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Love can be magical. And deadly.

Chloe

After my grand-mère was murdered, I returned to Bayou Noir to find the killer. And I have just one suspect, Xavier Richelieu. But I forgot just how superstitious the folks in my old hometown can be. A voodoo priestess, a supposed vampire, and a grumpy gator are on the loose. I don't believe in this crazy supernatural stuff, but I am worried about seeing my old crush again, Saint. And I should be. Somehow, he's even more gorgeous than I remember. I'm tempted to leave my good girl ways behind and take a long, hard ride with the biker.

Saint

I've got better things to do than follow Chloe around, but she seems bound and determined to get herself killed. Somebody needs to watch her back and it might as well be me. She's running hot and cold, but one way or the other, I'm gonna sweet talk her into my bed. I'm used to keeping my distance from women, but with Chloe, I can't get close enough.

***Under Your Spell* is a fast-paced, action packed, MC romance with some paranormal elements. This full-length standalone novel contains a hot biker, explicit language, scorching sex scenes, and an HEA.**

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Maria11 says

3 1/2 to 4

I found the plot interesting and wish it just got more in depth. It seemed very rushed and I really didn't feel the pull between Saint and Chloe. There should have been a prologue or a flash back about them. I think it just needed more. It want a bad read but not a great read either. I craved more info especially at the end. Why did Chloe go to law school? We had no background to figure out her choice and Saint from man whore gotta have it every night to a stand up guy...hummmmmm. Again it was a good read I will read the series.

Received an ARC from the author for an honest review.

Mona Livsey says

Instant intrigue, this was an awesome Read. With all the mystical magical intrigues that surround New Orleans this story that occurs on its outskirts is bayou perfect! With touches that scream Cajun and Voodoo right alongside of the Cajun Demons MC, you have a recipe for not only hot Bikers, but the Magic of the Bayous. Add in the Murder of her Grandmére Camille Valois, and you definitely have a mystery on your hands. Coming home and facing the loss of Mamie is one thing, but throw in Saint a Bad Assed MC Member, who just happened to be who she crushed on growing up and you have temperatures that can compete with the Bayous.

The characters in this story are absolutely incredible, I love the way the past and the present present themselves. They interact so well it is as if watching a movie in your mind while reading. Their passions are temptuous, quirky and totally adorable. A definite keeper!

Samantha says

Chloe returns home to the bayou of Louisiana after her grandmother's mysterious death. Something doesn't sit well about it and Chloe is determined to figure out who would want her grandmother dead and why.

Chloe takes a job a local bar run by Cajun Demons MC. She runs straight into her childhood crush, Saint. At first, he doesn't recognize her but once he does, he promises to keep his hands to himself. It is proving to be difficult as both Chloe and Saint share an intense chemistry.

There are weird things going on in town but Chloe is shrugging it off as the normal paranormal superstition that the town folks believe in. She tries to get closer to Xav, the mysterious next door neighbor, who wants her grandmother's land.

I actually liked this story. I wasn't sure where the author was going to head with the voodoo and magic but she handled it very well. The murder mystery was sort of the weaker plot as I would have thought that Nettie or some of the other ladies would have figured out the killer for Chloe.

I think this is a good start to an unique series. I look forward to more books.

ARC provided to me by the author in exchange for honest review.

Sailor (PPP) says

Under Your Spell put a hex on me!

I've read the Four Horsemen MC and Lone Star Mobster series by Cynthia Rayne and I love when she spices things up by setting a story in Louisiana. The story lines of her books are generally somewhere in the Deep South (Texas, Louisiana) and I can really relate to the accents and atmosphere she describes. HOWEVER, when she sets a story in/around NOLA, I am automatically sucked in by the vortex that is Cynthia Rayne. The spiciness of the Cajun/French accent, the black magic and voodoo—this combo draws me in like nobody's business. Under Your Spell did not disappoint. You could almost feel the sultry, humid air and smell the swamp while you read this book.

