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This can't be happening to her. A random break down...an isolated mountain road, a seemingly chance meeting with a hotter-than-hot stranger. Tatyana is a modern gal who can handle any crisis, but before she knows what's hit her, she's sensing a hideous threat, not to her but to this man who draws her like a moth to flame. Hunter.

“I know things...I saw it.”

When the attack comes, she is his protection from a diabolical enemy, even as he initiates her into a startling world of magic, sorcery and sensuality. For in a moment of terrifying danger a spark has been struck, and neither can escape the erotic fire to come...

Hunter Details

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Marie says

This surprisingly was very very good.

The cover didn't exactly have me enthralled and don't give much away. If I did the usual and went into my local bookstore and based my next read on the cover alone I can say straight off I would not pick this, covers are important in our decisions, and this one could have been much better.

Hunter is supposed to be gorgeous and that guy on the cover,. Please. He's got nothing on my imaginary guy.

Anyways the story. Yeah it's pretty darn awesome. Kept me on my toes and I devoured it. Dark witches, warlocks, covens, white witches, warlocks and covens, and then their powers weather witches, empathisers, mentalists, spiritualists, elementals, wow there was a vast range and it made me always curious and eager to know more.

Each character was very kick ass and completely unique and individual. I wanted to know everything about everyone and the writing was very very good.

There was just the right amount of magic, romance, adventure, danger and thrills to keep you hooked.

Jill says

I received this arc from Netgalley for my honest review

Hunter Finn has is the Sentinel of the Willow Coven and after 10 years of self imposed isolation, he has been called home. But when he arrives he finds out he has a new "brother" within the coven, Dimitri Petrova, and their is unknown coven reeking havoc and attacking his sisters.

Tatyana Petrova is one of 13 siblings, but she has always been very close to her brother Dimitri. Recently Dimitri has been awol,claiming he has found a new family and distancing himself from her. She senses something is not quite right so she sets off to find him, in the middle of nowhere, to get some answers and give him a piece of her mind. Unfortunately things do not go to plan, her car breaks down, it storms and she has to set off on foot.

When she arrives she immediately feels a connection to the lovely witches within the Willow Coven home, definitely an attraction to Hunter Finn. However things become serious when they are all attacked, Tatyana is thrust into a world she had never really experienced, although her family is steeped in magical legends,she finds out fast that she is a witch and becomes blood bound to Hunter. This act saving her from a fate a slave/familiar to an evil warlock.

The evil warlock attacking the coven is intent on destroying them through any means, rape, torture,murder and planting malicious thoughts/ plots to tear them up from the inside. Everyone has to work together to beat the enemy before he rips them all apart.

I enjoyed the suspenseful, magical ride that was Hunter. Meeting all the members of the coven, the personalities varying as much as their powers and positions.

Hunter, himself, was an interesting character who had his fair share of demons that needed to be exercised. Lucky for him he meets the equally endearing, feisty Tatyana. I loved the connection between the two, the battle for each of them to withhold their feelings for one another. The tension between the two was electric which led to some very steamy scenes.

I found the villain of this book to be very scary, any sexual predator is and that is exactly what he is, preying on the woman of the coven to break them. I always like when the villain is a good one.

This was very easy to read and paced extremely well. The story was an interesting one and it was good to have a story fixed on witches rather than vampires and werewolves for a change. I am really keen for the rest of the characters in this book to get their own stories, so I really hope we get more of this magical group in the future.

Dianne says

Its cold, its dark, its freezing, it's definitely the middle of nowhere because there is no cellphone service. Tatyana Petrova, youngest of thirteen children, educated, successful, independent and able to change her own tire, is stranded. No one even knows she left New York City to surprise her brother Dimitre with a visit to find out WHY he has fallen off the face of the Earth, abandoned their family and embraced another. Tatyana has No idea what she is in for. No. Idea.

Hunter Finn, once Sentinel of Willow Coven, left ten years ago filled with guilt, cutting off all contact. He needed to heal, but now he's back, older, wiser, more powerful and much, much sadder. Ryce, High Priest of Willow Coven had no choice but to compel him to return because trouble is brewing. Warlocks who practice the dark arts are trying to take over. One in particular, a powerful and sadistic warlock is a huge threat, and he is Hunter's brother, Braen.

