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For Selene Warren being a witch is no big deal. She dabbles in harmless magic with her friends and never thinks much about it. However, when a stranger who seems to know her shows up at her studio and her grandmother is brutally attacked, her simple life becomes complicated.

A world of elves, half-elves, fae—and one peculiar Sekhmet named Femi open up to her. She will discover that fairy tales are real, politics are ugly in any world, and there is a lot more to her life than she ever dreamed possible.

This new reality threatens swallow Selene whole, but with a forgotten past beating down her door, she will have to dive in to save her future.

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## From Reader Review Easy Bake Coven for online ebook

### Jenn says

What could have been an interesting book was tainted by punctuation, grammar, spelling and editing errors. Sometimes, there were complete words missing! While trying to manipulate a nurse into seeing a loved one after hours, the sentence reads "She all have, please". It ruined the experience for me.

Selene got on my nerves. She made her like so many other women in paranormal romances: bipolar, emotional with irrational responses to simple statements, flawless but self-conscious, stubborn. It gets really repetitive. Not to mention the random descriptions of her clothing and how it hugs her perfect body. I understand that the author needs to help the reader visualize the characters, but these descriptions were inserted at the oddest times. A good time to describe her outfit would have been while she was getting dressed or looking in a mirror, not while she was checking herself out as she slid into a bar booth. It only accomplished making the character seem incredibly vain.

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### Jeanny says

3 solid stars

Kindle & audible version

Hate the cover art.

Loved the narrator.

The plot is a conundrum not bc it's a mess but bc of Selene's dual personality & memories. I suspect she may be led astray... We shall see.. I'm not a fan of Cheney.

Cliterary Genius A to Z book challenge. Letter E

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### Adrian says

I wanted to like this book. It had promise. But in the end I was left feeling like the book wasn't complete.. It had all this build up and no real release.

With a name like "Easy Bake Coven" I expected a fun, light read. Maybe something along the lines of the Stephanie Plum books.

I found most of the main characters hard to really like. I never really connected with any of them in a way that made me pull for them. Probably, mainly, because I never really knew who I could trust and who I couldn't.

I didn't hate this book. But I could have liked it a lot more. I think if it had ended differently, I would have liked it more and could have lived with the other minor things I didn't like. I just do not like being deprived of a climax.

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## **Lorraine Sears says**

Easy Bake Coven is an unusual book in that it starts out chick-flick and humorous, but somewhere along the lines turns to fantasy. The title suggests a book about witches, but what you get is something else entirely.

The story is enjoyable and engaging enough, funny and sexy in places. But the main character, Selene, is never really challenged. She bumps along from one predicament to the next, with nothing to make you sit on the edge of your seat or bite your nails. She doesn't question anything she's told and lets other people guide her actions. Even when she thinks for herself it's because that's what someone else wants.

The story focuses on the fact that Selene doesn't know who she is. She has a past that she can't remember and spends her time being told what she was like by other people. Her thoughts and feeling fluctuate so much that it gets a tad boring.

Obviously this is the first in series, but just as the story hits a real nail-biter, it ends and I'm not sure I have the patience to get involved with Selene again to find out what happens.

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## **Jim says**

I really should like this book. The writing is pretty good. It seems like it is supposed to have a epic sort of romance. But I could not find anything to really like, or dislike about the two main characters. Selene seems basically nice, but rather self-absorbed and self-satisfied. Not enough to dislike, but also not enough to be particularly interesting. I read the story a little over halfway through hoping it would get better, but it didn't. The major characters just didn't resonate with me, and the minor characters were too minor to be interesting.

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## **Liz says**

I guessed by the reviews that this would be a light, fun read. It was - sorta. It started out the way I expected and even when the fae twist came in, it was still interesting to follow. There were several typos/errors (for example, Cheney is spelled "Chaney" in 2 back to back instances) and could've used another edit. The chapters end at odd places, as though the author cut them in places because she felt she had to rather than because it made sense or built suspense for the reader.

But as I kept reading, I got tired of the whining - of the constant battle Selene has with herself because she is two halves of a whole, etc. etc. There was only one mention of a special gift Selene has that we don't see until two-thirds of the book later, and by that point I'd completely forgotten about it and it came as a somewhat cop out of a surprise. There was a ton of build up to this big battle and then when it came to, the battle happened so fast and suddenly that it was over before I realized it and I thought, "I read all that build up for THAT?" There was a twist at the end that clearly leads into a sequel or perhaps trilogy, though I was disappointed to see it wasn't a standalone novel (though admittedly that may be me getting tired of authors feeling everything has to be more than one book). It was an okay read, but I doubt I make time for the next ones in the series.

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## **Bookgeek says**

I'm starting to think that I'm broken. There has to be something wrong with me that I really hate this book When so many other people love it. I have three hours left and get bring myself to hit the play button.

First, don't be fooled by the cute cover or the title this book doesn't have anything to do with witches or a witches coven.

Second, my main issue is Selene...I can't stand her. She is hot and cold from one sentence to the next, for example: When our story starts Selene is dating the perfect Michael his handsome so handsome she can't even understand what he see's in her, and she pleased he doesn't have a large ego, we get to hear all his praises right before he pops the question, to which she can't believe this is happening and OMG freaks out and states she is filled with dread at the very idea, next breath 'he even picked out the perfect ring a ring I'd have picked for myself he's just so prefect,'...blah, blah, blah...

I don't and can't muster any caring for her or her trouble which is almost all at the point I stopped listening her own making.

Third, Cheney or (Chaney) whichever the big bad Prince of the elves is kind of an ass, more likable than Selene, but I care nothing about him or the trouble he has with his dad the King.

fourth, what really killed me, is they are married, regardless of whether she remembers it or not, which she doesn't, but when Cheney talks of overthrowing his dad again the King, in order to take the throne himself, Selene is actually surprised she will be Queen...that was when I stopped listening.

