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Kamryn Vale is a Dahnan witch who wants nothing more than to complete her studies in the World Between and return to her normal life. But when a sister-witch is murdered and another kidnapped, Kamryn discovers a dark magic so terrifying it threatens the safety of both her worlds. Driven by the need to help in the investigation, Kamryn must deal with the complications of working with the mysterious Watchtower Knights.

After two hundred years in exile, the Knights have been invited back to protect the Witches at the Collegium. They can't afford any mistakes, and Alex knows his attraction for the fire witch has trouble written all over it. With one eye on the investigation and the other on Kamryn, Alex must balance his obligation to duty with the needs of his heart.

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Erin Bedford says

Erin's Book Reviews: An Author Reviewing Other Authors
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Kamryn is a fire witch whose only focus is graduating from the World Between and going back to modern society, but when a murdered witch brings back the WatchTower Knights, she finds herself with a whole set of new problems. One of those being the studly WatchTower Knight who is killer on her magical control and libido.

OH MY GOD! I was recommended to read this by a fellow blogger Anniek and I can say I don't regret it one bit!

From the very first chapter you are thrust into the magical world of the World Between. The author doesn't leave us waiting when she introduces her main characters in a heated and deliciously tingle inducing scenario. Not to mention sexy wet man meat!

From the Quatre of elemental witches to the uniquely portrayed WatchTower Knights, the author pulls you so into the story you'll find yourself devouring every page and forgetting your adult responsibilities (not that they were high on the list anyways!).

There is no doubt that I give this one a scintillating five bunnies!

Shauni says

Originally reviewed for Tea and Book

WOW! I love when I discover a new author who totally and completely blows me out of the water! And Delwyn Jenkins did just that, in her very first book!

Called by Fire has all the makings of the beginning of a series but reads well as a stand alone. I admit it's just wishful thinking as for the series.

Kamryn Vale is a Dahnan witch finishing up her training in the In Between. She's a powerful fire witch who tries to stay out of trouble. Only life is never that simple. Her brother dared to steal a prominent Sentinel's girlfriend, then gave him a bloody nose, ego is involved. He has decided to make Kam's life miserable.. While Jam is trying to avoid him she enters a small room, that is already occupied (by a sexy man in his bath). Just what she needs more man troubles. Only this man is way more than he seems.

Alex has served The Watchtower for over two hundred years, the last knight to be called was 193 years previously. For political reasons the Watchtower has been banned from the witches compound. Only they are loyal and have continued to serve. But there is trouble that they can't resolve. One witch is dead and another is missing. It's the knights of The Watchtower's duty to find out what happened. NOT to flirt with the witches. Only there is something special about Kam and Alex wants more.

Alex and Kam combine forces to discover who killed the witch and hopefully save the missing one. As they go their team grows to include Kam's Quatre, three more powerful witches, and Alex's Cohort, a total of six knights. All sorts of intriguing connections are made and we can only hope for more.

The deeper the team delves the more secrets they uncover. To the knight's dismay information has been lost and witches have been fed half truths and innuendo for almost two hundred years. Instead of being trained they are raised into a political mess where cover up and greed rules.

The worst thing is the powers that be refuse to believe in true evil. Malleous, their true enemy has slithered into the minds of the Primus over the years and fed their egos, their greed and their lust for power, totally eroding all that was good.

Powerful, intense and completely combustible!

Ms. Jenkins wraps up this battle but leaves enough threads dangling that an excellent series could spin from this. I seriously hope this is the case (I may have mentioned this before).

Well done!!!

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Called by Fire, provided by netgalley.

Heather andrews says

First impressions sure can be fun, "this isn't a chamber, it's a linen closet with a hipbath." She placed an imperious hand on his chest and tried to shove him away. "Close your mouth and put some clothes on." Ooh, pretty and feisty. Capturing the witch's hand, Alex pressed closer, his chest pushing against her generous breasts and his hips canted away so she couldn't feel his rock-hard erection." I loved Alex and his focus for Kam, "I mean it, Kam." He tightened his grip. "I don't know how we'll accomplish it, but we will. I need you with me, all the time." I mean when she's around the boy only has one thing on his mind, "probably not." He started stripping off his weapons. "What you can do however, is get naked with me and have lots of fast, hot, sweaty sex." I mean the boy makes the yummiest promises, "how about I sweeten the deal? I'll make you come, twice before I even put my co** inside you. But you have to get naked now." I can't wait for the other Knight's stories they all were entertaining, and enjoyable.

