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The small town of Abbott Cove holds a secret...

It's home to the Grant family of witches!

Harper Grant is happy working at Archie's Diner as she tries her best to avoid the attentions of the town's gossips.

However, when a body turns up during Abbott Cove's annual festival, she begins to understand her family isn't the only one hiding secrets.

With the help of the new swoon-worthy police officer, Joe McGrady, Harper finds herself on the trail of the perpetrator. Will Harper uncover the killer's identity before it's too late?

A Witchy Business is the first book in the Harper Grant Mystery series.

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Sue says

Harper Grant comes from a long line of witches. Her special powers (sometimes a curse) is being able to see and talk to the dearly departed. She loves working at Archie's Diner and tries to keep herself away from the town gossip. They already think her family is strange, why add more kindling to the fire?

However, a murder occurs during the Abbott Cove annual festival and Harper finds herself smack dab in the middle of things. The deceased is an annoying woman that has had squabbles with just about everyone in town and is driving Harper crazy with her eye-rolling opinions.

I found this book absolutely delightful. It was written with great wit and I found the characters were quirky and charming. Grandma Grant, her hijinks, and her "magical" garden added to the humor. This is the perfect humorous paranormal cozy mystery to keep you entertained on a rainy fall day.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Donna says

Cover/Title: Catchy covers and titles like these are what really catches my attention. I was drawn in quickly by both.

Characters: I loved how driven Harper was. She was determined to solve the murder.

Plot: Harper is a witch that can see and talk to ghosts. When one of the townspeople is murdered, she is determined to solve the mystery and help the ghost cross over.

Overall: I loved this charming little mystery. Cozy mysteries are one of my favorite genres and this author threw in another favorite genre (paranormal). Add some witches and some ghosts and I am a happy reader. I will definitely be reading more of this series.

Texas says

I'm not certain which name to use since I've read books under both names: Danica Britton and D. S. Butler. Either name will give the reader something clean and entertaining to read.

A Witchy Boxed Set - This set contains the first two books of the Harper Grant Mystery series: A Witchy Business and A Witchy Mystery. Both books are well written, quickly read and entertaining. The mysteries are well handled, but even with the twists and kinks, I figured out the baddies. I had fun with Harper and her adventures; she's a likable character and she continues to develop with each book. Her family, friends and community are just interesting and likable, too, and grow more on their own through their involvements.

The story lines of both books keeps the reader immersed in the pages. There's no stupidity, just naivety here

and there. The stories are clean, but there's well done touches of sexual interest, not tension yet, between Harper and the Deputy. I'm interested in reading the rest of the series, since they're my kind of relaxing to read witches. 4*

A Witchy Business #1 - Fun to read. This book is well written, quickly read and entertaining; good humor. I had fun with Harper; she's a likable character and she does develop with each book. Her family and community are interesting, likable and steady growing, too. The story line kept me immersed in the pages; really the stuff Harper puts herself in and what happens to her keeps you reading. There's no stupidity on her part, things just happen. The mystery was well done and many twists are thrown at the reader, but I still figured the correct baddie. This is a clean story. 4*

A Witchy Mystery #2 - More humor. This book is well written, quickly read and entertaining with more humor. I still had fun with Harper; she's a likable character and she does keep developing. Her family, friends and community are interesting, likable and steady growing, too. This story line kept me immersed in the pages; Harper doesn't fail to put and find herself in situations, which just keeps you reading. There's no stupidity on her part, things just happen. The mystery was well done and many twists are thrown at the reader, but I still figured the correct baddie. The story is clean, but there's well done touches of sexual interest, not tension yet, between Harper and the Deputy. 4*

Harper Grant and the Poisoned Pumpkin Pie #5: This is a short story filled with humor, magic and laughs. This time there isn't a murder, but there's an investigation that gets stopped when a big investigation happens. Harper uses a little magic and wonders if her magic caused the poisoning. Good for a coffee break or a little down time; very relaxing. Still clean. This short can also be found in Witch or Treat, a collection of paranormal stories. 4*

Witch or Treat: A Collection of Paranormal Cozy Shorts

D. S. Butler has a Harper Grant short in this collection. I've also read books and shorts by Regina Welling and Erin Lynn, Joynell Schultz, and Ruby Blaylock, and found all these ladies write entertaining stories. If you like any of the above, you'll like them all. I didn't have time to read more before I had to post this review, but I'm interested in reading all of these shorts. 4*

Elisa Hordon says

A funny, entertaining supernatural cozy mystery.

I loved the storyline, the twists, mystery and adventure.

