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“I know more about Red magic than you think. I bet you haven’t been to the Underworld for training. I bet the gods haven’t fought over you.” I hoped to elicit some surprise from him, but his stormy expression was not what I’d expected.

“You’d lose that bet, Darlena. I’d be careful what you say; you don’t know anything.”

Lena’s guilt is threatening to consume her, and after months of inaction, she decides it’s time to find another Red Witch to join with her against Hecate and the crazy Red Gods. Acting on instinct, she travels to Scotland, but the other Red Witch is nothing like Lena was expecting. Will two Red Witches together be enough to tip the balance away from chaos, or will their power destroy even more?

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Ria says

Full Review @<http://www.abookishescape.com/2015/04...>

As I mentioned before McConnel doesn't hold back. Get ready for some hum zingers There were a lot of twists and turns. I'm still waiting for that a ha moment from Lena but I'm sure its right around the corner. I was really shocked at the way her budding romance came to a screeching no can do buckaroo. Fast forward to the end and watch me pick up my jaw from the ground! LOL seriously I'm hooked now I can not wait to see her character development. Plus call me a sap but I want some romance!!

My Rating

3.5 Betrayal, Plane, Boulder, Green Eyes, Brown Eyes, Trap, Sister, 6, 3, So Many Gods I can Barely Keep Track, Blood, Battle, Truth filled stars!

Amanda says

What a wild ride! I never knew what was going on or what was going to happen. Action-packed, complex, something always happening. I loved learning about the cultural differences between the different types of magic, and it really had me wanting more! Can't wait for part three!

Kseniia says

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Ashley Ferguson says

This review and more can be found at The A P Book Club!

Daughter of Chaos was an excellent start to the Red Magic series, and I have been really looking forward to reading Gods of Chaos. Since the final book in the trilogy is out soon, I realized I should really read it now, and I am so glad I stopped putting it off! Gods of Chaos was an excellent continuation of the series, and has me so pumped for the third and final installment.

My favorite part of this series is how all of the different mythologies are combined. We get to see gods and goddesses from pretty much every major pagan religion, and even some minor gods and goddesses. The Red gods are, for the most part, incredibly terrifying and I fear for Darlena's life every time she goes up against one. I also enjoyed meeting the deities associated with the other magical paths - we're introduced to goddesses like Isis and Nephtys in this book and it was really fun to see how they interact with their witches.

Since it's been so long since I read Daughter of Chaos, I had forgotten some of the details of what happened. Luckily, we're reminded of things that went on in the first book as the events and details become important,

so I never really felt like there was something huge I was missing. Lena is still fighting against Hecate, but there are now more players in the game and some of them seem like they'll be even worse than Hecate. I'm already very concerned about how things are going to play out, and one of the Red gods doesn't even have any real power for most of this book!

There is a little bit of a romance sub-plot in this book, but it's not forced and it's doesn't distract from the main plot. Lena also starts to form new bonds and friendships with some of the new witches she meets, and she learns that there's more to the magical world than she ever thought. Covens aren't just things found in horror movies, and the three paths she's learned about her entire life might not be the entire story. I loved learning things as Lena did, and I think it really helps with the world-building.

I would definitely recommend this book for anyone who has read Daughter of Chaos, and this series to anyone looking for a great fantasy story that incorporates pretty much every major mythology (Greek, Norse, Egyptian, and Polynesian are among the mythologies that we get to see) into a thrilling adventure that will leave you wanting more. Jen McConnel writes beautifully and this is not one that you will want to miss! 4/5!

Leslie McMordie says

Another great read.

This story drew me in and transported me fully into McConnel's world. We journey into a darker place in this book and are left with more questions than answers. The author leads us through many twists and harsh realities as we witness her heroine losing her innocence and naivety. She is discovering how powerful she is, and how much she can do if she can trust her instincts. I can not wait to see what McConnel has in store for Darlena next.

Stephanie Ward says

4.5 Stars

'Gods of Chaos' is the phenomenal second installment in a young adult paranormal series. It continues to follow our main character - Darlena - as she tries to contain and control her Red Magic. After a battle against her best friend, Darlena's grasp on her magic is incredibly fragile. Without any other ideas, Darlena decides that she needs to find another Red witch to help her understand and wield her magic. After the Winter Solstice, Darlena goes to Scotland on her search for another Red witch. When she goes on a trip to The Vaults - an underground city beneath Edinburgh. Something doesn't feel right to her and it triggers a burst of Red Magic that puts everyone near her in danger. Darlena doesn't know what to do and her magic continues to get more out of hand - she desperately needs the advice and teachings of another Red Witch. But the very witch Darlena thinks can help her, might actually end up harming her.