Cozen says

Okay, despite my horrid dislike for self publishing- and yes two misspelled words and under a handful of sentences that needed to be re-read over a few times to get the jest of it, this one didn't rankle too much. There was a nice flow to this story that I could admire.

While the majority of self published writers are currently trying to find new ways to make their stories different for the normal one, they're pretty much all falling into the same traps that make them just as bad and disjointed in story content as well as mismatched character behaviors. This story did not.

I did however find, like some of the other reviewers, an age variance between the maturity level of the story and the characters within. While I enjoyed the sex the characters themselves acted more coming of age than I would have expected. These characters seemed young but their attitude and experience didn't quite match. It seems off a few years. Basically the characters seemed 17 but the sex was more geared towards a 20-ish crowd- I hoped that explains that.

The world building could have used a bit more and less with the "What everyone wears at every scene kind of thing. The characters I believe messed well but a few interaction could have been resolved better (Sentinel Braddock should have had some resolve in this story since we started off with the guy's issue, we should have had an ending with one.)

But overall, I did like the family unit and I would in fact have a go at the next book in line.

April Hollingworth says

Review Courtesy of April Hollingworth

This is Delwyn Jenkins first novel and I can't wait for her next, as this book is so captivating and wonderful. She manages to bring you into the story. I loved it and highly recommend this book to be read and Delwyn Jenkins name to be added to your must read authors list.

Opening Scene:

One day prior to the full moon
Kamryn Vale was running for her life.

The Review:

Kam just wants to get on with her studies and have no hassle from Sentinel Braddock, but the Sentinel wants vengeance on her, for an argument he had with Kam's brother. Not bad since it had nothing to do with her and the Sentinels are meant to protect the Witches not terrorize them. A chance run into the wretched man has Kam running for her life and hiding in what she assumed was a broom closet but is instead a very sexy Knight's bedroom. When he demands kisses for his help, this innocent encounter leads them on a journey far greater than Kam had ever imagined. For a fellow sister Witch has been murdered and another is missing. These crimes have been covered up by the Witches who are meant to protect the students, and the Knights are here to find the killer before the missing girl turns up dead too. But with their every move blocked, it's only with the help of Kam and her quarter of sisters that gives them a chance of not only rescuing the missing Witch but stopping a greater evil gaining power. An evil so great that most believe him to be just myth.

Notable Scene:

"What I want is your silence," she replied, with more snap than was strictly warranted.

The urge to put a crinkle in her high-handed attitude was irresistible, and Alex blurted out the first idea that popped into his mind. “I’ll do better than that. I’ll help you.” He waited for a full beat. “But there’s a price.” “A what?” Her pouty mouth dropped open in shock and Alex licked his lips.

“There’s a price,” he repeated, allowing a lazy smile to slip free.

“Asshole.” Her mouth clamped shut.

“There seems to be a lot of that going around,” he said, not trying to hide his amusement. “Or do you think all men are assholes?”

“Not all of them; just most.”

He cocked his head, his long, bath-damped hair sliding over his shoulder. “I can hear footsteps coming this way. Two Sentinels. I should think.” Leaning down, he breathed in her ear. “Pay the price or risk discovery, Witchling.”

“What price?” she whispered back. The anxiety threading her voice was now for him, not the threat out in the hallway. It gave Alex more satisfaction than it should.

“Two kisses,” he said quietly against her skin. “Separate occasions. At the time and place of my choosing.”

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Shelly says

This novel focuses on the Collegium that is located in the World Between, a protected realm accessed only by magical doorways from Earth. These doorways are controlled by the Primus, twelve senior Witches who rule Sarras, a territory in the World Between.

The book begins with our heroine, Kamryn Vale, a third year fire Witch running from Sentinel Braddock. Fleeing from Braddock, Kam hides in the only unlocked room in the hall and disturbs Alexander’s bath. I think you can see where this is going! Alexander the Reckless is tall, gorgeous, nude and a Watchtower knight.

