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Ruby is done with jerks, dead-end jobs, and eviction notices. Everyone else she knows is finding ways out of this crappy neighborhood, so why can't she? Since opportunities refuse to fall from the sky, Ruby makes her own. To hell with the little voice in her heart whispering about love. She never met a man she wanted to keep... then she met a gargoyle. Men were boring after all.

Nick was a con, a thief, and a rogue. He couldn't keep a dime in his pocket even if it was glued. Then he met a ruby. Not one from the earth but one of flesh and blood. And ass. Let's not forget the ass. Stealing her heart was now all he wanted.

He has a plan that could make both their dreams come true. It only involves an itsy-bitsy risk. All they must do is rob a witch.

Oh, and avoid the dragons.

## Not Her Gargoyle Details

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## From Reader Review Not Her Gargoyle for online ebook

### Elley Murray says

The heroines in this series are all very down on their luck financially, and the other heroes are all pretty well off and sort of swoop in and save them from their destitution. I like that in *Not Her Gargoyle* we finally have a hero that is just as bad off - worse off, really - than the heroine, and she steps in and gives him a hand up and a place to stay. The shift away from the lifebonding/mated pair plotlines of the other books was also a nice change of pace.

Like the other women in this series, Ruby is totally kick ass, and I appreciate her vulnerabilities. There is a scene between her and her downstairs neighbor that really spoke to me, where Ruby is basically being pushed into deciding if she is going to prostitute herself to her landlord to make up for her past due rent or be evicted, and her neighbor tells her:

**“You do whatever you need to do to survive. Nobody cares about women like us and we need to stick together.”**

HELL YES, neighbor lady whose name I can't remember for the life of me right now but I really like you! Way to be. I also love the banding together between Nick and his brothers, who are adorable. Nick was super cute, and kind of clueless. Nick was a fun character, and the banter between him and Ruby was fun, as was reading about them both trying to change their lives around and "go straight" after leading rather shady lives.

This is the 4th book in the *Not This* series, and while it can be read as a stand alone it's really better if you read the series in order, otherwise you might find yourself a little lost. However this one probably reads better as a stand alone more than books 2 or 3, so I guess if you MUST skip ahead, go for it.

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### Stace says

Received an ARC in exchange for an honest opinion.

This is book number 4 and I haven't read the others in the series, but I'm a HUGE lover of gargoyles so I decided to take a chance. Now technically this is a stand alone but I'm guessing there would be a lot more enjoyment if you read these in order so you knew the history of the characters and (hopefully) have a better insight as to why they do the things they do. I was never really able to connect with Ruby. It starts out where we find out she slept with multiple wolves at a "wedding" recently and all I can think is "ew" instead of "you poor broken girl". We also get recollections of her trading sex for rent and such in order to keep a roof over her sister's head but we're so removed from her and her past that I wasn't left feeling anything but "meh". I'm sure that's not the reaction the author was going for. At least I could understand her choices but her blatant desperation to find love along with her jealousy with those few around her that had found their mate was just another Ruby hurdle I couldn't seem to overcome.

Nick on the other hand I liked. He was funny and charming. I did find it unusual that in this world the gargoyles have only one form and it took a witch for him to shift. I wonder if that means his brothers won't

be getting their own books....

I think I have spent too many years reading erotica because the euphemisms used during the sexy times made my eyes roll more than once. I'm guessing those who are tired of the dirty words will find this more tolerable....I just ended up skimming the sex.

The ending was a bit unfinished for me. I'm kinda mad about how Armand was left as was Norm, although I'm guessing Norm might make an appearance in the next book....I don't want to give any real spoilers but I don't think Ruby would have handled the end the way she did either.

If you like gargoyles this is an easy and (mostly) enjoyable read.

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### **Laura Dalle Luche says**

First I want to thank the author for letting me reading her new book in exchange of an honest review.