Fifth, back to the married people, they fight and fight often, one minute they are happy together the next they are fighting and honestly I have no idea about what...nothing happens to set either of them off, they just fight.

Sixth, last but not least after we find out about her halfness, she spends the next billion chapters talking about her elf side like it's the devil...\*eye roll\* she goes on and on and on some more.

At this point those last 3 hours seem more like 10 years, I might finish, as I loathe not finishing books, even bad, horrible ones...sigh.

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## **Kerri says**

\*\*\*\*I'm torn between 2.5 and 3.00\*\*\*\*

Well, where to start. First, this book was riddled with all sorts of errors like grammatical, missing words, punctuation. If this was in fact edited, the editor needs to fired!

Secondly, the protagonist Selena is an emotional hot mess. she's either flying off the handle with little to no provocation, or head over heels, googly eyed, can't get enough in love.

Thirdly, this really didn't have so much to do with witches. The witches and coven were really more of a back drop to the story of elves. The book ended without ending, if that makes sense. It just left you hanging, which I'm sure was done purposefully so you'd have no choice but to read the second book of the series, if in fact you are that invested into the characters and story to begin with. Personally, I'm torn. I really kind of

liked this, I mean it was an okay, fast, cutesy kinda story, no matter how badly edited. It certainly will never be a favorite of mine for sure however, if you are looking for something light hearted and not so unforgettable you may want to give it a try. With any hope, the following books in this authors series will be edited correctly.

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### **Jo says**

I really enjoyed this book, fun elf/witch/vampire/dwarf story.

I am still wondering what the rest of the series holds as this book definitely dealt with possibly the most interesting part of Cheney and Selene's life together and whether it is something I want to carry on with

Looking to possibly come back to this

Easy going, fun and very much fictional!

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### **Wren says**

Well, I was looking for an fast, easy read after finishing "The Diamond Age". Perhaps this wasn't the best book to read after "The Diamond Age" simply because it is so two dimensional and borderline silly. Having said that, it's fun, but without any witty humor. How do you do that? You can, but it's kind of forgettable. Don't expect any introspection, unusual plot twists, well-developed characters that come alive on an individual level. It's kind of like sleep-walking... wasn't impressed.

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### **Literary Chanteuse says**

Selene survived the death of her parents and was raised by her grandma who discouraged her to use her unique abilities in magic. Now an adult she runs a yoga studio and her boyfriend Michael is on the verge of proposing. With a new group of friends life is all hunky dory.....well at least until Cheney appears. A gorgeous but mysterious guy who turns out to be no stranger. Her secret is out. Her friends are actually a coven of witches. She also discovers the truth that she is half human, half elf and bounty hunters are searching for her. So what's a girl to do? Each day brings new revelations and as her world is slowly falling apart her connection to the abyss and it's inevitable war brings her closer to who she truly is and to her true heart.

Selene is very humorous and likeable. Her world gets flipped upside down when her life as she knows it turns out to have been an elaborate scheme to keep her hidden and safe from the enemies that are now looking for her. I instantly was drawn to both her and the story. Cheney is full of surprises and irresistible. If you would be attracted to an elf he's your guy. The story gets quite complex as politics in this realm and fighting for your rights take an important turn in the story with Selene being right at the heart of the matter. The drama and action take new heights as you turn each new page.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Theresahpir says**

I don't read a lot of fantasy novels or paranormal romances, and this was sort of a mash up of those two genres. For the most part, I did enjoy testing out these new waters. The story of Selene, whose whole world is turned upside down as she finds out that she isn't who she thinks, clipped along at a nice pace and kept me turning pages until the end.

But...it was the end that knocked off a star from my review of this book. The entire plot up to this point focused on one goal and it seemed like when it finally came down to it, that issue just folded with much less fuss than we were led to believe would ensue. It was very anti-climatic, even with an intriguing plot twist thrown in to make SURE you read the next book in the series.

Overall, however, it wasn't a bad book. The magical mythology was incorporated interestingly and cleverly and as I stated earlier, the story line did progress in a way that wasn't overly predictable. I do agree with the fact that this particular edition really needed another look at from an experienced editor. There were a couple of issues where misspellings and continuity problems became rather annoying.

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## **Ruby says**

I don't know why I stuck it out with this book, other than that it was a decent mindless thing to read myself to sleep after getting off work at 4am. Formula driven, static, and full of cheap pop culture references.

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## **??Trea says**

This book was like a trainwreck, you didn't want to watch, but at the same time you couldn't look away either. While I didn't find the heroine to be as whiney as other reviewers had, I did find her to be quite annoying at times. Not only that I hated Cheney for pretty much the entire book, due to how controlling and manipulative he was. In addition to this, the book tied into a much larger universe, one that is explained in the author's other two series. While this read largely as a standalone series, I could tell at some points that I was missing pieces of a larger story, and I didn't like it. More than likely, I'll be deleting this off my Kindle, and will not be looking to read the other books in the series.

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## **Katie says**

This book does not match its description. I think the person that wrote the description did not read the book. I would make sure to read a couple reviews before buying it because of the description not giving you an accurate idea about what you would be reading. "The Abyss is watching her" i don't know why the description starts with this because the The Abyss is not important to the story. Selene is not in real coven and the story is not about witches, its about elves. There was a lot of build up to fight but fight was super short and really not that important. I also did not like the cliffhanger that the book ended on. I felt that i spend all this time reading this book and this is how it ends? Overall, i just could not get behind Selene and

felt that she was just too weak. I got this book as Freebie from amazon so if you love free books you could check it out.

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