Great small town characters I'm looking forward to more witchiness

David says

I got this ebook for free and started reading it after starting 4 other books I just couldn't get into. I thought I was about to hit a reading slump, but A Witchy Business by D.S. Butler saved me. It was a light and fun read. I finished it in one day and will definitely be reading the next one. It seems like a blend of the TV show Ghost Whisper and Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum.

Harper Grant is a witch, but not a very good one. Her only magical ability is that she can see and

communicate with ghosts. A body bobs up and the town fair and Harper does her best to help the ghost move on by solving the murder, but running around talking to someone who isn't there puts her on the radar of the new handsome police officer.

A Witch Business is a good mystery with some supernatural elements thrown in and a good amount of hilarious bungling from the protagonist. Definitely check it out on Amazon if you want a quick read to get the juices flowing.

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Karen says

finished A Witchy Business by D.S. Butler last night , this was a free book I got on Amazon.ca which is free at time of this review. I do love a witch cozy mystery and they are hard to resist. I found I really enjoyed this cozy. I love a story with a great family and the Grant sisters and their grandmother make for an interesting read. Not the most skilled witches, but delightful and funny. Harper can't do spells (though it is debateable if her sister and grandmother can as well) her witchy power comes in talking with ghosts. This small town, diner working, ghost talking witch knows how to find herself in hot water for sure. I enjoyed the mystery, did not quite have it figured out and think that witchy cozy mystery readers would enjoy this story as much as I did.

I am not a huge fan of the cover but it did get my attention.

Fleur says

Harper and her sister live with their Grandma Grant after being whisked away by her due to their witch powers starting to show up after jumping their parents generation. While Jess can spell well Harper can't she gets the great gift of seeing ghosts so when the town Bea Arch turns up dead Harper has to help work out who killed her while not looking like a loone herself for appearing to talk to know one. This she can handle, but the new police officer Joe is another story as he keeps popping up when she is trying to get clues leaving her making a bit of a fool of herself each and every time. WE get to know everyone a bit more as the story progresses an I must say I will never let Grandma near my garden!!

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Monica says

This is a really cute, quick read. Harper lives in a very small town in Maine. She is also a witch but she tries to hide that from the town. Her sister and Grandmother are also witches. Harper has been working in the local diner for the past 5 years. As a new Deputy comes to town a murder happens. Harper tries her best to help with the case even when she is flustered near the new Deputy. This took me about 2 hours to read. I started the next book right after I finished this one because its a quick, fun read.

Seraphia says

What's a witch to do when the local pain ends up dead in a barrel and you're the only who can see and speak to her ghost? Well, for Harper Grant, her mission is to help Elizabeth Naggington discover who murdered her, why and help Elizabeth move on. It won't be an easy task especially in a town full of people who aren't exactly sad that the local nag is dead. Harper will have to tread carefully so that she doesn't draw the negative eye of the local police force...and a certain handsome new recruit due to her unique gift of being able to talk to ghosts. Because let's be honest...being the only one who can see and speak to ghosts can make you look a little crazy in a town full of "normals."

A Witchy Business by Danica Britton is the first book in her Harper Grant Mystery series. This book is told in the first person. Harper Grant is an interesting character. I like that the author gives the reader some background on Harper from the beginning and a bit of a surprise with a side character as well. This story has some fun twists and a couple of surprises. I enjoy a good "who done it" and this book definitely gives the reader that as Harper goes around trying to figure out who killed Elizabeth. Honestly, the list could be as long as the number of residents in the town, but the author does a good job keeping the reader guessing. There isn't anything that I don't like about this book. The author does a good job weaving an engaging story from start to finish. We get a nice little hint of romance in the story as well. There is humor, a hint of romance, and mystery.

I am rating this book 5 out of 5 stars. This is a good mystery novel. This is the first book that I have read by this author and one that I enjoyed reading. If you are a fan of cozy mystery novels with witches with less than perfect powers/skills then I recommend this book. I'm sure that you'll enjoy.

A.M. says

Okay... I have read this exact same setup in so many other witch cosy mysteries. It's getting very stale.

Witch with a police love interest, a quirky family, and a small town.

The dialogue is... not good. The stuff where they have obviously tried to take out contractions and it doesn't sound right. They also constantly say the other person's name.

"Elizabeth, I am not grouchy."

"Yes, you are, Harper. You haven't spoken to me all day."

I shook my head in disbelief. "Elizabeth, I can't talk to you because if I did, people would think I was crazy. Surely you can see that?" (p. 132).

ugh

The writing is kind of basic. For example she asks various people about the murder and they helpfully tell her (and the reader) all the relevant info. Then she rehashes it for her family when readers already know it. It's 'on the nose' as Jerry Jenkins would say.

The main character steals something from a scene for no obvious reason and it later becomes key evidence.