When Tatyana and Hunter meet, it's an explosion of sensations as she literally falls into his arms and into a new life! Tatyana discovers why Dimitre left and what supernatural powers she possesses when the Willow Coven is under attack and her powers are unleashed. Even untrained, Tatyana may be the only thing that stands between life and death for the coven as they battle against horrendous evil and the dark, twisted minds of the warlocks.

The sexual and sensual energy between Hunter and Tatyana is off the grid! We are talking WAY off the grid! Not only are they an amazing match mentally, but they are emotionally tuned into each other, as well! Tatyana has a streak in her that is wild and untamed, exactly what Hunter needs!

I'm surprised that author Jacquelyn Frank's keyboard didn't melt down bringing Hunter and Tatyana to life! The plot and characters are brilliantly written with detail and depth-no fillers! From the opening line to the end, I was lost in the magic of this book!

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Paranormal Kiss says

Hunter by Jacquelyn Frank, JAX, draws you into a new and interesting world of witches, warlocks and the battle between good and evil. It is an entertaining and erotic story that holds your attention from beginning to end. The characters and backstory are richly detailed, so much so in fact, that this reads very much like a second book in a series. I really enjoyed this book and found the cast of characters to be interesting with history and depth. All of the characters feel genuine and, with the exception of the bad guys, are likable. There is a definite good guy vs. bad guy element that carries the story nicely. The main characters, Tatyana and Hunter have smoking hot chemistry together yet their love story is believable. It is a joy to read their story and follow along as they and their friends fight against the evil attacking them. Hunter is filled with action, witchcraft, romance and sex.

Hunter is a great story and I look forward to more stories in this world. It is recommended for fans of Paranormal Romance.

Rachel T says

This book will be featured at The Reading Cafe 03 May 13

4.5 out of 5 for this reader folks!

This book was somewhat of a surprise for me. I have to admit I have not read many books that center around witches as they hadn't really interested me all that much, but this book just may have changed my mind! Hunter by Jax (pseudonym of Jacquelyn Frank) was a great, quick page turning read!

So let's start the review shall we??

So our leading lady Tatyana decides to surprise her brother Dimitri by driving out in the middle of ruralville to say "Hi, I miss you big brother!" What she doesn't expect is that her little drive is about to change her entire life. Her car breaks down, it's freezing out, she is wearing a smexy dress and heels (thank goodness she packed her runners to change into ..lol) and she decides it's not cool to freeze in this spot .. off she goes walking to the house.

When she knocks on the door, she literally falls into the hot arms (figuratively and literally) of our leading man Hunter. Instantly, these two have a serious case of "love at first sight and I wanna jump your bones". After she warms up a little, she is thrown right into a battle of sorts that reveals all kinds of secrets and why her big brother has been absent from her life for the past while.

Tatyana discovers these people that live in this beautiful mansion are members of Willow Coven, a white witch (good witch) nest. She also discovers through this battle, that she is a dormant witch herself and her powers are ignited when Hunter blood bonds with her to claim her as his familiar. A familiar is a dormant witch that has been awakened by another witch good or bad and is mentored by that witch.

Now we need to introduce the antagonist of this story. Enter Braen! Braen just so happens to be Hunter's brother and a dark witch (evil witch) and a serious A HOLE! I really really hated this guy and Jax wrote him perfectly as there was nothing good about this man. Braen happens to be the leader of the local dark coven who is trying to defeat Willow coven.

So there is the foundation of the story without giving away too much!

