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*There's no rest for the Wicked...*

It's Detective Dani DeMarco's first week back on the job, and she is not amused. The coffee at the precinct is a disaster, a most annoying colleague is driving her insane, and her on-again, off-again boyfriend is now officially her boss. As if that's not bad enough, Dani's faced with a double homicide before the caffeine even hits her system.

When a high-profile young elf is kidnapped and destined for death, Dani's forced to go toe to toe with a kidnapper who has unlocked a secret so potent it could destroy an entire race of paranormals. Coupled with a favor she takes on for a mysterious friend, and Dani's cup has runneth over. Way over. And if she can't unmask the kidnapper before it's too late, Dani might find herself in the crosshairs...

## **Wicked State of Mind Details**

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## From Reader Review Wicked State of Mind for online ebook

### Shannon says

One day Dani will get to sleep without something catastrophic happening. Also, one day she'll get to have the man she loves with any problems arising. That day is not today though.

With elf girls missing, it's not all as it seems. The elves have a secret worth killing for and it seems as some may have.

Now reporting directly to Captain Matthew King, Dani has to put her feelings on the back burner. She also has an over eager coworker nipping at her heels and trying to sabotage her efforts to do her job.

Back at the department full time, owning her pizza parlor, and being friends with Grey, Dani has a very full schedule.

Dive in to find out what's going on in Wicked and Dani!

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### Barbara Hackel says

In the sixth borough of Manhattan, the magicals live fantastic lives that only author Gina La Manna could tell us about. Her descriptive storytelling makes the people (I use that term loosely) and surroundings come to life for readers.

When Dani (who has returned to the police department) and Matthew King take on a case of dead and missing elves, they are stumped as to what makes these ladies so important, and who is responsible. It is a story that keeps you reading late into the night as you race to figure it out.

There is also romance, rules, an elfin visitor, and blackmail. What else could one want? I know this reader loved every minute and can hardly wait until October to find out where Dani leads us next.

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### Erinw says

I have read three series by Gina LaManna and each is totally different from each other. This is my favorite of the three. While set near the world of the Mixology series, this is darker and more suspenseful than other things she has written. I love that Dani is smart and doesn't need others to rescue her. I also enjoyed LaManna's take on elves. She has great descriptions of their gold covered neighborhoods, but they also have their interesting flaws. While the two love interests seem to be reduced to one in this book, I appreciated the sexual tension without the soft porn details. I would recommend Gina LaManna and plan to read everything she writes.

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## **Amy Blasko says**

These books just keep getting better. And now we finally get to delve into the actual Hex Files in book #4!

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## **Laura says**

This is a great book; this is the third book in the Mysteries from the Sixth Borough series written by Gina Lamanna. It's Detective Dani DeMarco's first week back on the job, and she is not amused. The coffee at the precinct is a disaster, a most annoying colleague is driving her insane, and her on-again, off-again boyfriend is now officially her boss. As if that's not bad enough, Dani's faced with a double homicide before the caffeine even hits her system. This is a great book with a wonderful story and well developed characters. This book will keep you reading long into the night. If you are looking for a great book, then you need to read this book. I am looking forward to reading the next book by this great author. This book has it all mystery, romance, humor and paranormal.

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## **Anna says**

### **Once Dani is on track, nothing derails her...**

Another magical mystery solved by the determined Dani. She & Matthew are leads on the disappearance of a VIP's daughter. This case reveals more mysterious happenings in Wicked but as always, the main cases are all resolved. We get to see more of the mysterious Grey, sunny Willa, and get to watch Dani remind creepy men not to mess with her. I love the pattern of these stories. And her and Matthew's relationship is always fun to watch. Also, can't wait for the next one to weave some more of the expansive web towards who or what the mystery man is. I received my copy in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Yvonne Baldwin says**

### **Perfectly wicked!**

This series is AWESOME! Dani DeMarco is perfect. The right amount of heart, sass and toughness. The ultimate leading lady. Captain Matthew King is the perfect hero and the love of Dani's life. Together they solve crimes in Wicked.

In this book Dani and Matthew have to rescue a kidnapped girl and solve the deaths of two elf girls. Many twists and evil going on. Not to mention something strange is going on with Grey. OH the ending suspense will have you holding your breath! Could not put this book down. I've already preordered the next one.

Gina LaManna is a brilliant author. She has a style of writing that makes you feel like you know these characters, like they're friends. Best part is we get BOTH perspectives Dani and Matthew. Love this, so many authors don't do it. Feels like you're always missing something. Not with Gina LaManna's books . A must read series for all. ?????

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### **Bookgyrl says**

Another amazing read!

Dani is back on the job and Captain Matthew King is now her direct boss. They start an investigation into the death of two young elves and the disappearance/kidnapping of another elf, this time from Gilded Row and an influential family.

Dani's relationship with Matthew is complicated but I loved the progress they made in this book. It is obvious these two are deeply in love and meant to be. Sigh.

The mystery was good, but I am getting anxious to know more about these mysterious Hex Files. I have a feeling they are finally getting into play in the next book and I for one can't wait!!

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### **Tonya Bryant Gillon says**

I love the writing of Gina LaManna, her books grab me in and don't let go.

Danielle is on her first day back at the precinct and Marcus makes sure he lets her know how he feels. I love Dani's responses to him. She gets paired with Matthew for a case about a missing elf from the golden district, the daughter of influential family the Luca. Linsey goes missing the same week two missing elves are found dead. The elves are very secretive and keep to themselves, but this may cause the missing daughter to be found dead.

