a single name—Elizabeth Grey.

Who is this girl and how has she become mixed up with such dark magic? John must put these questions aside when Elizabeth is brought to him from the palace's prison on the brink of death. It will take everything he has to save her, and to save Nicholas, but perhaps he'll manage to save his heart along the way.

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Ella Zegarra says

sweet af

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La sinopsis está un poquito demasiado dramática, pero precisa, aunque yo la hubiera hecho más corta, la historia no tiene ni 50 páginas. Tanto The Bone Knife como The Healer me han demostrado que en poquitas páginas puedes demoler la vida cotidiana de un lector.

En The Witch Hunter vemos poco de John, es un personaje importante pero la escritora desarrolla más la relación entre Elizabeth y Fifer, una amistad curiosa. Pero ¿Qué hay con John? ¿Solo relleno? ¿Tanta dulzura es verdad? ¿Y esa Chime, solo es una loca stalker o qué? Pensé que esta historia iría muy atrás y tendríamos vivas a la madre y hermana de John, sin embargo, es unos años después de su muerte, semanas antes de conocer a Elizabeth, y leer desde la perspectiva de John ha sido una de las mejores experiencias.

Siempre se dice que uno no conoce a las personas y con John fue tan divertido experimentarlo, no lo recuerdo muy bien en The Witch Hunter, tiene una participación importante; pero no vemos al completo su personalidad. En The Healer tiene un lado juguetón, la relación con su padre me encanta, y es... normal. Es un chico de 19 años que dice muchas groserías, o al menos eso nos da entender, se va de fiesta de vez en cuando... Su normalidad es encantadora.

La verdad, es que sí, me ha gustado más la voz de John que la de Elizabeth, es más fresca y entretenida, más divertida incluso. Virginia Boecker dice que habrá más historias cortas pero estarán centradas en los demás personajes, espero de verdad que en algún momento pueda volver a ver el mundo de The Witch Hunter tras los ojos de John.

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Irene Rauch says

Eine tolle Geschichte! John wurde mir noch sympathischer! :) Allerdings war es extrem kurz... :(

Jacqueline Mudge-Cooke says

Yay! John get's his own spin off story in the Healer. I was honestly very excited for it. It had so much potential but it sort of fell flat on itself.

For those that have read The Witch Hunter You have some idea of who John is, and he is that *guy*. He is a sweetie, who is trusting and just the perfect person to have on your list of allies. So what happened?

Well it was great to from his own POV, what he was like before the adventure unfolded. He is exactly that guy that I had mentioned earlier. Sweet, trusting and a good person to have on your ally list. (Or just in your party in general if you are going to be going after some unspeakable horror) When I reached the end of the book, I found myself wanting more and not necessarily in a good way. It got resolved too easily, too quickly. I think this was more of a world building book, show who he is but it still doesn't show *who he is* If it was to parallel the novel. I think I would have felt more satisfied as a reader.

So that's just what I am, an unsatisfied reader who wishes she had a bit more of John to read, because what I was given was just not enough for me.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

Good intro into the series. I definitely want to read book one now more than ever!

Lisa says

I know it's only a novella but it was so good! I couldn't stop flipping the pages and suddenly it was over and I didn't even notice. I really want to reread The Witch Hunter now, and the sequel, and the novella about Piper and Schuyler and everything else Virginia Boecker will ever write!

I think my favorite character from TWH was George, but reading from John's perspective really made me love him.

mith says

Aw. That was really nice even though I was hoping for more. John is such an angel omg bless. Not enough cuteness for me but I'll let it slide for now.

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAS.

finally.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR NEWS OF THIS.

john is my absolute bae.

(im hoping its backstory + his feelings for her BC THAT WAS JUST SO CUTE)

cyborgcinderella says

This was such a nice little short story to read! I loved getting to see more of John as he's my favorite character in this series. I liked getting the snippets of his life before he met Elizabeth and also seeing how he felt about her upon first meeting her. It was very sweet.

I definitely recommend this novella for anyone who likes The Witch Hunter series and especially if you like John as much as I do!