I LOVED this book! It's funny, adorable and steamy at the same time. Also if you love PNR and Gargoyles then this is a must read and need to enter your TBR list. I loved every book of this series, and many character from the previous books are also in this story. Nick e Ruby form a perfect couple, they are lonely souls searching for their match, struggling and doing what they need to survive. Family is one of the most important things for them, both have siblings and they'll do everything for them.

Ruby is a girl who struggled her entire life, always getting hurt by others, in the starts she doesn't know how to take the interest from Nick, he's the type of guy that she always went out with but what he's feeling is true, he really likes her and is interested to have something more. Nick is a sweet and sexy gargoyle, even if he created mischief and stole, he wants to adjust his life, he wants to do good and right thinks. But love won't be the only feature of this story! Adventure, funny and sexy moments will make you love the story and this two characters! I can't wait to read the next installment of this series!

Thanks again Annie Nicholas for letting me read this story and for creating those beautiful and funny characters!

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### **Sue Riley says**

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Reviewed by SFF Dragon\*

Totally absorbing and laugh out loud funny, this is a tale of magic, mayhem, mishaps, idiocy of the first order, love and sacrifice.

I've read quite a few of her books and loved them, but 'Not Her Gargoyle', the fourth book in Annie Nicholas' Not This series wasn't really what I was expecting at all. Totally absorbing and laugh out loud funny, this is a tale of magic, mayhem, mishaps, idiocy of the first order, love and sacrifice. The cast of characters includes dragon, tiger and wolf shifters, witches, vampires, humans and a set of hapless gargoyle brothers, a charm, a curse and a dark magic grimoire.

This is an emotion packed tale with tons of humour, chemistry, love, loyalty, and some action which begins and ends in pretty much the same place, with Nick chained to a ledge on the roof of the dragon's castle,

watching Angie, the fluffy white dragon and contemplating life, the universe and escaping, but there's an awful lot of story in between. It centres around gargoyle Nick and Ruby, the human woman he loves as they try to make a normal life in the middle of a changing city, trying their best to avoid the ever searching dragons Eoin and Angie, but Eoin never gives up and Angie is nesting, and extremely unpredictable. Nick, his three brothers and Ruby have all had tough lives, living hand to mouth and doing what they've had to do to survive. They're still doing that, but at least they're not alone anymore. Maybe together they can improve their impoverished lives and be happy, but it seems fate isn't on their side until the very end, and even then, there's a twist.... no, I'm not giving spoilers, but there is a happily ever after... I hope. This story, although it's a stand alone, ends rather abruptly and is crying out for an epilogue.

I loved this book and felt for Ruby, Nick and his brothers, and I laughed at their antics. I know I shouldn't have, but I couldn't help it. I've actually got three of the four previous stories, yes, I know I said it was book four, and it is, but there's also a Christmas short 'Not His Christmas', none of which, for assorted reasons, I've actually read yet so I've got some catching up to do and I really wish I'd read them before starting this one. Although it can stand happily on its own, there are quite a few references to events past and I think I'd have got a lot more out of the story if I'd read the others first.

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### **Elizabeth Connor says**

I love Annie Nicholas' books and I wanted to give this one 5 stars. The writing was great, the characters engaging, and the plot compelling. But there were a few problems.

First of all, there were verb tense issues. It was distracting to me when the tense should have changed from simple past to past perfect, but it did not. I rely on verb tenses to inform my understanding of events in time. Failure to include these types of clues caused me to pause in my reading to reassess what had just happened versus what had happened previously. It took me out of the story.

The bigger issue for me was plot related. **\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*** Eion is portrayed as a massive dick, and not the good kind. Ruby's sister Trixie is close friends with Angie, Eion's mate. It seems obvious to me that, even if Eion was unwilling to listen to reason, someone could have spoken to Angie. He would have listened to her. Instead, no one bothered to explain the extenuating circumstances leading to Nick's continued imprisonment, leading them to plan a breakout and leave town. That was so unnecessary and it just really bugged me. It was not the ending that made the most sense.

I don't like to impose my vision of what an ending to a story should be as I am not the author. However, there are stories in which the ending goes against everything we have been led to believe about characters. For this reason, I had to give this book 3 stars.