I was drawn in from the first chapter—Chloe going home to find her grand-mère's, Mamie, killer while at the same time running into her adolescent crush, Saint, the Cajun Demons MC member who is hotter than sin and sweeter than a beignet. I love to read about manwhores meeting their match. Chloe may have been innocent compared to Saint and the club's succubi, but she was an honest heroine who held her ground, whether she was setting herself up for heartbreak or trying to get answers about Mamie's murder. The secondary characters, especially May, Xavier, and Crow, and going to be on my watch-list. I cannot wait until I get their stories. There is something lyrical about the South—the accents, the manners, the downhome earthiness of its inhabitants that speaks to my soul. I'm a Southerner born and bred and I can tell you without a doubt that the Southern essence is captured in Under Your Spell. Another great start to a new MC series that I can really sink my teeth into and look forward to the next installment.

Laissez le bon temps rouler!

Give Me That Grit says

MC + Paranormal + Voodoo/witchcraft = Perfect Trio! From Ms. Nettie who might as well be named Louisiana's "Ms. Creole" (if there is such a thing) to the Kraken meeting you at your front steps; you are taken into the bayou while reading **Under Your Spell by Cynthia Rayne**. I just wanna sit at Nettie's bar and just visit with her all day.

Chloe is back in her hometown, Bayou Noir, and not for a family get together. She is back to find out who killed her Grandmere. Chloe is a normal everyday girl who grew up as the oddball and got out as soon as she could. Her character is a determined, strong-willed southern lady. She knows when she needs to put her foot down and get stuff done but she has a softer side. So not a 100% dominate heroine, so she is a good mix. Taking a job at the bar Ms. Nettie runs happens to be also the bar the Cajun Demons MC runs out of. Chloe starts to find herself going down memory lane with everyone she is running into. From Maya who used to be one of her close friends (so many layers with this lady that need to be peeled back) and then there is Xavier, which I am ready for that book to come out between Maya and Xavier... left me with so many questions. And of course Saint, Chloe's childhood crush. Saint, who happens to be a member of the Cajun Demon's, and seeing Chloe knocked him on his arse. The chemistry is there and it is sweet chemistry. It felt like he was holding back because of his respect for her Grandmere. But I do wish there was a little bit more *umph* between Chloe and Saint. Just a bit more angst, more depth to the relationship. But I can picture them as a

really sweet couple. The whole voodoo and paranormal really drew me in. I do get geeked out with voodoo, paranormal, witchcraft. I am looking forward to reading more of this series with the mixture of MC (which is a go-to for me already) and of course, paranormal/voodoo/witchcraft is a bonus.

*** I received this book in exchange for an honest review ***

Karen says

ARC from the author for honest review...

First, I'll tell you that I've been to New Orleans a few times and absolutely loved visiting. I've read a lot of Anne Rice too.

Well, this is no Anne Rice, hardly even a little. That's fine because this book's story is more of a gumbo of Voodoo and a MC group attached to the swamps near New Orleans. It can be gritty but still it is MC light and paranormal light. Very entertaining. It gets a star off because it's a bit goofy on how Chloe bumbles into bad situations. I think I fell asleep with all the dialog of Saint trying to convince Chloe to sleep with him.

Both characters had tenacity, that's for sure. Lol

I don't think of the cover as Saint but he looks more of a vampire...or handsome devil...lol

Laura says

ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Thank you Cynthia - this was one hell of a ride!!

Voodoo and superstitions, a witch and a vampire, a Demon MC called Saint and, I kid you not folks, a very grumpy gator!

Top it all off with a nice murder mystery and there you go: a fast-paced, funny and intriguing read that is bound to have you hooked from the very first pages.

This is my first book by Cynthia Rayne and it will definitely not be the last! I decided to give it a try because the blurb promised something different than the average bad boy biker story. And I wasn't disappointed.

Chloe, a level headed young girl who has just finished college returns to her hometown Bayou Noir, after her grand-mère was murdered and is set on finding the killer. But Bayou Noir is not like any other town. Because in Bayou Noir voodoo, supernatural and superstitions are right at home!

And I'll tell you this folks, I loved the setting! The world is so vivid and the characters so alive!! Cynthia does a fabulous job in drawing us a perfect picture. The dialogues flow so easy and you can practically hear that southern accent! It makes you want to go and move there just because it is so great!

