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Welcome to Mystic, Connecticut, where a Satyr owns the local pawn shop, a Minotaur serves the tastiest pizza in town, and the nearest gate to the Underworld resides in the alley outside a tattoo parlor.

Nix–Sea Nymph, talented artist and proprietor of Mystic Ink–just wants to run her tattoo shop in peace and quiet. Peace and quiet, however, are the least of her problems. Mortal corpses keep springing up in her alley like daisies. Hades is angry that the mortals' souls are missing. And to top it all off, the human authorities suspect Nix of foul play.

Before long, the supernatural police force takes an interest. They dispatch Agent Calder Quinne to investigate. His assignment is simple: determine Nix's guilt or innocence by observing her daily routine. Instead, he's faced with an uncooperative Nymph who resents his presence and evades him at every opportunity.

Nix finds Cal far too attractive and a challenge to her self-imposed ban on relationships. She wants him out of her life as soon as possible. When Cal's soul is stolen next and Nix wakes up missing memories of the evening's events, even she starts to wonder if she's guilty. Now, she has only two weeks to locate Cal's missing soul, or he'll be doomed to spend eternity as a Shade.

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Jennifer Fusco says

I loved this book. It's nice taking a break from vamps and were's and still enjoying a paranormal romance. Nicely done, Casey.

Lyndi W. says

I liked it, I did. But it almost felt like there was too much to keep track of. The author kept throwing in *more* mythical creatures, *more* gods and goddesses, *more* of everything. Even aliens! I knew who the villain was right away, though not their motivation or anything. So for most of the book I was thinking "Come ooon, get to the Epic Battle already!"

L says

I absolutely loved this book, Paranormal Romance without a vampire in sight! Nix is strong, sassy and a sea Nymph. Tattoos, parrots and a smoking hot supernatural agent all in Mystic, Connecticut. Where else would a sea Nymph live? Cold corpses + hot sex + warm sand = awesome reading! Can't wait for Casey Wyatt's next book.

Gail says

Brilliant book!

Loved Nix as the ballsy heroine. A Nereid or sea Nymph that's not as vacuous as her sister. When she wears the Destroyer Mantle she takes on tasks, afterwards she has her memories wiped so she doesn't remember the terrible things she's done as the Destroyer.

Calder/Cal the man who she can't remember to love, but she's getting there. He remembers it all and tries to wait for her to fall back in love with him

Gods, Goddesses, Harpies, Fates, Basil the mouthy bird, Satyrs and many more come together to make this book a must read.

Leah Speller says

The synopsis of this book was enough to make me curious about it to get it. However, after reading it I don't think I agree with it considering Calder was not there to investigate the dead mortals appearing outside of her shop let alone the souls not getting to the Underworld. Though I might have missed that as an excuse but I

don't think so.

At any rate, I found this to be a unique look as to how one might look at the Gods and the mythological creatures interacting with the human world. The mystery was one that kept me intrigued through the entire book and questioning the "who done it." There was no cut and dry quick answer that you knew before the characters, which is a great big plus when reading a mystery. I liked the fact that Nix and Calder, along with other supporting characters were very real. They weren't just pretty boy or girl that everyone fell over and just handed the answers to. They were very real down to earth with their own weaknesses and in their own way broken. This was a part that I admired in both Nix and Calder and made me care more about them and made me want to cheer, cry, scream, and have my awwww moments throughout this book.

There is nothing better to have a book with these strengths. Characters that are strong and determined yet given weaknesses and working through them. A story line that has a good beginning that builds from that point and carries you throughout at times stuck in a forest so much that you can't see the trees only to make it through to the end and conquer with the answers being much more than you expected them to be.

Betsy Ellery says

I loved this book and can't wait for the next book by this author.

Marian says

Great action, this story grabbed me from the beginning. I can't wait to read more from this debut author. I love when a story leaves me wanting more and this one did.

Ndulgent Bloggers says

Wyatt's writing is sharp – her book extremely well-written – with good pacing and constant action. My full review is posted at: <http://guiltyindulgencebookclub.blogs...>

Sharon Buchbinder says

Mystic, Connecticut has always had a special place spot in my heart. I learned scuba diving from a Navy instructor who delighted in tying up my hoses and turning off my regulator. My test dive (which I passed) took place in the cold, murky waters of Mystic Seaport. So, imagine my delight to find a book that takes place in this historic seafaring town, one now populated by a veritable pantheon of giants, gods, demi-gods, Furies and Fates.

The stars of this cast of characters are Nix, a water nymph and Cal, the demigod son of Ares. Cal knows more about Nix than she knows about herself, including the fact that they were a hot and heavy item at one period of their long lives. Added to Nix's growing feeling that Cal knows more than he lets on, is the fact that the local police are beginning to be suspicious of the bodies that keep turning up at a dumpster outside Nix's

tattoo parlor. And the story is off and running!

If you're looking for a fun, fast read about ancient mythology, I highly recommend this magical story by Casey Wyatt.