Kelsey Rodkey says

Not long enouuuuuughhhh. :)

Danielle (Love at First Page) says

I really liked being in John's head! Much more so than Elizabeth's. He's funny and genuine and he obviously has a big heart. He's still reeling from the deaths of his mother and sister a year ago, but Elizabeth's presence is about to change everything once again, which is where the novella leaves us. I really wish the next book was in dual perspective now!

Kerryn (RatherBeReading) says

This was a really great novella.

My one complaint about novellas is that they always feel too short and while I still wish that this could have been longer that more has to do with how much I was enjoying it rather than it feeling incomplete.

I really enjoyed reading from John's point of view and I actually felt like this novella really added a lot to him as a character.

Definitely recommend picking this up if you enjoyed The Witch Hunter.

tamara22__ says

Gut aber leider sehr kurz!

Frannie Pan says

Review @ Frannie in the pages.

I'm struggling to find the right words to express just how good this novella was, when all I can find in my head is senseless and gushing gibberish.

It was PERFECT. In every possible way.

1. I. LOVE. JOHN. He's the sweetest guy that ever fictionally existed, his heart knows no bounds and his

honesty and selflessness are incredible. Being inside his head was a wonderful experience that I'm so grateful for, I wish I could read the whole book if not more from his perspective.

2. It is not the same story of The witch hunter, repeated like a parrot from John's PoV. These few pages focused on his life, his unbearable and heartbreaking pain at the loss of his mother and sister in such a terrible and merciless way, his failing attempts at dealing with it and starting new; how he became Nicholas' healer and at last, only a smidgen of it, the moment he met Elizabeth and how he helped her recover from the prison fever that would have killed her. Yes, there was this one scene also present in the 1st book which perfectly matched the dialogues, pauses and glances and I loved to see what John was actually thinking during those exchanges, but the rest of it was something entirely new.

3. The Healer is just the novella, and nothing else. You don't get tricked with a snipped of The witch hunter or the 2nd book. I didn't feel betrayed, because the length of the novella wasn't, in fact, respected. I had 108 pages on my kindle in total and got exactly 108 pages of unadulterated John. Which is all I ever wanted. Ever.

4. The writing style, the descriptions, everything made me feel as if I was reading a proper shorter novel. Some novellas are written just to fill in the gap between one book and the other, therefore you can see they are rushed, not truly cared for. This thought never crossed my mind while reading The Healer. The accuracy of the details, the elegant prose, the carefully chosen words and expressions, the laid-out plot lines of the novella themselves... A perfect extremely shorter novel, that's what it was.

What else can I say? As I've told you, I'm struggling to find the words. I'm already surprised I could write down these 4 points and make some kind of sense.

Just.. I love Virginia Boecker now, she's officially entered the exclusive circle of my favorite authors ever and nobody could ever dethrone her. Absolutely 100% recommended.

It has Frannie's stamp of approval.

Ps. If you haven't approached Virginia Boecker's books yet, start with The witch hunter and then read this novella ;)

Mary H says

John is precious and I love him, that is all.

Liz Weasleyhead says

I looooved this short novella about John :) it was so much fun getting to know him and his feelings better :)

Yvonne (bookishpanda) says

Obviously this is going to be a quite short review, since the novella was only 32 pages long. Up until a few

days ago I didn't even know this little insight into John's life existed but someone on Twitter told me about it and OF COURSE I had to get it immediately!

It's no secret that I absolutely adored *The Witch Hunter* and that I can't wait for book 2 to be released. The ones who read my review will also know that John is extremely gorgeous and that I love him loads - he's such a charming and loving guy!

This novella is about him and his past, what he's been through and everything that happened before Elizabeth met all the others. I found all this super interesting, even though also heartbreaking. I didn't know John had such a hard past and lost people he loved - maybe I overread it in the actual book? Was it revealed there? I don't remember! I felt bad for him and just wanted to hold him really, really tight ... all the thoughts he had, well it was sad. Poor John.

What's my conclusion? **Definitely a must-read for everyone who loved the first book** and couldn't get enough of our precious John! Even though it's very short and I wish there would've been some more pages, it was great to read out of his perspective.

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