The Watchtower knights were banned from the Collegium and from interacting with the Dahnan Witches centuries ago but what the Witches at the academy don’t know is why. A group of six knights were allowed in because of a situation that both the Primus and Sentinels could not solve; the murder of a student Witch and a missing second. This occurred even with the protection surrounding the academy. Kam agrees to help the knights along with the help of her Quatre, three other Witches gifted with water, air, and earth magic. A Quatre is needed in order to keep the Witches balanced and to successfully use magic in the World Between. Trying to find the missing Witch and to keep the seductive Alex at arm’s length, Kam has a lot on her plate and I truly enjoyed her trek.

I read mainly adult fiction and I felt as if the writing in this story was more of a young adult style. The pace was good and the universe was interesting as it was set on Earth, but there was a whole other magical plane that the academy was on. Although, the collegium was the focal point, everything else felt unfinished to me. Other areas in the Sarras territory, like other towns and the Watchtower wasn’t incorporated in this first book, but I hope to see it in the succeeding novels.

One thing for certain was that I had a hard time connecting with Alex. He was chivalrous, honourable, and

courageous and had a sense of humour. I liked his character, don't get me wrong, but it seemed very superficial. I didn't know him well enough to really invest in him. Maybe revealing his past might have secured a deeper connection to the reader. I would truly like to have known how he died because apparently you can only become a Watchtower knight if you die protecting a Witch. I also was wondering if the knights retain their memories of their previous lives.

Kamryn's character was passionate with a smart mouth and seemed to get into trouble a lot. I would have expected her to be more temperamental and quick to anger because she controlled the fire element. Yes, she was feisty but she didn't have that explosive personality I assumed she would have. Kam and Alex had more of an insta-love than a slow development, but it worked okay. I enjoyed the personalities of the other three Quatre more so than Kamryn and I can't wait to read their adventures.

There were a lot of question left unanswered, but this is just the beginning to a great series. I sincerely recommend this to anyone who enjoys fantasy and romance.

Jeannie Zelos says

Called by Fire, Delwyn Jenkins.

Review from Jeannie Zelos book reviews

I love paranormal romance so this was a novel I was looking forward to. Kamryn, fire witch in training, was a great female lead. Strong and gutsy, not one of those TSTL ladies, I can't stand those. So she was perfect to play against Alex, the Knight and male lead. He was a well written character too, strong, courageous and yet had the "old scholar" gentlemanly thing going on, which fitted well with the fact he was hundreds of years old. I loved the rapport the two had right from the start, when Kam puts him in his place and instead of getting all "I'm a knight, you should respect me.." he admires her attitude.

There's a lot going on here, introduction of a new world setting, witches, knights and others, along with humans in The World Below..then there's a murder and another missing witch to investigate, along with the fact of the schism between the Knights and the witches. I'm looking forward to further novels in this series, there's been a lot of building in this one and maybe that's why the actual story didn't rate a five from me. Its good but not great, I was interested but it didn't get me emotionally, but the world created is entrancing and I loved the way Delwyn has woven things together, bringing in adventure and some hot and sexy romance.

Those scenes were well done, just the right balance of erotica and story.

Overall its a fun read, a great start to a new series and I look forward to more. I'd like to see more from Kam's friends and Alex's group of Knights. I want to see how Alex and Kam work out together, how the problem of the murderous kidnapper gets resolved, its pretty clear there's more to come, and also what happens with the ruling group of witches (forgotten the name for them, but the 12 ladies who run things) Its clear that they, or their predecessors have manipulated historical events to their needs, but that doesn't mean they're doing what's best for anyone, and has led to the dangers exposed in this book. There's a link left undone too, that I'm sure will crop up in later books, where the kidnapper has an "in" for information which could prove disastrous for everyone.

Stars: Four, a good beginning.

ARC supplied via Netgalley

Claudia says

this one is quite difficult to rate for me ... let me explain why

I definitely liked the characters - if not so much the main character, although Alex and Kam were quite ok, but both not my favorites in this book. But I can't wait to see more about the others, especially Bas and Mycah - these two were total fun to be around. I also want to learn more about Dane ...