Diana Long says

Fantastic story with plenty of action

I never got bored while reading. Even when things were slow to build up anticipation, other things were going on to keep you glued. Cal was a hunk with a heart. Nix was spunky, yet still female. They knew their strengths and weaknesses and used them where they could.

Jamie Stephenson says

this one was super interesting... I really liked the characters and the plot of the story but I felt like the events in between needed a bit of work.. there were things that happened in the story that were completely pointless and didn't contribute to the overall progression. in fact the characters even say so in the story so ur sitting there thinking so why did we waste time with this?.. but it was still really interesting and intriguing.i would still recommend it because it's very good at keeping ur attention.

Rebecca says

I was hooked from the very beginning with the constant adventure and intrigue (it took me most of the book to figure everything out which I found made the book even more interesting). Readers will experience solving the mysteries surrounding Nix and Cal, the two main characters, right alongside them.

Full review at:

<http://guiltyindulgencebookclub.blogs...>

Sadie Forsythe says

****Warning, slightly spoilerish****

Meh, it was alright. The writing was perfectly readable and it was well edited. I have no complaints on that front. But the story had a number of elements that I just plain dislike. For one, though Nix was the main character and the events centred around her, it wasn't her who saved the day. Nope, Gods forbid the woman be in on the important action. Instead she ran around from the start of the book until the end, encountering and being attacked by one mythological creature after another. Note, not *intentionally* doing anything but instead reacting to a presented stimuli. Then in the end, all her male protectors went behind her back and saved the day. It was subtle, but all the impetus was taken by the men. At one point Cal even asked her, Do

you trust me?...Then hold your questions a little longer. In other words she not only wasn't in on the action, she wasn't even allowed to ask about it. This was all further exasperated by the fact that all of the power players were Gods. The only real Goddess you get to know is vapid and too busy with her facials and pedicures to be important.

Then there was the complete mishmash of pantheons. I get that this was intentionally. The D.L. was after all an alliance of them. But come on, first we're presented with the Greeks (including Sitals, Cyclops, Titans, Nymphs, Fates, Furies, Basilisk, etc), then the Egyptians. I'm still on board at this point. Then the Elves show up. Huh? And then Aliens! Really, WTF, it was just too much, too cluttered, too many disparate genre thrown together.

Then there was how easily everything wrapped up. The bad guy was defeated with absolute ease. More than once problems were overcome almost miraculously. Nix being able to call in a favour based on winning the office raffle the year before, for example. That's handy. Cal was given his prize and avoided a fate worse than death despite technically not completing his quest. Then in the end Nix rails at her father for three or four minutes and manages to convince him to change the rules that have been in effect for, presumably, millennia. I seem to recall stubbornness being a trait of the gods. Plus, these were pantheon-wide rules, so they effected everyone, not just her. It was just too easy.

Now I know I've bitched a lot. I was annoyed by the end of the book. But as I said it was well written. There were some really fun characters. I especially liked Zeph and Devlin. I'm not discouraging anyone from reading it. Heck I might even pick up the sequel if I come across it. I enjoyed the read, just not every aspect of the book.

Penny Watson says

Review of Mystic Ink by Casey Wyatt

I must admit that I was put off by the blurb for this book. For some reason I wasn't in the mood to read about gods, goddesses, sea nymphs and satyrs. This book takes mythological creatures and plops them into a contemporary setting--a tattoo parlor in Mystic, Connecticut. I've read various books with this paranormal premise, including Sherrilyn Kenyon's series, which I loved before it became repetitive.

But I must say, right from the start, Wyatt hooked me with her writing. I'm a sucker for good writing. And this book is extremely well written. It flows flawlessly, the pacing is perfect, the characters are full-bodied and interesting (sort of like a good Merlot...yeah, I still have wine on the brain). It has a lot packed in here....teetering on the edge of too much. Many characters, lots of twists and turns in the plot. But in spite of this, *Mystic Ink* works. I loved the main characters, especially the adorable hero who is sexy, protective, and fearless. The heroine is spunky without being irritating. The secondary characters are plentiful and colorful. But I think the most important thing here is the pacing. I was sucked into the story, I wanted to find out what was going to happen. It never gets bogged down with too much information (which can happen easily in a complex paranormal story like this). The sexual tension builds nicely, and the love scenes are toasty hot. Wyatt also does a great job setting up the next story.

This is a great debut novel. I am most impressed with Wyatt's writing expertise and am wondering if she will branch out into other genres as well. I hope so. She's got a new fan.

Grade: A-

Penelope

Laurielu Bona Fide Reflections says

Amazingly, this was a surprising read. I honestly did not expect to enjoy this story as much as I did. The mythos Casey Wyatt creates is fun and the plot takes the reader on superb adventure right away. The hero and heroine, Calder and Nix (Eudora), are dynamic couple who love each other deeply. Neither one of them fits the mold they are born into under Greek Myth. Because of their originality in character, the reader is able to identify with them. The secondary characters are well written, too, and make the story more robust. I highly recommend this book.