I loved Chloe's interactions with the town's people, especially Mamie, her grandmother's best friend. Taking into account the fact that Chloe doesn't believe in *'the crazy supernatural stuff'*, that Bayou Noir is bursting with, her settling into her new home is funny and endearing.

From the way she reacts to being expected somewhere because the Tarot cards warned of her coming:

"Speaking of getting settled. I need to ask you for a favor."

"I know." Nettie waved a dismissive hand.

"How?"

She smiled mischievously. *"The tarot cards told me you'd be stoppin' by."*

Riiighht.

To the way she freaks out when confronted with the town's own grumpy gator:

"I can't come to work."

"Why?" Nettie asked.

"I'm sorry. Didn't you hear me? There's a gator on the porch."

"Don't worry, he don't mean ya no harm. Just give him wide berth and sneak past him."

...

"Go to the closet."

I dutifully went. "Alright"

"Grab yourself a broom."

"I got it."

"Now shoo him away. He'll scoot on back to the swamp..."

"Oh helllll no. Screw that."

She became one of those characters that you'll remember fondly even after the book is long finished. Because she seems so very real!!

And then we have the bikers and Saint! It is refreshing that these guys aren't your average good boys posing as a bad ass biker. These guys are the real deal. Smugglers, womanizers and bad-ass outlaws. These are the kind of guys who would scrawl on their club's walls

"It does my heart good to see you in a box of wood."

These are the kind of guys who pay tribute to **Papa Legba**

(Papa Legba posters by Amelia Sales on redbubble)

"Cigars every week since he was supposedly fond of them"

and **Kalfou**

(Met Kalfou a lwa in Haitian Vodou on Pinterest)

"rum infused with gunpowder so he'd leave them the fuck alone."

Saint... Our Saint is everything **but** a saint! And even his brothers pull his leg at times because:

"Damn, you're like a town bicycle, everybody's had a ride." He just has to *nail* everything that moves! He fits right in with the Bayou Noir setting.

So.. great characters and a fabulous the setting! Top that off with a mystery that is by no means predictable and a touch of awesome supernatural and there you go! The perfect recipe for a great read that will grab you from the very first page and won't let you set it down till the very end!

The only reason I'm not rating this a 5 is the insta love/lust between Chloe and Saint. That didn't sit quite well with me, but then I'm more of a 'take-it-slow and make-him-work-for-it' kind of girl. And if that's not you and you don't mind it, this will be a guaranteed 5 star read for you!

I highly recommend it to all those of you in search for something different and original! It's a great read!

See more of Cynthia Rayne's books here
I for one, definitely will!

Michele Gay says

Voodoo, Witches, Vampires and MC makes a fun read!

Cynthia Rayne has written another good book. I loved the Four Horsemen MC Series written by Cynthia and I wanted to check this book out, well it doesn't disappoint. Under Your Spell: Cajun Demons MC, is an action packed, fast-paced, MC romance with a bit of paranormal thrown in. It's a steamy story with hot bikers, explicit language, burning up the sheets sex scenes and a happy ending. We'll meet Chloe Valois and Saint aka Michael St. James, as they try to find out who killed Chloe's grand-mère (grandma).

Coming back to live in Bayou Noir after Chloe's grandmother died has been hard for Chloe, there are no jobs, so she goes to Carrefour, an old plantation house turned into a bar and grill and the club house of the Demons MC. Ms Nettie a friend of her grandmother's is a Voodoo Priestess and the old lady of the President of the Demons MC, runs Carrefour. Ms Nettie gives Chloe a part time waitressing job.

Saint is a member of the Cajun Demons MC and works as a long shore man, he doesn't do relationships, just sex, no strings or drama, he's usually with a Succubi, what the club calls the girls that hang around for sex.

Until he sees Chloe again, she's all grown up, and she still has a crush on Saint.

With Saint trying to get with Chloe and she's not going to be busy another woman he's slept with and she is trying to find her Grandmother's killer, things heat up in Bayou Noir. Finding that someone special is not easy. Can Saint get Chloe to trust him? Can Chloe believe in all the strange things that go on around Bayou Noir? Voodoo, witches, vampires, ghosts?