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### **Michele Evans says**

Another hit for Annie Nicholas!

This series is great and this book was no exception. In it, the gargoyle Nick, who accidentally pissed off the

dragon Eion in the Not His Dragon series by scaring Trixie, who fell down the dungeon stairs and had to be turned into a vampire, is chained to the dragons castle as part of his punishment for an undetermined amount of time. His brothers come to rescue him and he decides to take shelter with Trixie's human sister, Ruby.

Ruby, who has always had to support her little sister Trixie by any means, is finding it difficult to make the same choices as she had to when someone was depending on her. She is trying to live her life on the straight and narrow, and Nick has decided to try giving living an honest life a try. The only problem with Ruby's plan is she cannot afford the rent without her sisters contribution and with Nicks plan is that as a gargoyle, he does not have a human form and people are scared of his gargoyle form, which makes finding a regular 9 to 5 a bit difficult.

Ruby, who has been extremely attracted to Nick from the start, offers to let him become her roommate. Nick, who has had the hots for Ruby from the start graciously accepts, all the time wanting to find a way to help Ruby.

After job hunting turns out to be a bust, Nick seeks the help of a witch, who has the perfect charm that will allow him to be in human form while wearing it, but she wants ten grand for the charm, which he can't get without a job and he can't get a job without the charm.

Ruby and Nick hatch a plan to switch out the charm without the witch knowing, and it all goes according to plan... until it doesn't.

Will the dragons catch up with Nick and force him back in chains before the witch exacts her revenge? Is it possible to find a happily ever after between a human and a gargoyle when everyone's after them? If you want to know, you should get the book. There's plenty more to the story, but I don't want to spoil it all here on my review, so go hurry up and grab a copy! You won't be disappointed!!!

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### **Eva Millien says**

I just had the best time of my life, who would have thought that being a little on the gray side of life could be so much fun!

Ruby and Nick have amazing chemistry that draws readers into their hijinks with ease because they both have a unique way of looking at things and dealing with everything that life throws at them. Their romance isn't sweet, it's fun and kind of stuck on Ruby when she wasn't aware which was quite funny because Nick was one determined gargoyle and he decided that Ruby was his.

The plot is fast paced and full of excitement as Nick finds himself running from a dragon and that's just the beginning as Nick and Ruby just keep the thrills and the chuckles coming throughout and with some surprising twist to keep everyone guessing.

This is the first book in the Not This series that I have read and I have to say that Annie Nicholas did a great job of developing her characters and bring her charming and delightfully fun world to vivid life and I since was completely charmed by Not Her Gargoyle, I will be catching up on the series while await the next book.

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## **Gwessie Tee says**

Naughtiness 2. 5

Absolutely awesome book, definitely loved this book and will be reading its sister books that are in my TBR list, most definitely loved everything from our hero and heroine, their story and their history.

I won't give spoilers but will say if I had to describe this book I'd say, feisty, sexy sassyness with a hint of brooding, giggles, naughtiness and adventure.

Goes without saying if you love supernatural beings and romance you'll love this book.

Thank you Annie for writing this awesome book xx

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## **Roxie's Reviews says**

"A very Exciting and Funny Paranormal Romance series"

You will love each "Not Her ...." book in this series! From shifters to vampires to now Gargoyles! they are exciting, funny, and sweet! They will keep you glued to their pages.

Nick is a sexy and sweet Gargoyle. He accidentally got himself on the bad side of a Dragon. The Dragon chained Nick to his castle. This was until Nick's brothers located him and rescued him. While fleeing the dragon's castle Nick spots Ruby about to be attacked. He rescues her and Ruby gives him somewhere to hide.

Ruby is a spunky young human. She is familiar with supernaturals. Her sister is a new vampire and her best friend is a Werewolf. She had met Nick before. When Nick steals a necklace from a witch, so he can appear human. It leads him and Ruby into all kinds of shenanigans! It also leads to love.

You will love this super exciting, funny, sweet, thrilling, and scorching hot five star plus story and series!