The storyline is good and I am sure it is the starting point to an interesting series. so therefore we had to establish some ground work. nevertheless there was some action beside the romance. but here is also my second problem. it seemed as if there were a slight gap between the storyline and the romance. I did not really feel the connection, especially in the beginning. it was getting much better in the end

I liked the world building. the idea about witches who have to go to another "dimension" to learn their craft and the Watchtower knights is intriguing. I would have loved to learn more about the clash and about the history of the Watchtower knights. but I am sure this will come in the next book - at least I hope it does.

so all in all, as I really want to read the next book, I opted for 3,5 stars with an upgrade to 4 stars

Stephanie says

When I first began reading Called by Fire by Delwyn Jenkins I wasn't so sure I would like the book. It seemed as if I opened the book to the middle and began reading. About a third of the way into the book, the story began to develop into an interesting read.

While there is not much detail as to the overall world-building, it is definitely unique. The Dahnian Witches are transitioned into another world to learn and perfect their crafting abilities. The crafting and development of their powers is well explained throughout the story. Additionally, there are the Watchtower Knights (who were banned) and Sentinels (current protectors of the witches) in which the reader learns bits and pieces.

The characters were well developed. But I was left wondering why the witches seem to be of a 'young adult' mindset in their actions and attitudes. While the romance development between the main characters and the sexual tension is not of a 'young adult' mindset?

Overall storyline has potential as a great series with both romance and action, with perhaps a little mystery mixed in. I am looking forward to reading more of the Quatre and the Watchtower Knights. I would have rated this read a 3.5, but since there is potential with the series I gave it 4 stars.

I received this from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Rebecca says

I was given the privilege of downloading this book for free in exchange for my review, and wow. Just... wow. I was so taken with this book! As soon as I finished reading, I went hunting for the answer to my burning question: Was this the first book of a series? The answer is, I am delighted (and relieved) to report, YES.

CALLED BY FIRE is the first book in a new series by new author, Delwyn Jenkins. It begins with Kamryn Vale, a Dahnan witch learning how to control her powers under the tutelage of the Collegium, an academy for witches in the World Between. Safe inside the wards protecting the grounds from the outside, she and all the other witches are shaken to the core when one of their own shows up on their doorstep, murdered. Now, another witch has disappeared and if she isn't dead already, she will be soon.

Enter Alex and his cohort, six Watchtower knights who were exiled from the Collegium hundreds of years ago. Their duty to protect Dahnan witches is put to the ultimate test when they are summoned to solve the mystery of the missing girls. Alex's willpower will soon be challenged, when he falls hard for the fire witch, Kamryn, upping the stakes in a way he never imagined.

I absolutely recommend this book! It has A LOT of super steamy sex scenes (sorry, kids!) and an edge of your seat story that will have you bumping into furniture 'cause you just can't put it down. And when you get to the end, just remember - there's going to be a book 2! Woo!

Jennifer (BTH Reviews) says

*This review originally appeared on our old blog. I have made some minor changes to the review.

**Although I received a free copy via Netgalley for review consideration, my opinions are my own.

Kamryn Vale is a Dahnan witch, completing her training at Collegium, set in the World Between, another realm "accessed by magical doorways."

Kam meets Alex, a Watchtower Knight, and learns one friend was murdered, not left school like she had been told, and another friend has been kidnapped.

Kam and Alex have an instant strong sexual attraction to one another. The problem is Kam is afraid of the intensity of their attraction. She's scared she'll lose control and burn down the whole college with her fire magic.

Kam, her three roommates, and the Knights figure out a way to rescue the girl, while making sure the truth doesn't get covered up by the school officials.

Romantic Interests

Kam and Alex have complimentary signatures and can blend their power. The author doesn't specifically call them 'soul-mates,' but it seems that way. Normally, I avoid any books about destined mates or soulmates because I feel like characters tend to lose free will, but I didn't get that feeling from this story. I didn't feel like they were being forced to be together.

My Likes

- 1) The world is fairly well-developed.
- 2) The last 25% of the book was fast-paced and captivating.
- 3) The four witches are known as a Quatre, which saved the author from having to use all four names every time she wanted to mention all of them. She simply called them the Quatre.
- 4) The overall plot was sound.
- 5) The concept behind the story was appealing.
- 6) I'll have to admit that the sex scenes were great. Other than the use of the 'c' word, which is an instant turn-off for me, they were on fire (literally).