I have a deep love for all books that deal with witches, and after reading the first book in the series - this was a definite must read for me. I had pretty high expectations and hopes for the book after loving the first installment, and I'm so happy to say that I wasn't disappointed in the least. Darlena continues to be a fantastic main character and we get to see great character growth in her during the book. She's smart, a loving and devoted daughter and friend, determined, and doesn't go by anyone else's rules. She isn't perfect though - she tends to give the gods and goddesses serious attitude and she can't seem to gain control of her magic no matter what she tries. The other characters in the book were distinct and well written with their own quirks,

flaws, and unique personalities. They all worked well in the story together - with each other as well as with Darlena, and the plot in general.

The plot itself was fantastic - the author was once again able to blend so many different genres together to make a wholly original story. Just like in the first book, we are able to get to know different witches, their powers, and history. We also get to encounter more gods and goddesses from several different religions and cultures. I adored reading about all of the mythology, stories, history, and their various characteristics. The author continued to incorporate gods and goddesses with witchcraft - and I was again impressed by the effortless merging of the two subjects and how it took the story to a whole new depth that wouldn't have occurred otherwise. Along with the mythology and paranormal aspects of the plot, there's also tons of action, adventure, romance, and contemporary teen issues. All of the various aspects of the plot were blended together in a natural and effortless way that had me mesmerized from the beginning of the story until the very last sentence. This is definitely a book/series that fans of paranormal fiction will want to get their hands on. I hate having to wait so long for the release of the next installment. Also recommended for fans of all genres, as it has a bit of something for everyone to enjoy.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Vassia Dimokosta says

This series has really taken me in for good. Magic has always been a huge interest of mine, and this series really delivers on that front, while showing to the readers what it's like to see the world and its troubles through the eyes of a 17-year old witch. Definitely worth the time reading it, as well as the other two of the series.

Fizza says

I loved it! Story continues from book one. Darlena is looking for another Red Witch. She thinks that together they might be able to defeat Hecate for once and for all. But things don't go as well as she had hoped. She did find the other Red but he is not too willing to help her in any way. Now she must think of something else to convince Marcus or maybe even use magic to get his help.

There are many twists and turns in this book. The ending was totally unexpected and completely epic. Now I have only one question: When can we read the next book? I can't wait... :D

Rebecca Davison says

Just when you thought you knew everything about witches..

Jen McConnel spins another colorful tale of adventure and magic! I am deeply absorbed in this series. Its so edge of my seat great. I wish there was a little more on the romance side to this series. However, the way the characters fit together, your so caught up in what's going on between them that you don't notice or care if it was lacking a little. Book one and two go so well together and I'm lucky be able to read the trilogy back to back just as you should.

Katrina Marie says

10 Things I Loved about Gods of Chaos
Darlena can't seem to stay out of trouble
Scotland!!!!!! (I love this setting)
We get to see even more mythology, include Norse gods
We learn more about Red Magic
Hecate shows how awful she can be
New friendships
Cute boys
Adventures that traverse many places
Emotions come out
Surprises about what is actually going on

Kasey says

* I received this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review*

This book picks up right where Daughter of Chaos left off, except for some reason Darlena has turned into a hermit. Which really confused me considering the first book she seemed okay at the end. I mean it was sad that Rochelle went off the deep end, but Darlena wasn't really beating herself up for it. This installment also felt like it was moving alot faster. It was like one major plot point after the other without any breaks or time to process. It all felt very impulsive.

Darlena also seemed way more whiny in this book, and I think that had to do with the fact she just wanted someone to teach her. Darlena isn't by nature a Red Witch, I'm not really sure what she is but considering how much she struggles I would guess she might not be a White, Green, or Black Witch, but I don't know that Red is the right fit. It is unfortunate that there are a bunch of gods/goddesses basically trying to use Darlena as a power grab.

This book did introduce some new characters, and I found myself really liking Izzy. Marcus was harder because he was a jerk in the beginning, but then he turned out to be okay. Everything with Marcus came as a surprise for me. I thought maybe when they first met, but then he became such a jerk that I thought that there was no way a friendship could form between them.