Then Dani's friend Grey comes to her for help with an unrelated issue happening at a casino and he needs her to go with him to see if she sees any residuals. The casino is for high stakes gamblers. Only the richest of the rich get into this casino.

Somehow Matthew and Dani keep finding themselves pulled apart or pushed together at inappropriate times. This is noticed by Marcus.

I don't want to spoil anything in this book, trust me you will love it.

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### **Merry Chapman says**

An incredible series that keeps you guessing to the very end and then wanting more!

This series is amazing. You have Dani, a strong character with many issues of her own; Matthew the Vampire head of detectives who has a relationship with Dani, but she pulled back, but does she really want him back? Gray, the werewolf that has a thing for Dani but knows Matthew is in her heart so he remains close as friends, and a self-serving ego crazy co-worker who will do anything for a promotion among other subordinate characters. The story starts with Dani back on the force and faced with the murder of two elves and a missing third elf from a very high end, high class connected family. Are the cases related? And what

about helping Gray who asks for help on some suspicious happenings besides Dani having to work with Matthew as her boss and partner in the murder/missing girl case. So many threads, so many twists and turns and a very surprising ending you didn't see coming. Then if that is not enough, there is a cliff-hanger so now I just can't wait for the next book to see what is going to happen! I received an ARC from the author but the opinions expressed here are strictly my own!

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### **E says**

This is book 3 in The Hex Files Series and each book is better than the last (they are all awesome). It is Detective Dani DeMarco's first week back to work at the police precinct. She has to deal with annoying co-workers, snide comments about her relationship with the Captain and bad coffee. What's even worse than that, there is a double homicide and a missing girl that Dani needs to help investigate. She also has to deal with her ever confusing feels for her Captain.

Are the cases related? You will not figure it out until the author is ready to reveal it. Great characters, setting & story line. Pick up the whole series!

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### **Krystyna says**

#### **The vampire that kills without a trace!**

Another great read in the series. She has been assigned to Matthew and the case of the missing elite elf teen. Could this case be connected to the two elves, whose bodies were found just days ago. Bodies not show no reason for their deaths except that their magic/life force has been sucked out of them. Plus Grey wants her help to see if his friend (who lost a lot of money) is correct in thinking that the casino is using under methods to make players loose. The feelings between her and Matthew escalate but Grey is always in the background. Also the elves are all hiding a secret. A secret power! Can they connect the dots and find the person responsible as the death toll keeps rising as do the number of kidnappings? A great plot that has you wavering between who you think is responsible. Plus the characters are really evolving and growing. It also ends on a climax - so be warned!

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### **Beth says**

#### **Hex marks the spot!**

I gave this book a high rating due to Ms LaManna's superb writing skills. All her books are so vivid, the characters have such depth that it seems to me the reader just plunges into the story not surfacing until the last word and worse they crave to see what happens next. Her gift lingers with you long after book ends. I, also, applaud her rich imagination. This new series set in Wicked is highly suspenseful and involves a variety of magical beings from Dani, a residual witch, Matthew, a vampire, Grey, much more than a werewolf, Willa, a spellcaster and Dani's vast family to elves, goblins, orcs and sorcerers. Each new book in the series brings a host of new magical beings. It's interesting and I love the fantastic details. In this book, she brought to life the Gilded Row in the Golden District where the most powerful of the elves live (although their magic is a huge secret from all but elves) where the gates are solid gold, the bricks are gold, houses are gold, ponds of shimmering mercury and flowers boast platinum and silver. I thought sunglasses would be a big seller

there. Her words create such vivid images that I could see it in my mind from her description. Her characters are the same, in the way, that I felt like I was visiting friends again after a brief vacation from her second book in the series. I don't like to ruin the story or give an overboard synopsis because it ruins the story for the next reader. I like to give enthusiastic thumbs up to great writers so more people can fall in love with them and enjoy wonderful stories that capture the mind and the heart. So start with this book or the first in the series but give it a try and you will become a convert to Ms Gina LaManna...enjoy!

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### **Marsha says**

Well, Dani DeMarco is now back on the force, so her so-called relationship with the hunky vamp, Captain Matthew King, is even more off limits. There's a little more romance in this book, verses the prior books in the series, though it is still a clean read. Elves go missing and others are turning up dead. Dani and the team have to figure out what's going on before anymore are killed. The victims families aren't helping much, keeping secrets from the detectives that could help find the missing girls, yet Dani doesn't understand why. There's a lot of magic and special powers playing out in the book. Some of those are new to the Detective, who can read residuals left over from a crime scene. There are several culpable suspects. Not only is Dani trying to find the killer being the missing girls show up dead, she has to deal with an obnoxious colleague who is threatening her job. The mystery itself is smart and well thought out. Not too complicated, but not so simple it's easy to solve. There are a couple little surprises (revelations) throughout. Some good, some not so. The characters are well developed. It's a fun read, while still a little more dramatic than the author's other series. It reads easily and flows smoothly. It's primarily written in Dani's POV, but there are a few chapters from Matthews. You can probably read this as a stand alone, if you haven't read the previous books in the series, but if you do read them first, you'll have a better understanding for the characters and their relationships.

\*I volunteered to review an ARC of this book.

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### **Nikk the Sapphired Book Dragon says**

I have been eyeing off this series for a while and I was excited to finally pick this book up. Even though it was a book 3, it was still a beginning of sorts and I found I was able to jump in to the story right away. I really liked MC dani and I found the mystery both interesting and clever and extremely entertaining.

The POV changed a couple of times which at first was confusing as there wasn't much notice but overall helped the story I think.

I have read a couple of other series from this author which I have enjoyed but I can see this series becoming my favourite. I am definitely interested in reading more of it

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