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## **Jessica says**

Not Her Gargoyle is the fourth book in the Not This Series, a romantic paranormal comedy full of self acceptance and love. Ruby works a dead end job, is about to be evicted, and has never had a good relationship, which is rubbed in her face as her sister found love. When Nick crash lands into her life, they decide to be roommates, cohorts in crime, coworkers, and eventually lovers. But when some of their crimes catch up to them in the form of a vengeful witch, can Ruby and Nick band together to save his wings and freedom?

Talk about a laugh out loud book, with amazing characters that make you cheer for and connect to. Ruby was almost lost without her sister around, but she's always been so resourceful, strong, and independent. Nick was as free as could be, but loved spending time with Ruby and only wanted to be better for her. I loved what the charm and its magic could do, and I loved all of the obstacles that Ruby and Nick had to jump through to find their happy ending. I think one of my favorite parts about this book was all of the sibling love! Ruby had Trixie and Nick had his brothers, and both would do anything for those they love. There's quite a few things that happen in this book and I'm so excited to see the repercussions in the future books, just as I

was so excited to see some familiar characters and events from previous books in the series. While this book could definitely stand alone, this series is very interconnected, and you'd get the best enjoyment out of reading them in order - plus they're hilarious! I loved this book and can't wait to for the next to come out!

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### **Danielle says**

Just love this series well written very funny a must read for anyone who loves paranormal

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### **Amy Colon says**

This is the first book I've had the opportunity to read from this series and I have to say I'm intrigued. I now want to read the previous three, and I will soon. I enjoyed Nick and Ruby's story. It was fun, energetic, quirky and exciting. I liked the chemistry between them I also now need to know about the other characters in the series. Ms Nicholas did a great job writing the story, I've read her Vanguard Series now I'm interested in another.

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### **Mona Livsey says**

Absolute perfection! Comedy, Romance and that bit of Intrigue imbued with certain Disaster makes this one of the funniest books I have read this year!

Love this Authors style of writing and her characters are to die for. Fast paced fun leads you on a hilarious chase through this wonderful read!

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### **Sheila says**

Annie Nicholas books are like candy, you know it's going to be good. I like ALL her books but especially her 'Not This" series. In this book we find Nick the troublemaker gargoyle chained to Eoin's castle. He was chained because he startled a human, Trixie, who fell to her death. She was rescued by Viktor, an ancient vampire. Trixie is now a newly made vampire living with Viktor. Nick and his brothers have lived all over cheating, stealing and causing all sorts of shennigans. Nick and his brothers find a way to release Nick from his chains. He meets Trixie's sexy older sister Ruby.

Nick wants to find a job and start over, living legitimately. He would love to impress Ruby and help her out of her desperate financial situation.

Nick meets Nikita a local powerful witch. She has a charm that will give Nick the aspect of a human. This would allow him to get a job, as not many would hire a gargoyle. The catch is the charm is very expensive. Ruby and Nick decide to steal from Nikita. It is never a good idea to steal from a witch.

Nick finds a job at a coffee shop working for a tiger shifter, Pete. Pete is interesting. I want to know a lot more about him.

The witch finds Ruby and Nick and confronts them about the charm. They must do a service for the witch or Nick will be trapped forever in his human form, never to fly again.

This book has a lot going on. We see many characters from previous books and we find new interesting ones along the way. We run into the Alpha wolf from Riverbend. There is a surprise twist in the end. Loved this

book. I want to visit quirky New Port and meet all these great characters. Ryota is one book I am so looking forward to.

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### **Allison Gill says**

What a great book.

I just love a book that has a bit of everything.

Being the 4th book in a series it brings you characters that you already know.

Nick is always in trouble, but he has such a wonderful outlook of life. Then he meets Ruby.

Life hasn't always been kind to Ruby, but she has always done what was needed to keep her and Trixie safe and fed.

Now she has a new room mate who's a Gargoyle, and sexy as hell.

This book is very well written and keeps you wanting to turn the next page.

Everyone from the previous books is there, so you get to hear about them and how they are continuing to live after their book was over.

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