Looking forward to Black Magic: Cajun Demons MC Book 2 with Maya and Xav.

Shelly Reynolds says

"Allow me to make myself clear. My intentions aren't gentlemanly. Not in the slightest."

"They aren't?"

"No. You're delicious and I want much more than a taste."

Murder. Mystery. Voodoo. Hexes. Spells. And one sexy bad-boy biker. Who could ask for more?

Chloe Valois is home. Back to Bayou Noir after her grand-mère is brutally murdered. It's been a long time since she's been home, but she needs to find out who is responsible for her death. What aren't the police telling her? Who is this mysterious man, Xavier and how is he involved? With the list of suspects getting longer, the clues running out, and now voodoo warnings left on her doorstep, she should just drop it. But, she owes it to Mamie to bring her murderer to justice. She's going to need HIS help - Saint. The crush she never outgrew - and now he's sexier than ever. Can he and his MC club, the Cajun Demons, protect her and help her smoke out the killer? If she makes it out alive, do she and Saint have a chance?

Michael "Saint" St. James is a player. Finding his happy ever after just isn't in the cards for him. Not with the dangerous activities he and his club are involved in. But, when she walks in, all bets are off. She's all grown up and he'll do anything to have her. But, she's in danger and she doesn't see it - or if she does, she's ignoring it. He'll protect her - he and his MC club. He just found her - he won't lose her.

I enjoyed this story. The mystery surrounding the Louisiana Bayou has always intrigued me. The magic, the unexplained, voodoo, and spells both draw me in and spook me all at the same time! I would have liked to have had a bit more on the history between Chloe and Saint, and I really would have liked more on Xav - there's definitely a story there. I hope we learn more about him in the books to come in the series. I can't wait to read the stories of the other MC members - Echo (loved him!), Crow, and Scorch!

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

*** I received this book in exchange for an honest review ***

An honest review is what I am going to give. I have to say I effing and I mean EFFING loved this book! It has a little of everything in it from voodoo to paranormal and a little bit of mystery and my all time favorite MC! Cynthia created this world that drew me in and kept me reading right till morning. I could not put it down even when I got tired I kept reading because I love books written about the bayou and this one was grade A amazing. It kept guessing till the end and when i reached the end and got that sneak peak of the next book I said motherfucker I need book two right now!

Chloe has come back home because her grandmother has been murdered. She is determined to find out who killed her because her grandmother was a wonderful woman who did nothing to bother anyone. So Chloe is determined to find out what happened and she has inherited her grandmother's house. So she has relocated back to the bayou. She is also secretly excited to see her childhood crush Saint. She has always thought about him and has always wondered what it would be like to be with him and now that she is older maybe he will give her the time of day.

As Chloe is on the hunt for her grandmother's killer she is being threatened to mind her business and leave it alone. So when she is threatened Saint comes to the rescue with his club and helps her out. But can he save Chloe from the killer? Can Chloe find out who the killer is? Is Chloe and Saint finally going to be together?

This is a must read you will not be able to put this book down because you will not be able to put it down! So go ahead and one click it and get to reading!

Darlene says

Mystical voodoo witchery and Cajun heat sets this town alight...

Where the foundations of Cajun heat and mystery are established and new stories will unfold throughout Cynthia Rayne's new series... Cajun Demons MC. UNDER YOUR SPELL - Bk 1 is the first foray into this new series.

it brings together two people, Saint and Chloe. A former crush that can lead to more if one wants to take a risk to the heart. Returning home for Chloe is more than just looking for a fresh start... it's filled with sadness and hurt and a desire to solve her grand-mère's murder. Mystery surrounds this small Cajun town... a murder that's so personal for Chloe, she needs it solve, no matter the cost, the obstacles or that mysterious pull of voodoo and magic that she has trouble believing in. Amongst all of the heat and mystery, is the Cajun Demon MC... and one man in particular that sets her heart on fire...

oh do those guys have stories to tell... even more secrets to hide.

A wonderful weekend read for those that love MC thrills and all the good/bad that these bad boys want to protect. Intrigue and dramatic suspense run rampant as Chloe, despite objections from friends, continues in her pursuit to catch a killer, who has made their intent personal, and oh so eerie.

