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## **From Reader Review Heroines & Hellions: An Urban Fantasy and Fantasy Collection for online ebook**

### **Crystal says**

Definitely a collection worth reading if you love Urban Fantasy and Paranormal stories. The heroines in this series aren't your normal whiny heroines, waiting for someone to assist them. They kick serious a\*\* all on their own. I admit, some of the stories I had to skim past because they aren't a story I can get in, it has nothing to do with the writing or anything like that, just the topic. I like the fact that most had a preface, so I could skip the ones I didn't want to read and settle in with the rest. There are some serious stars in this boxed set. People like Margo Bond Collins and Heather Marie Adkins. Made it easy for me to decide to purchase, knowing I would love most, if not all of the stories set forth. I will point out that because of the publisher posting they are closing doors, some of the authors did not have enough time to finish their stories, but they have posted links for a form to fill out to get the whole story sent to you for free when it's ready. That was a huge plus for me that these authors are going to finish and send them to their readers.

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### **Michelle Willms says**

It's hard for me to even decide where to begin discussing the issues with this box set. First, by far the biggest issue was the overall lack of editing. There were some stories that were so poorly edited, they were virtually unreadable. Others were simply poorly written overall. I actually had to skip 4 stories in the book because they were just not what I'd consider of suitable quality to include in a set that is a supposed to be a bestseller.

This collection is also billed as urban fantasy and fantasy. There was perhaps ONE tale that would have qualified as urban fantasy. Most, to me, were primarily paranormal romance. There were a few fantasy romance. I purchased the collection hoping that the authors would include something portraying strong women kicking butt and taking names WITHOUT wasting time on romance (as one would think by "urban fantasy"). Alas, such women were very few.

Several promised stories weren't included in the collection because the set went to press too soon for the authors to complete their work. In MOST cases, the authors stated they'd send the story to the reader later and they provided a link (no author subscription was needed) for the reader to give an email address. One link didn't work - no alternative was provided. Another author took the opportunity to require readers to subscribe to her newsletter in order to get the book that had already been paid for by purchasing the box set. If you want HER missing book, you'll have to subscribe to her newsletter.

Out of the entire 22 or so novels that were supposed to be included in the book, there were 4 that were really good. I had to force myself to finish the set. I'm not sure I want to buy another box set after this experience. I wasted hours reading inferior, poorly edited material when I could have been reading great material by known authors.

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### **Linda says**

I've purchased this book because one of my favorite author has the beginning of a new series. I'll read

anything by L.J. Andrews. Her new adventure is "Ashes of Retribution". Ms. Andrews has created a new world that has two distinct classes of people ( pure and impure). The least imperfections and you were no longer PURE. Our protagonists is a young girl who has burned her hand during an attack by Dominus and the shadow assassins. She should have been kicked out of high society except that her family is hiding that fact. Adira Poupan feels for the impure and wishes to help them.

I think this series is going to be the best series yet. Thanks L.J.

I received an advanced copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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### **Penny Noble says**

This is a great new set! I will admit I haven't read every story in the set, but I read most of the ones by authors I know: Margo Bond Collins/Erin Hayes, Monica Corwin, Heather Marie Adkins, and Jade Kerrion. I read a couple of new authors: Ash Krafton and Melle Amade. I really, really enjoyed every one. There was great writing and great action. And, I was captivated with each one. One wasn't complete, but there was a form to fill out to get the complete book, and I can't wait to read the rest. I don't usually review each book in a set, which brings me to my next point. One of the things I say that is most important to me is that the sets are usually 99 cents. You can't go wrong with 99 cents. There's nothing you can buy for that price anymore and still get hours of fun. If you have bought each one separately, it would have been a lot more. Give this set a try; you won't regret it! Highly recommend!

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### **Mark H says**

As always in short novella collections all stories are not of equal quality. one of the standouts: Melanie Karsak. She is populating a fascinating Steampunk world; featuring Airships, and all kinds of mythical creatures.

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### **Teri says**

ok yes I read a whole lot but even I haven't finished all of the books in this set. Although I do have to admit a few of them mention they are offering an additional book if you contact them for one reason or another. Any way I have read a few of the books because I love the artist and couldn't wait and overall I am in love with this set. The merging of the minds of Margo Bond Collin and Erin Hayes which starts off the box set, which by the way was a wonderful story. I do hope we get more of these two cousins who defy all of the limits and rules of society but are definitely kick a\$\$ take no prisoners type of gals especially where their loved ones are concerned.

Monica Corwin and her take on the gods of the apocalypse, the red horse of war and her husband. I love the different characters and their parts in the story

The secrets and bed of lies in Dark Crown by Melle Amade who always gives us a story with many layers and loads action. This is a great story can't wait to see where she takes this story

I love elemental stories and Michelle Hercules brings a great one to the table with mysteries goings on and forgotten memories, protectors a short teas of more to come.

The powerful story Marked in Shadows Keep by LJ Andrews who is an amazing writer and whose stories are always full of excitement and super intense with Finn and Lane a great story that hints there's more to come.

That's it so far I will get back for more plus get the additional reads promised by some of the authors.

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### **Twinsie Talk Angie J says**

3.5 but rounded up

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City Stalker by Maria Monroe

I purchased this book.

I have previously read Maria Monroe so I read her story in this set. I have loved her other UF/Apocalyptic books and figured this would be another hit for me.

This story is about Thea who catches Chupacabra type creatures who are causing havoc in our human streets. She works for Marcus at the Center. He tells her where to go and what to catch. He studies them and then releases them back to their home land.....or does he ???