Here's what I loved! All these witches (good and bad) have special powers unique to their coven. We see everything from a Sentinel, alchemist, weather witch and a healer (an so much more). I loved reading about all the different sorts of magic and spell casting used and it was all so unique to anything I have read in the paranormal genre. I could picture all the magic as I read every word and see the colours, hear the chanting! I also loved the animal like attraction that Hunter and Tatyana have towards each other and it's explained why further into the book (I'm not gonna give it all away ya know .. WINK)

I also loved how I was surprised on any given page about a few of the scenes, wondering if it was real or if magic was weaving it's web. I actually gasped at certain parts feeling angry and then relieved and then angry and then happy and then .. well you get the point! LOL

Why this wasn't a hot 5 out of 5 for me is simple to say. I wanted more dark coven scenes and explore that side a little more. Jax had written the bad guys so well I actually wanted more of them to read about and what made them tick.

So if you love the paranormal genre (especially witches) and you love lots of hot scenes, action and unexpected turns with a touch of strong family bonds tied in then this book is for you! I am uncertain is this is going to be a series (YES PLEASE) but I will certainly be making sure that I have the next book if it is!

HAPPY READING! :)

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Tonya Sheneman says

Needs paragraphs. It was confusing when the topic switched to another scene. Otherwise, this book was sexy and awesome

Needs paragraphs put in. I loved the sexy action, but I got confused when a complete change of topic and location happened. I love the witchy happening.. It was exciting.

Shauni says

Looking for a good witch story? One that battles self, family and evil? Want to share an intensity that leaves you feeling drugged after you close the book? Well look no further, Hunter by JAX aka Jacquelyn Frank has managed to put it all in one place.

The thing about Hunter is it reads like a series book but so far it remains a stand alone, I think. I started

reading this book and there was this rich and complete back story. The kind you only get when you are filling in memories from a previous book. Characters have had some pretty interesting lives and already there was one supercouple. I just knew there had to be another book and I was reading the second one. Maybe I was but so far I can't find any record of it.

This one aspect really played with my head throughout the book. Enough so that I commented to a young man I am friends with. I explained all of my well thought out reasons. My history with romance books and series books. My understanding of the entire concept and his response was "and maybe... that is exactly what the author wants you to feel.. putting you in that place where you have a sense of *deja vu*" Let me tell you this, I almost threw my book at him. What a concept.. dang kids.. and if this was the case of Ms Frank then dang author.. It brought an entirely new dimension to this book. Sheesh, I hope I don't find out there was another book because then I will be feeling let down (although I wouldn't mind reading it for itself).

Ok on to the actual book LOL

Tatiyana was the 13th child in her family. She was born with the sight but knew better than to mention it. People thought she was just odd. Now an adult she was spending her New Year's searching for her missing brother. The one whom she adored, was closest to who shared everything with her. Except now he had a new life, a new woman and a new "family" and she was sure there was something going on. Add to the fact that she had visions of him in danger she knew she had to find him. That is how she found herself stranded on dark country road, on New Year's Eve in a party dress, with no cell and hoofing it to where he was supposed to be living...

Having felt he had failed them Hunter had left his friends, his home, his family and wandered the world for ten long years. Now he has been called home and while everyone is excited to see him something is just off and he knows it. He wasn't the coven sentinel for nothing. While discussing what was happening a beautiful stranger all but falls into his arms. Hunter feels an instant connection but doesn't let that stop him from putting the coven first.. That is until she runs into battle to save him. Realizing that this Mysterious woman is more than the sister of the Coven's newest member but a dormant witch changes everything.

A dormant witch needs a mentor, needs someone to walk her/him into her powers.. She needs someone who stands there for her as she learns the nuances of what she has. While there is a sexual pull few have ever felt the overwhelming pull of sexual intensity. The need to almost eliminate anyone who gets in their way. When this power touches both the mentor and the aspirant things get a little wonky. Poor Hunter, just come home and caught up in the throws of something very powerful.

Add to that a battle with a neighboring Coven. A Powerful evil coven that wants to totally destroy theirs. Tatiyana has to come up to speed and fast. What are her powers and how can she help the coven. How can she deal with a powerful witch when he is sure he doesn't deserve a family of his own? And of course how can she make sure her brother remembers she is 24 not 14? All great questions..

