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Liv is a cognitive neuroscientist and Traveler for the Department of Parallel and Otherdimensional Travel, a top-secret black-ops program run out of Area 51. In a parallel world she meets a mysterious Traveler named Elachai. He claims he's running from demons, the obviously mythical denizens of a world so awful it's called Hell. Then he wipes her memory and vanishes. Her team rushes to determine what Elachai did to her—and how. But even with her advanced knowledge, she finds no answers. And as for demons? There's no proof they even exist.

Then demons attack Liv's team, and their existence is pretty thoroughly proved. The team learns the demons are on a warpath to conquer worlds, commanded by the leader they call the Wolf. Her team must stop them before they conquer all the multiverse. But it's pretty hard to stop practically immortal beings who are impervious to bullets, especially when their leader knows more than he should about Home World's allies.

When they find out Home World is next, Liv and her team are frantic to learn how to stop the demons before they can invade. But confronting the Wolf is more dangerous than they know, and to succeed, Liv will have to confront another kind of demon—one from her past—on his own ground: Hell.

A Despair of Demons is a sexy scifi with a paranormal twist and a dash of romance. It's the first book of the Travelers series. Stay tuned for book two, A Plague in Paradise, coming soon!

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Noelle Kain says

This was a free ebook from a LibraryThing giveaway.

My first observations when preparing to read “A Despair of Demons” were not positive ones. Though there is a cover on various websites, there was no cover for the version given to the LibraryThing giveaway readers. More importantly though, there was no Epub version of the book. The version given to LibraryThing readers was a PDF, however judging by the filename attached, there’s clearly a Kindle version. As a writer, you want your book polished and readily available in every ebook format available. Leaving off the cover and not converting it to one of the most common ebook formats seems lazy and unprofessional.

The actual book wasn’t bad.

The concept was very interesting, and begs to be a series. The story centers around a team of government employees who have the ability to travel to other worlds. This type of story depends heavily on worldbuilding, and Ms. Campbell delivers in that respect. The agency, the way it operates, and the type of work the team does in these worlds are all fleshed out really well for a novella. The idea that Hell is one of these alternate dimensions brings a fantasy element into this sci-fi, and makes for an interesting read.

The plot was actually very interesting, at least the world-traveling and demon-hunting part of the plot. Ms. Campbell is very creative, and she built the central plot rather adeptly. However, the pacing slowed down too much at times, and those slow parts came off as frustrating and awkward. Additionally, the romance subplot just didn’t work. It felt way too clichéd and the dialogue between Jordan and Olivia is nearly identical to every fanfiction written about every TV procedural couple over the last decade and a half. The romance also just didn’t ring true.

Then there were the characters, which felt like, frankly, Inspector Gadget or Batman cartoons, in that they were sort of over-the-top and one-dimensional. Jordan and Olivia were more developed than the other characters, but even they felt like superheroes and not real people. Some of that was due to their ridiculous skill sets. Olivia was a neuroscientist, a forensic scientist and an engineer all rolled into one. Jordan was a historian, a linguist, a tracker, computer programmer, expert in evolution and a sharpshooter. They were too amazing to be believable. That said, they were fun characters, and the team really felt like they were a team.

Melissa says

This book was given to me in exchange for an honest review.

This was a great book with an exciting storyline. The characters were well developed and endearing. I could not put the book down as it kept my interest from the first page to the last. I am looking forward to the next installment.

Maranda says

This book was very cool. Cool in the fact that it was like Star Gate, and all the science talk was really in depth and interesting; it gave the book a real wow factor. After reflecting back on the book it seems to be a sci-fi, multiverse "world", the plot being both saving the multiverse and romance with a few laughs along the way. The overall execution of this idea was really good, the different worlds were interesting and the writing was easy to follow. There were a few places that the story lost me though. First off there was so much information and background I felt rushed to keep up with it all. For instance: a world class neuroscientist with the ability to cross space/dimensions travels in a group from a top secret government agency called DEPOT...But that is not all. She is battling with the regret of a past incident that terrorizes her dreams, but that is not all. She is still bitter over her ex and this keeps her from any relationship she could have with her new partner, who is hot and smart and her best friend, but that is not all. Hell exists and demons are on the war path. There was just so much that this book throws at you, so it is never boring, but it is one struggle after another for the characters to contend with until the very last chapter when the actual defeat of the protagonist comes down to a game of tag, obviously not literally, but comparatively to the rest of the struggles, that is what happens. With all of this plot and adventure the characters that fill the pages of the novel are interesting, each is very different from the next. At times, these characters begin to feel almost like stock characters though: the leader, the joker, the tech expert, I could just as easily be naming off the characters in Transformers. Is this a bad thing? I think it depends on the person, I did not mind it. Lastly, some of the sciency jargon got confusing only because it is so foreign to common day speech that it would lug the story down; it really only happens in a few places but I noticed it. The book had a lot going for it and it does a lot of things well, like creating new worlds wherever the team goes, but something in the narration that pulled me away from the story. The thing about this book is that it was a sci-fi thriller and a romance, each of which the author did a great job of writing for but it never really did both things at the same time. The narration was so disconnected. It seemed like a second or even third hand account of an omnipotent narrative so it was hard to connect fully with the world and characters.

Cami says

Energetic all the way

From the beginning of the story where you find out people can teleport to other worlds, to finding out there are demons from Hell that exist and are invading the worlds one at a time, it is fast and exciting. The love story kind of takes a backseat, but it is still told all the way through. I enjoyed it. Free download

Rajlakshmi HB says

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