Very repetitive. If she told Elizabeth one more time to shut-up I was going to dnf it.

She walks everywhere rather than deal with how to get a ghost in a car. [I guess]

She also has a paragraph of thought process before a reaction. That's hard to explain. The deputy flirts with

her and her jaw drops two paragraphs later. [I know I didn't explain that well]

I supposed I shouldn't really have been surprised to see him since he did work there. (p. 82).

You think? Sighs...

The story? Meh

It doesn't help that the witch's skill is being able to talk to ghosts and the murder victim is a horrible local that nobody likes called Elizabeth Naggington. Nagging? Really? And she's a whole lot annoying so I'm not inspired to want to know who killed her. She goes on and on and on about her husband cooking curry in the house the day after she dies. The fact that he's not mourning much seems to escape her notice. I also didn't get that her son was a grown man and was thrown out of the story when his father passed him a beer.

The sheriff shouldn't be upset they want to call in the state cops, murder isn't his jurisdiction.

The murder gets solved with the 'who' part, but not the 'how'.

1 star

Charli says

I chose to read A Witchy Business because I like books about witches and because, well, it said it was a cozy mystery and I've been trying to figure out exactly what a cozy mystery actually is. Well, I finally figured out that cozy mysteries are basically mysteries with a little bit of romance sprinkled in and that they're not very detailed or bloody. They just have a murder that isn't too gory and some amateur detective who has one reason or another to help the police along.

I was a bit startled to see that for the most part, there isn't a whole lot of magic involved in this book. Yes, there are a couple of spells cast and a potion or two, but for the most part, the only magic you'll really see is Harper talking to ghosts. Which is interesting and funny in its own right, but doesn't make for a particularly magical book. Honestly, Harper could have been a medium and not connected to a long line of witches and the book would still have made sense from her perspective. Being that A Witchy Business is the first in a series, I'm hoping that further books explore the magical possibilities because what fun is a series about witches that doesn't really have magic in it?

As far as the characters are concerned, even though I know that the new deputy, Joe McGrady, is supposed to be something of a love interest for Harper, I wasn't impressed with him. He irked me and I just can't see those two together. Harper is sweet and lovable, talking to ghosts and only wanting to be of some help to them, even if it gets her into some sticky situations. I'm still not sure what to think of Grandma Grant or Jess.

I gave this book 4 stars because it's a quick read, it's funny, and it's cute. I would suggest this one to fans of cozy mysteries as you'll definitely enjoy it. It would also make a great introduction to the world of cozy mysteries.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Disney14604 says

Note: my book says author is Danica Britton. Website says this s also her name.

Lovely new witch cozy series. Just up my alley for light fun reading.

I thought witches did magic, spells, talk with ghosts, basically all of it. Our heroine seems to only talk to ghosts though. Her other family members do have other talents. I am hoping she will have more as the series goes on and that they lay dormant for now.

I also love how she seems to be more human, works a regular job and feels jealousy when a hot new guy is around. I love how she 'flirts with him.

My favorite is how she finds the who done it.

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Pat Eroh says

I love ghost stories and this was at least as much of a witch story as a ghost story. So much fun the antics these ladies come up with and the trouble they get themselves into. A touch of romance but who needs too much right? So the addition of the ghosts was an added bonus for me, as I said, I lost ghost stories and fun ghost stories even more. This is an incredibly fun story which I read almost entirely in one day. It was so easy to read and difficult to put down. If you like paranormal cozies and want to be surprised with Harper at who dun it, this is a book for you.

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Kylie says

A Witchy Business was a cute, cozy mystery that was a blast to read on the side. Harper Grant is an easy main character to connect with and the cast of characters she meets make this story entertaining. The mystery was tied up neatly and there was even a splash of romance. I enjoy reading cozy mysteries, romances, and other short, easy reads on my kindle before bed and this really fit the bill. I found myself actually thinking about the book outside of my reading times and was excited to see how the mystery would be solved and what shenanigans Harper would find herself in.

I will most likely be picking up the other books in this series, I liked Harper and I liked the little bit of magic that was in the book.

Darcysmom says

Harper Grant lives in Abbott Cove, works at the local diner, lives with her sister, and she is a witch who can talk to ghosts. Talking to ghosts is not the witchy talent Harper would have chosen, it is hard to pass for normal when people see you having conversations with yourself. Fortunately, Harper isn't the lone witch in town - she has her grandmother and sister to lean on for support.

After Elizabeth Naggington, the town busybody, is found dead, it is up to Harper to "help" the police solve her murder so that the Elizabeth's ghost can move on.

This is the first book in the Harper Grant series. I am definitely looking forward to reading more.