While the battle itself was resolved I am hoping that Ms Frank continues this storyline. Of course I am having a hard time actually finding this book anywhere but at Netgalley so I am still hoping that it really is a book.. LOL.. honestly, a great story.. with so very much potential. Check it out

Shauni

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Lynn Z says

I really enjoyed this paranormal romance. The author did an excellent job with the story and the characters. The story was well formed, exciting, suspenseful and romantic. Hunter is hot. Tatyana is the perfect person/witch for this story. Love that she is one of 13 kids in her family. Plus, she doesn't know of her witch abilities. It is fun watching her learn what they are. The narrator did an excellent job with each of the characters.

Angela says

I really liked this book, but it really confused me. I liked the world it took place in and the people were interesting. I love reading this genre of books and usually read about vampires and shifters so reading about witches and warlocks was a nice change of pace for me. My only complaint was that this book read like it was the second in a series. So much so that I put the book down and started looking around on the author's website and on other book related websites to make sure I hadn't missed the first book. I found no other book so I picked this one up again and continued reading. Super happy I did because the farther into the book I got the more I liked it.

The whole good vs evil, brother vs brother and nature vs nurture was played out to perfection. I really liked Hunter and Ryce and thought their friendship helped move this story along. Hunter's internal fight to make sure he didn't turn into a monster like his brother was something I would've liked to see more of. Tatyana was a good fit for Hunter and brought a level of playfulness that he desperately needed after his self-imposed exile from his family.

I hope this turns into a series because I'd really like to get a better understanding of the other witches like Gracelynn and Lennox and especially Ryce. Plus they have all those fledgling witches hanging around. Maybe even a prequel telling Dimitre and Annali's story.

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

4 Spells, Love and Magic Stars

A warrior returning to the home he left behind. A woman demanding answers. A Coven dealing with the biggest threat in its existence. Will they manage to survive? Is there any hope for a future?

Willow Coven is at war with the Belladonna Coven and only one will emerge winner.

Hunter Finn. Sentinel of Willow Coven, Spellcaster witch and defender of all his brethren in the coven.

Hunter, the witch pledged to protect the witches in his coven, adviser and confidant of the High Priest, let his demons chase him away of his family 10 years ago. Now he returns determined to stay forever. To do his duty to his family. Protect, fight and defend. Proud and calm, he is not to be messed with. Even if that means destroying his own brother. He doesn't count on stumbling on a woman that may be his fate and fulfilling his wildest dreams.

All the things that happened, happened so you could be here with her. She was meant for you.

Tatyana Petrova is determined to find out the truth about her brother's sudden new family and loved ones. The thirteenth child in a huge family, she is used to stubbornness and getting her way by any means. Snarky, sarcastic and adorable, she is a force to be reckoned with. But, she wasn't counting on the truth involving witches, a Coven in the middle of war and finding out about another, deeper aspect of herself.

Together, they will deal with secrets, powers, murderous-bastards_so-called_family members and their deepest fears. And they will come to realise that love is the most powerful weapon of all.

An exciting and highly entertaining story by Jacquelyn Frank writing as Jax. Complex characters and an impressive cast of secondary ones, great mythology, suspense, magic and of course her signature smoldering hot sex scenes.

A not-to-be-missed read for all paranormal romances lovers!!!

I really hope for more stories in this dark and amazing world...

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Becca ~BS BOOK REVIEWERS~ says

Hunter by Jacquelyn Frank aka JAX, is a stand alone book that feels like a series. The beginning starts off a little long winded in telling the back-story. I kind of felt like I was missing something, possibly a previous book, but I could not find another book. I thought that was kind of distracting and almost put the book down. After finally getting past the back-story, this book had an interesting take on witches. I thought that the instant connection that Tatyana had with Hunter was intriguing. I wanted to learn more about them.

Honestly, this is the only reason I continued reading this book.

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All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review Courtesy All Things Urban Fantasy

I wasn't sure what to expect from HUNTER. On the surface it had all my happy buttons pushed – witches and magic and romance. Seemed like a perfect match. And for the most part, it was. The story itself was pretty solid and I loved the way the world was set up with the different schools of witches.

