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What do you do when a spell goes haywire?

Who would ever think magic could be boring? Certainly not Grace, Jenny, Rachel, Adie, and Una, especially after their disastrous first encounter with witchcraft. Now they're stuck learning dusty old theory--until the radiant Ms. Gold comes into town. Before long, she has the coven turning into blond bombshells, creating cute pets out of thin air, and taking fabulous flying lessons!

But the daring friends make a magical mistake that drags the past into the present. Suddenly Grace has to work out who she can really trust...

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Dorine White says

Grace, Jenny, Rachel, Adie, and Una are training to become witches. However, they are growing bored with their teachers, Ms. Quinlan and Ms. Lemon, who refuse to teach them anything more than how to identify and use plants and herbs. When their new social studies teacher Ms. Gold arrives, and promises to teach them more practical magic, they secretly begin training with her.

While practicing their new spells, the girls go back in time to when Ms. Quinlan, Ms. Gold and Ms. Lemmon were students at the primer school. They all used to be good friends, but it is obvious in the present that they are not. Grace unfortunately has a side affect from casting the spell and continues to be sucked into the past and the teenage drama of her present magic teachers. After one such trip, she accidentally gets sucked back to the present with a creepy man on her coat tails.

Soon everything is going wrong and Jenny begins acting weird. Plus, the creepy man from the past keeps showing up. Who can Grace trust? and What is Ms. Gold up to?

My Thoughts-

A delightful and fun magical romp that takes middle grade readers on a ride involving trust and friendship. First off, the characters- I really enjoyed the story and the idea of these young girls wanting to become witches. Their reserved older teachers are too prudent, and just like normal kids, Grace's group wants more action. So, just like normal kids, they are led astray by promises of power and fun. It is easy to see why they side with Ms. Gold. Her way gives them all the results upfront. Now, Grace is an exception. She learns to think things through and to trust her instincts. She also tries to put things right when she makes a mistake.

My one comment would be that it was hard to remember who was who as we time traveled back and forth. The teachers are only referred to as Ms. so and so in the present, so when it was the past and they went by their first names, I got thrown off. It took me 3/4 of the book to stop flipping back to find out who was talking.

The plot is great and moves along at a swift enough speed that young readers won't grow bored. The author does a great job with unraveling the plot twists so that the reader is wondering who the good and bad guys are until the final chapters. The story is believable and the setting, a school, age relatable.

I give it 4 stars!

Tuba Inan says

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Kim Hampton says

I won this book through a Goodreads giveaway. It's actually the 2nd in a series, but can be read as a stand-

alone. It is written for readers ages 10+ but it had a great plot that will keep older readers engaged. If you like magic and spells, you will enjoy it.

Margaret Madden says

Review by Mia, aged 10

This book is the sequel to the award winning book, *The Demon Notebook*, which was just awesome. You can read my review and interview with the author [here](#).

Grace and her friends are back for some more witchy adventures. They are taken to a hidden witch supply store by Ms. Lemon. Grace looks into an ancient mirror and sees a creepy creature staring back at her. In the shop, Jenny finds a spell to bring you into the past and writes it down for later. The girls use the spell to look into the past of Ms. Lennon, as well as Mrs. Quinlan and find there was another girl in their group who is now Grace's new teacher, Ms. Gold.

Along with finding out about the teachers pasts, a new girl joins Grace and her friends as they start learning cool new spells. Also, the MirrorMan, from the shop, starts following Grace, after he comes back with them from the past

I enjoyed this book even more than the first one and can't wait for the third one, *The Watching Wood* which is due out in September.

Mark Buxton says

I didn't happen to read the first book in the series. I was curious about some references to it, but I was still able to enjoy this book. The author included several different conflicts, but they all worked together. The teachers didn't get along with each other, The Mirrorman, Grace's problems with her friends, and Grace had an internal conflict about her friends and the demon. Two teachers wanted the girls to be responsible with their spells, but Ms. Gold felt that they should be able to explore their powers. This situation troubled Grace. The climax was surprising, as the hero was someone I didn't expect. I recommend the book!

Amanda - Go Book Yourself says

The Broken Spell is a sequel to *The Demon Notebook* but is easily strong enough to be read as a stand alone novel.

Grace and her friends are part of a coven of apprentice witches. Their teachers are eager for them to learn the theory behind their craft before they begin to cast spells but the girls have other ideas. Saviour comes in the form of the beautiful Miss Gold. She is eager for the girls to learn by doing. To become fearless powerful witches. As strange events start to occur the girls learn that things are not always what they seem.

The combination of poetic spell casting and duels combined with school girl drama means the plot moves along at a near perfect pace and the reader is eagerly lured into each chapter. It's a hard one to put down!

Despite the story being centred around myth and magic the regular school setting allows for an exciting novel steeped in fantasy to be very believable.

Every YA fan will want this appearing on their shelves!

Hannah Russell says

Pretty standard children's fantasy. Nothing to report here. There are perhaps too many characters, and they all start to blend into one another.

Darlene Cruz says

Girls and spells and ancient mirror, but wait creature of the scary sort awaits. Witches of a coven, little witches, well apprentices. These girls need to hone in on their craft before casting it, but Friendship is tested. Nightmares of what is behind that mirror. Magical adventure to capture your soul to read it. Excellent read, awesome writing and just an exciting read. I won this book on Goodreads, First Read Giveaway. Thank you, Darlene Cruz