One-day Marcus tells Thea to go and follow a bad humanoid vampire who is draining people dry and stealing their soul/life essence. When Foster and Thea bump into each other the sparks fly. The two begin to work together in and outta the bedroom \*wink\* They soon discover that there is more to the Center then even they both realized.

Leon was a great side character. His banter with Thea was really funny. I also loved Thea's one bestie, Fay. She made Thea get in touch with her "girlie" side and that was nice to see this sassy, kick ass chick getting a make over while chatting over life. Thea really needs an outlet that isn't all violence.

So my favorite part of the book was when Foster goes as the jealous stalker when Thea was on a bind date!! SO funny and hawt. But when Thea gets jealous of the mermaid..yes friends mermaid..was pretty great reading too.

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## **Mandy Parmenter says**

### Chains of Iron and Silver

Cassidy Irons and fairy-prince Drake are attacked by werewolves and he is kidnapped. So he finds she has to reach out to her cousin Blaize Silver to help rescue him. Can they get past their shared past traumas and work together to rescue him before it is too late?

This was full of action from the very start and it only built as the story developed. I really enjoyed the way their worlds collided and the only way to success was to get over the past and work together. This was well written and very enjoyable.

I will update this review when I read the other stories.

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## **J.E. Feldman says**

This is an amazing collection of stories! I thoroughly enjoyed them, especially Gina Watson's. You can tell she took a lot of time researching sword fighting to be able to pull off the vivid details. These are all well worth the read. The only complaint I have are the multiple spelling errors I came across while reading these stories. They were simple and should have been caught by the editor (s).

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## **Felicia Semmler says**

### Chains of Iron & Silver by Margo and Erin

So good, fast paced and action packed. You get super snarky heroines who know what they want and what they are good at! I couldn't put it down and finished it all too fast! I want more and cannot wait for what's to come.

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## **The Mysterious Reader says**

I usually buy these sort of anthologies if they have two or three stories by authors I trust. Heroines & Hellions clobbers that requirement into tiny pieces. All of its 22 stories are full of the sort of kick-a\*\* heroines I adore, and among those are six contributions from authors who are more than simply trusted; they're masters of the craft who have consistently put out stories that wind up in my list of faves. These are Margo Bond Collins & Erin Hayes ("Chains of Iron and Silver", a new Blaize Silver adventure - the last one being "Hell's Silver Bells" in the Mistletoe & Mischief anthology; this time helping her cousin Cassidy after one of her boyfriends - you read that right - is kidnapped by a werewolf), Monica Corwin ("On a Red Horse" - a crazy mix of Greek and Norse etc mythology with an interesting take on Hades and my new fave power couple in leads Tyr and Scarlet), Melanie Karsak ("Wolves and Daggers", a steampunk Red Riding Hood tale, need I say more - ok, how about Red Cape Society Agent Clemency Louvel investigating the disappearance of London's brightest tinkers and alchemists, along with a werewolf partner forced down on her by Queen Victoria...), Jade Kerrion ("Xin", a new Double Helix story - yaay! - here it's NSA analyst Mu Xin, the clone of a Shang-dynasty queen, coming to the rescue after a designer drug with terrifying side effects is unleashed threatening the peace between China and America), Melle Amade (shifter Davin seeking

vengeance after her entire cabal is disseminated), and last, but by no means least, LJ Andrews (Marked in Shadow's Keep; is Laney cursed as the superstitious people in her torn believe, or does she have powers that will save them all...).

Frankly you'd be getting the deal if the decade buying this collection just for those 6 stories. "But wait, there's more"...16 other tales that I'm just starting to dig into now and, oh boy, are they fun too!

Very highly recommended.

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### **GeeCee says**

"22 Exclusive, Full-length Urban Fantasy and Fantasy Novels"? Well, not really. There was a disturbingly high percentage of "Due to schedule changes I didn't have time to finish the complete story, so here's a link to request the rest when it's done" and "This isn't the story I intended to include here, but because of production schedule changes I had to substitute it with this one". I don't know what caused these schedule changes, but I think both the authors and the readers would have been better served to put it out when the stories were complete and a copy editor or three had a chance to go over it and fix mistakes like typos, "wrong word in context but spelled correctly so spellcheck doesn't catch it", and in one case, a couple of paragraphs left in at the end of a chapter that seem to be from a tutorial about how to format your text.

I bought it because Bec McMaster is an auto-buy author for me, even though I already have and like the standalone version of the story included here. Content-wise, it's much like other anthologies with new-to-me authors: some I really enjoyed and will look for more titles by that author, others were just okay, and a very few just didn't work for me. Unfortunately, the first thing that comes to mind now after reading this isn't "the stories by X and Y were good and I need to go find more of their work", it's "incomplete book and shoddy production".

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### **Melody Spencer says**

Jan.6th, 2018 - I purchased this boxed set solely to read Melanie Karsak's "Wolves and Daggers" story and as always was pleasantly surprised with how well the author has written this wonderful steampunk Red Cape Society story. I was thoroughly entertained from start to finish. I would give this story 4.5 stars.

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### **Karen Thompson says**

#### **Half an anthology**

The stories were good. At least, what I saw of them. More than half were incomplete. Due to "time restraints". Many of the incomplete ones offered links to get the rest of the manuscript. More than half of which did not work.

I don't know why they couldn't postpone publication until the book was actually ready, but they should have.

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## **Mary says**

These are not all full length books - some are barely a short story. Several authors noted that the publish date was pushed up and they didn't get the story finished, or substituted a different story.

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