Entirely my opinion, this is a good start and the beginnings of a series has had its foundation established. There is definitely an interesting cast of characters to come... I just wish instead of quick novella style reads that authors add much more depth to their stories. This is a MC and I feel that this aspect needed more exploring, what's there is good but, I wanted more. That's me wanting more words and story/character development and for author's to push the limits and add more layers.

Overall, it's an easy weekend reading of mystery, magic and spicy Cajun heat. It's serious yet lighthearted. A good start to this series... I look forward to seeing how this series evolves... because Cynthia has definitely got some intriguing character's with secrets to unfold... you know you want to find out more.

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

This probably would have gotten an extra star if it hadn't been for the ad nauseum mentions of how much of a whore Saint was. I get it; he is the town bicycle. I got it the first dozen times it was brought up. I didn't need to be hit over the head with it over and over again through the ENTIRE damn book! And of course, Chloe had basically no sexual experience and never had an orgasm...sigh. When will authors stop writing this cliché trope (the uber whore and the innocent)?

However, those issues aside I DID like the overall story. I loved the setting. I thought the plot was unique. I loved the side characters (even if they were all whores as well). It was a quick read, but not an overly sexy one. I think the relationship between Saint and Chloe had potential but lacked the fleshing out to give it the depth it needed to be believable. Perhaps if less page space was given to everyone's OTT sex lives the author could have used the space to build a better connection between the main characters? The ending was super rushed as well.

I don't know; it was decent for the most part. I am curious about the other characters and their books, but I hope the author takes the sluttiness of the characters down about a hundred notches because that is really what brought my rating down in this one. We will see I guess...

Janice Somers says

Reading this, you get some paranormal, MC, Cajuns, Voodoo, an alleged vampire, murder and an alligator named Kraken. I was excited to read and I did read it straight through in a few hours.

Chloe has returned to her hometown of Bayou Noir after she was informed that her Grand-mere was murdered and she inherited the home of the woman who raised her and she intends to get to the bottom of her death. She was also going to get to see her Mamie.

She also was wondering if she would see Saint and if he would recognize her since he last seen her before she left town years ago. Saint is the boy she had a crush on when she was younger only he never gave any indication that he even liked her. Saint is apart of the Cajun Demons MC and he is a manwhore and proud of it. He never lies to a woman. He doesn't do relationships. The one thing is there are more than enough women who are ready, able and willing to be in his bed. That is until he sees the new waitress walking towards his table.

Missy Rafidi says

I was glad to read your book because I never read paranormal books and yours took me out of my comfort zone and opened my eyes to a new genre of books. I thoroughly enjoyed reading Under Your Spell, it makes me want to go to Louisiana and research it's history first hand. I'm on the fence on whether our spirits stay behind or move on once the body expires. You put an interesting spin on it. This was an interesting genre to read and I recommend your book as a good read ?

Tpagirl says

Under Your Spell by Cynthia Rayne was the first book in the Cajun Demons MC series. It was the first book I'd read by the author. I received a complimentary Advanced Copy in exchange for an honest review.

Chloe was back in her small Louisiana hometown near New Orleans after her grandmother had been murdered. She was determined to find the murderer.

Saint was Chloe's high school crush. He was a biker and all women were interchangeable to him. However, after seeing the adult Chloe, he had to have her, even if only to scratch the itch.

The main plot was Chloe's research for finding her grandmother's murderer but had a secondary plot of Saint chasing Chloe. It was mixed with rumors of vampires, witches and voodoo dolls. I enjoyed the nuances of the Louisiana Cajun culture and suspenseful murder mystery plot. It was a newer flare for me with a focus on the contemporary mixed with a splash of paranormal.

I liked Chloe but I wasn't as fond of Saint. It was told from both perspectives but I desired more from Saint and craved to feel a stronger connection between them.

Otherwise, it was a good start to a new series and a quick and entertaining read. The next book, Black Magic, gives us Maya and Xavier's story and based on their chemistry, it has great promise!

Note: I received an unedited copy; therefore, my review was based on the plot, character development and overall flow of the storyline, excluding any grammatical, punctuation or other related editing items.