I enjoyed the way the story melded two very different types of families – Tatyana's and Dimitre's large Russian family with Hunter's coven family of witches. I think I laughed out loud when Dimitre tried to go all big brother when he finally entered the story and Tatyana went typical baby sister smackdown.

I think my favorite part of HUNTER was watching Tatyana come into her magic. Already a strong character, she stepped into that role with some believable skepticism but once she accepted what was, she truly started to shine within her new life. She even took to it better than her new family, and one of my favorite scenes was when they were tiptoeing around her, believing her to be traumatized and she calmly informed them that not only was she fine, but that they were all dead wrong about what happened.

The problems I had with HUNTER had little to do with the plot, though, and everything to do with the language. I don't want to say it was overly purple prose, but there were a few times I wanted to go back in time and take the author's thesaurus away. (Any time a lollipop is described as a "globular sweet" I tend to nope out.) And glorious as it no doubt is, I didn't really need three pages to fully appreciate Hunter's package.

It wasn't just a lavender tint to the prose, though. In the very beginning, the language was so formal, I started to wonder if Hunter was actually hundreds of years old (instead of mid-thirties) because even though his spoken language was modern, the sections of exposition from his point of view were overly effusive. Hint: Not many modern men refer to their faces as "visages." At times I wondered if HUNTER hadn't started as a Victorian novel then switched to the present and someone forgot to go back and edit. Also, and this is purely a personal thing for me, but repeated 10+ page sex scenes of truly acrobatic, endurance-testing, multi- multi-orgasm sex tend to bore me, but since this is listed as erotica, I can't say they weren't expected.

I'm not sure if I'll try another by this author, but with the strength of the story and truly likeability of the characters, I'll consider it.

Beth says

Tatyana Petrova is the youngest born in the Petrova family. There are 13 siblings. She has always had the ability to sense the future and has had a special connection to her brother Dimitre. Lately she is getting a sense of dread about Dimitre and strange visions that make no sense. These unsettling visions send her into the Catskills of New York to Dimitre's new home...but on the way she breaks down in the middle of nowhere and must hike through a snow storm.

Hunter Finn, Sentinel of Willow Coven, has been called home. After cutting himself off completely from his coven family, he is returning a stronger and more powerful witch. Braen, the high priest of Willow Coven, has compelled him to return because he believes his coven is under attack from warlocks.

Tatyana, half frozen, falls into Hunter's arms and the sexual attraction instantly ignites. Caught now in the middle of a magical battle, Tatyana is thrust into a world of magic she never realized existed.

Extreme evil, rape, and malicious intent is thrust upon Hunter, Tatyana and the Willow Coven by Hunter's

own family. Will he be able to save his coven family and Tatyana? Guess you'll have to read **Hunter** and find out.

I loved the family dynamic of the Willow Coven and really enjoyed reading this story. Tatyana and Hunter have a wonderful sensual chemistry. Since this is a debut for this storyline there was a lot of plot building accented by intimate encounters. This is Jacquelyn Frank's writing as JAX. **Hunter** is a much more sensual, erotic and highly sexual off shoot from her normal works. The sexual scenes are explosive and highly descriptive. If you enjoy a good erotic, paranormal romance check out **Hunter**. Great start to what could be a wonderful new erotic series.

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Sheryl says

I THINK I LOVE YOU NETGALLEY AND KENSINGTON BOOKS... I LOVE BEING PRE-APPROVED!!!

AE says

It feels mean to give this book a one star, so I'll give it a pity two star.

The book was a slow start, then the fight scenes a little confusing. The sexual tension was good . . . at parts, then whiplashed the reader when the heroine went from blushing to vixen to blushing again. A battle boner that never dies . . .

Plus, there was a feeling that you just got dropped into book 2 of a romance series. Was there a book 1 I missed that did her older brother's story? Because this book seems to imply that there was one.

Oh, then add in a magical blood-tie thing that creates lust, etc. By 30% it felt like another cheap tack on to the already cliche plot devices.

Some things were okay. A bit was boring. But overall, when the book decides to "jump" to the evil villain for a moment then go back, I abandoned ship. I no longer gave a shit.