The writing almost seemed to regress in this book. What I liked most about the first book were the characterizations of the gods/goddesses. The new ones we're introduced to in this book seem just like Hecate, with the exception of Freya. I liked Aphrodite, Persephone, and Freya because they were a different take on Chaos Goddesses. Still though it was a fun read, but I would only give this book 3 out of 5 stars. It just failed to wow me like the first one did. I'd still recommend this for readers who love mythology, history, and urban fantasy.

* This review was first posted to Moonlight Gleam Reviews <http://moonlightgleam.com/2015/03/god...>*

Jen McConnel says

Darlana hoped Red magic would be like this:

Instead, it turned out to be more like this:

So she decided to look for another Red Witch.

It's not like the Witch could be worse than the crazy gods of chaos, right?

Annelise Lestrangle says

Review originally posted on The Book Adventures of Annelise Lestrangle :)

I received this copy from **Chapter by Chapter** in exchange for an honest review. Let's go :D

The Story

(Goodreads' blurb)

The gods of chaos cannot be trusted.

Since battling her best friend, Darlena's grip on Red Magic has been shaky. She heads to Scotland after the Winter Solstice in search of another Red Witch.

On a sightseeing excursion with girls from her hostel, Darlena arrives at The Vaults, a mysterious underground city beneath Edinburgh. But there is something there that make Darlena's instincts go haywire, as she lets loose a defensive burst of Red Magic, putting everyone around her in danger.

If there was ever a time when Darlena needed the help of another Red witch, it was now. But beware the witch who wields Red Magic.

The Analysis

Just remembering that those were my impressions and opinion as a reader :)

Do you remember when I said that Red Magic had so much potential because Lena had grew up a lot during the story? Well, forget it. As soon as I started reading Gods of Chaos, I saw that all the progress she made on the previous book had flew out of the window and she was back to being a whiny ungrateful child. Also, I

hated the destiny of a particular character and that was the decisive point for my final rating. I like to brag that my reviews are as most analytical as I can get, but my ratings are personal and highly subjective, for good and evil. So, for me, this is a two stars book.

I'll spare your eyes, as the narrative of Gods of Chaos follows the style on Daughter of Chaos: first person styled from Lena's point of view only. I hated Lena and it didn't get better on this volume, so there was nothing to do for it.

The plot was very good and even fuller of twists than the previous book. I really liked the scenarios and adventures that Lena had to endure in order to try to become a better Red witch. To be honest, I think the plot is the strongest point in this whole series, as it is what keeps the reader reading [haha] despite Lena's existence. I was only bothered by a continuation error. On Daughter of Chaos, there is a part in which Lena switch places with a goddess, that shall remain unnamed due to spoilers. In said part, Lena mentions that she uses a Glamour to look like the goddess on an airport bathroom and distinctly says that she uses an invisibility spell right after that, to be able to do what she had to. And then we have a scene further in the series in which Lena wishes she knew how to become invisible to escape her parents. She doesn't wish for to be able to be invisible at that particular time, she wishes she knew how to do it – and that she clearly knew how to do.

Anyway, the characters. I still think that Gods are portrayed much better than other regular people characters on Red Magic, but I liked human characters more than before. Seriously, everyone seems to evolve but Lena.

But for sure the spotlight in Gods of Chaos all go to Marcus and Izzy. Marcus is another Red and Izzy is a Blue witch. Both of them are wonderful and I loved their addition to the series plot. Marcus even made it to My Bookish Boyfriends list!

I wish I could say more about them, but I can't think of anything that won't give huge spoilers away, I'm sorry :(

To be fair, Gods of Chaos would be a three stars book overall, but I can't bring myself to put it any higher. I had to put up with Lena's shit and a beloved characters death. I AM NOT MADE OF STEEL FOR GOD'S SAKE!

obama kicks door.gif

Overall, if you started this series, do keep going. Things get better, I promise. If anything, at least you will have the chance of meeting Marcus, a delicious bookish boyfriend with powers beyond any thought :D

That's it, thanks for reading! And once again thank you to **Chapter by Chapter** for sending me this series!

Lala_Loopsie [fire breathing B!tch Queen] says

I think i'm in love. This book had a totally different ending than what i thought it was. I was honestly surprised.

I.A. Cintron says

Well this book was fat more interesting than the last, Lena went to Ye Ol' Scotland to find another red witch and she did. We go to meet jerk faced Marcus and his sister Izzy. Though everything they went through and all the problems caused seem to have only caused more and Probably the end of the world but hey, all will be fixed at the end.... I think