My Dislikes

- 1) The writing was amateurish, more so in the first quarter of the book. At first, the author spent a lot of time telling things to the reader, rather than showing them.
- 2) I thought the whole subplot involving the sentinel Braddock was unnecessary and contrived to make other things in the story happen.
- 3) Kam and the other witches act like teenagers. The author says they are women, but it doesn't feel that way.
- 4) Two of the Quatre were underdeveloped characters. I kept mixing up Amelia and Charlotte.
- 5) The blurb about the book led me to believe that at least part of the story would be set in our world, but it's not. Everything takes place in the World Between.
- 6) The scenes told from the perspective of the villains were boring. These weren't needed.

Overall Opinion

Even though I have an equal number of likes and dislikes, I'm giving *Called by Fire* four stars because I think it has a lot of potential and would appeal to a lot of readers. I recommend trying this book because it gets really good toward the end.

Naurarwen says

I wasn't really sure what to expect when I started reading this story but I'll admit the cover did intrigue me. We start the story being introduced to Kamryn Vale, or Kam to her friends who is "running for her life" but as quoted from the book "Not the 'I'll be dead if he catches me' kind of running, but the kind of running a woman does when humiliation and ridicule loom large". Kam is a Dahnian witch at the Collegium a facility for the Dahnian Witches which is situated in the World between.

From the moment Alex, a Knight of the Watchtower entered the story I was intrigued by him. There is a lot of background between the Knights and the Dahnian Witches but we only find out parts of this during the story until the truth is finally revealed by Kam and her friends.

This story is about the relationship between Alex and Kam but also about the courage of four witches to save someone they care about even though all the rules of the Collegium are against them in situations that they never would have thought they would be in.

The story was well written by the author and I loved the descriptions she used to describe the world that Kam and her friends are in. The use of language is somewhat colourful in parts of this book, I'm definitely not a prude, in fact I relish in the fact that for once in a book a group of young adults swear openly. Don't get me wrong not everyone swears publicly but I can image a young group of girls especially friends in each other's

company would.

I'm hoping the author is looking to continue this story based around the other witches of Kam's Quatre and the Knights as I really enjoyed this one.

Jodi says

This was an amazing story, full of action, mischief and sex.

Kamryn Vale is a Dahnen Witch whose element happens to be fire. She lives with her Quatre consisting of an Air Witch, an Earth Witch and a Water Witch. They are the best of friends and the very definition of soul sisters. They live together at the Collegium where they are approaching the end of their studies and hope to graduate soon. They are each powerful in their own right, but together they are a force to be reckoned with.

One day, while running from one of the Sentinel guards patrolling the hallways, Kam ducks into what appears to be a broom closet and comes face to face with an incredibly gorgeous guy taking a bath in what is basically a very large bucket. His name is Alex and he is a Watchtower Knight, trained to defend and protect the Dahnen Witches with his very life. He is hunky, naked, and immediately smitten with the lovely Fire Witch who has just invaded his privacy. When the Sentinel comes knocking on the door looking for Kam, Alex agrees to deny ever seeing Kam in exchange for two kisses from her.....two passionate kisses from her at the time and place of his choosing. Let the magic begin....

From this moment on, the passion between Kam and Alex is explosive. Literally. When things get too heated between them, she loses control of her element and accidentally sets things on fire. They do their best to work around this problem, as they have a much bigger fish to fry..... one Witch has been murdered, drained of her power and desecrated, and another Witch has gone missing. The Watchtower Knights have been called in from a 200 year old exile to help in any way necessary. Desperate times call for desperate measures! The Dahnen Witches will do whatever is necessary to find their missing friend, including teaming up with the Watchtower Knights (walking a fine line between what is actually sanctioned by the Collegium and what will get them permanently expelled) and combining the Witches' magic with the Knights' power to form a an *almost* impenetrable shield between themselves and the Dark Magic that is holding the missing Witch captive.

The action in this book is amazing! I loved reading about the world of the Dahnen Witches and their extremely protective Knights. The author goes into so much depth about how the magic actually works and lets the reader come along as the Witches and the Knights set out on a dangerous and complicated rescue mission. This story was so well written and I had a hard time putting it down.

I did have a few issues with this story, though. For me, the ending left some unanswered questions that are driving me crazy, to wit:

What happened with Tristan? We got to know him and come to love him and then we aren't even told what happens to him at the end. Does he live? Does he die? I want to know!

What is the Primus's reason for all the cover-ups? They go to a lot of trouble to cover-up and change certain events in their history, but we don't know why. They must have a reason for doing this.....but I sure don't know what it is.

These questions could easily be explained in the next book, if it turns out that this will be a series. I couldn't find any confirmation that this will be a series, though, so as far as I am concerned, these are simply unanswered questions that contribute to an incomplete ending.

Still, though, this was an excellent story that kept me thoroughly engaged to the very end. I would LOVE to read another book about these Witches and Knights, but maybe focusing on a different Witch....I can totally see Mycah and Sebastian hooking up in book two!

Anniek says

Kamryn Vale is a fire witch who lives with her roommates at the Collegium. This is an academy for Dhanan witches where they can learn to control their power. After a witch graduates she will have her full powers and will return to her home in the world below. Kamryn and her roommates are a very powerful group of witches. Containing all the elements earth, fire, air and water.

When one witch has been murdered and another one is missing the primus witches who rule the school have no choice but to bring back the Knights of the Watchtower. They were banished from their grounds hundreds of years ago but now they have to come back to take their rightful place again beside the witches.

Alex is a Knight of the Watchtower. Knights are trained to protect the Dhanan witches and to increase their power when needed. When he lays his eyes on Kamryn he knows that she is his and his alone. Can he protect her against all the darkness that lies ahead?

When they work together, 4 witches and 6 knights, they are the most powerful group to come across. They will certainly not go down without a fight to reclaim their missing witch from the tentacles of the most dark sorcerer of all times...

Sometimes you start reading a book and it just grabs you from the very first line. Called by Fire is one of those books. It is fast-paced and it will keep you on the edge of your seat. I loved the characters. The witches are all feisty women who hold their ground against the knights. All four of the witches are women who you don't want to have as an enemy. They are resourceful, sparkly but also very sweet and loving.

What about the knights... I must say I fell in love with the knights. These men are exactly what a knight should be like. Big, gorgeous and manly but also very loving, caring and protective of their own. They see the witches as family and will protect them until their very last breath.

To make sure that all of you readers out there will understand how blown away I am by this book I wrote a little chant myself.

Because of the fact that my zodiac sign, Capricorn, is an earth sign I gave myself the same element.

Goddess of the earth here my voice
for reading this story I had no choice
reveal it's greatness for all to be
this is my will so mote it be

Of course I want to end my review in the style of this story:

Go in Safety and in Love

Merry we meet
Merry we part
and merry we meet again

Mara says

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Called by Fire's blurb made me think it was the moment to break my book slump (at last!). Even if I can't really say I loved this book (it was not the type of PNR I usually like), I must admit it charmed me with its mix of Potteresque school of magic and the fluffy, funny kind of leit-motive some PNR have.

It does have a few of my nits, mostly the pacing and the insta-lust. The feel of the book would be very much YA, as clearly both the heroines and the hero are young (when not in age, in attitude). But the sex, plentiful at that, makes this statement a lie.

Unfortunately, this confusion was also part of the pacing and the mood of the book. The world may be at risk, the life of a student has a very short deadline if not saved, but the pacing of the action was often broken by the many sex scenes, which I honestly skipped. (Yep, I did say that. Please, take notice.) And any pacing went out of the window. Same with the "mood": I'm not a fan, but I liked enough the light, young atmosphere, but it was jarring with the supposed dark tone of the plot.

The insta-lust/love is one of the most used trope in PNR, and one I hate with a passion. Mates, bonds, throbbing dicks or wetting panties as soon as one sees the other are boring, irritating and, honestly, the easy way out for an author that this way doesn't have to build a story.

I admit that Called by Fire was very nearly a DNF at the beginning, when with no reason at all but excuses, the leading couple starts the usual spiel: yes throbbing dicks, wetting panties and sex(ual) scenes within the first 15-20% of the book, when the plot wasn't even started yet. But characters were charming enough to keep me going.

There's not a strong world-building, but there is some. I'm not sure the chanting and the spells should be considered part of the world, they did not create it, just dragged the story a bit. The setting is fantasy, but with some connection to the normal world. It needs strengthening, but the idea is nice, if not fresh.

Overall this is an ok read with some good points, but unfortunately also some pretty strong nits.
