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When offered a job on the Holy Representative's special security team, bounty hunter Zyan Star couldn't be less interested – until she finds out it's her most hated of exes that they're trying to track down. He broke her heart and dumped her, which in turn led to the loss of her soul at the hands of an immortal soul thief. Now she too exists on a diet of souls, with the occasional martini thrown in for good measure, and she's had over two hundred years to fantasize about revenge. She just didn't quite imagine it playing out alongside the emissaries of Heaven.

Working with Eli, the uptight angel that heads up the HR's security, is just about as much fun as Zy expects. He of course wants her vampire ex brought to justice through legal avenues, which is very inconvenient and incredibly boring. As she dives into the case, however, she realizes there's more at stake than her plot for payback. Like, the free will of mankind, and preventing the minions of hell from taking over the sovereign dimensions.

This job is going to push her to the limits of her abilities, and there's just a slight problem with that: the powers she's suppressed for centuries after losing control of them are exactly the powers she's going to need to save the HR, end her millennia-old ex and stop Lucifer's little plot to join the party and invade Earth.

Savior of humanity? Not so much. Or so she thought.

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T.F. says

Urban fantasy is up there with my favorite genres to read, and A.A. Chamberlynn is quickly becoming my go-to author. Her writing is engaging, quirky, and OMG I love her characters. Zyan is full of sass, and of course that's what you want in a good Urban Fantasy. Zyan has a lot of reasons to be mad with her ex, but it seems there's more going on than she initially thinks... Adored the world building, and I can't wait to read the next instalment to see how things turn out.

Kudos to Chamberlynn for another stunning story... Highly recommended to lovers of kick-ass heroines, supernatural beings, and a storyline to keep you hooked.

Galleywampus - says

I'm not sure why, but I really connected with Black Magic & Mojitos. It was a light, clever, funny, intriguing read, with a light romance element, and it left me with enough questions that I felt I needed to get my hands on the first full-length novel. Martinis with the Devil isn't exactly that, though it is when the two parts are combined, and some answers are here. Who is Zyan? What's her story? What sort of supernatural being is she? What does her regular life look like?

Martinis with the Devil keeps up the snark of the prior novella. The romance element notches up a bit, with some complicated baggage and plenty of intended eye-rolls. The characters are all back, loyal and useful. We have angels and villains and alcohol and vampires and exes, cool swords and plenty of action. A Seattle skyline beautifies the scenery and provides a setting. This is all fine and the work moves along quickly.

But I'm not connecting with this story the way I did with the prior story. It's driving me a bit batty, honestly. I'm hoping the second half will grab me and shake me silly.

*I was provided a copy of this book in the hope that I would write a review. No promises were made and my views are my own and not influenced by any other party.

Emily says

hot damn

heading straight into part two (haha help me) will be posting a more coherent review once I've finished

(go check out my proper review on part two of this book)

Lara says

This part of the book picks up immediately where the first half ended. However, Zyan goes off and does something stupid due to guilt and finds herself learning more about what Hell has in store than she was prepared to know. However, she now has some necessary information and gets to travel to another realm,

and have adventures, in order to get them. And along the way realize that maybe Eli the disapproving angel is pretty hot. Too bad her ex Donovan (who I like except for the fact that he cheated) is clearly interested in getting back together. I'm not a fan of love triangles.

Fortunately for me, this is true urban fantasy in that the romantic angle is slow to develop. So, that gives me hope that things can be worked out before there's too much angst. Donovan is pretty kick-ass and fun and willing to jump into the fray. Eli is much more proper and controlled, but there is clearly the potential for something (forbidden) to develop.

There is quite the climactic battle at the end, the conclusion of which makes it clear that many issues have not been completely resolved. There were a few little questions I had left from the first book that weren't answered either, but they didn't keep me from enjoying the story. These were issues like why Seattle? I'm fine with that choice, but there wasn't any reason stated that it was so important. Also, what goes into those martinis with the fun names, and how do they taste (or make you feel) differently? Overall, these were not enough to bother me except when they were 'on stage' so I enjoyed the book a great deal and look forward to seeing how things develop in the next one.

I received a free copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Emily says

Alright so I may or may not have read both part one and part two of this last night in one sitting (and here I thought I would never read anything again because of Lady Midnight).

I'd read the prequel novella for this a couple nights ago, which was 40 pages long and nowhere near enough of these characters for me (Donovan) so I was completely thrilled when the author offered to send me an ARC of this. Honestly, I was hoping that it would be what I needed to stop myself from getting sucked into the apathetic, depression-induced, staring-at-the-wall, unable-to-do-anything-other-than-cry reading slump that I could feel looming over me like a tsunami waiting to break. (I was right).

I'm just going to throw all my thoughts on both parts in here together because I couldn't be bothered to stop and write a review for the first part when I finished it last night and now I can't quite remember what happens where.

Zyan Star is an eternally damned bartender/supernatural bounty hunter who wise-cracks her way through life-threatening situations and carries around a big-ass sword and I love her so much. The rest of the characters are great (Donovan) but I felt like they weren't quite as fleshed out (possibly something to be covered in later books seeing as the big bad in this one was Zyan's backstory).

These books move so quickly, the action never quite stopping long enough for a satisfying conclusion to a lot of the heart-to-hearts the characters seem to have (Donovan) which is continually frustrating but also ridiculously addicting because I need to see how everything ends. It felt like this book jumped from 1 to 100 pretty fast with an impending invasion from hell and some serious end of the world shit. I was a little surprised because, really, once you've stopped the actual devil from destroying the world and taking over, where are you going to go from there? (Apparently to Ireland).

I have mixed feelings about Eli, our new angel pal, because on one hand I like him and the whole "forbidden romance" thing is always a fun one to explore (read: painfully heartbreaking oh god) but also DONOVAN. My poor baby. I'm worried because I have a feeling like Eli is endgame and that will break Donovan's little

heart and I just want him to be happy.

I had a few problems, but none of them were important enough for me to stop enjoying myself. To be honest, I could probably happily read 1,000 pages about these characters and this book felt like it was over way too fast.

Excuse me while I slowly die waiting for the next one to be released.

Cherie says

Zyan Star gets a job offer she wants to refuse in A.A. Chamberlynn's *Martinis with the Devil, Part One*. Zyan is a bartender, a bounty hunter, and a soul-eater. Despite being eternally damned, she might be heaven's only hope. I loved how Zyan plays off Eli, the angel, and the other characters in the story. Zyan is one fierce fighter with a sarcastic edge, but she genuinely cares about her friends. The story line is fast paced and keeps me wondering what will happen to Zyan, Eli, and her friends. The world building ignites the reader's imagination and has a smorgasbord of different supernatural creatures. Part One ends in a cliffhanger that'll make the reader want to pick up Part Two and keep reading to find out if they can save the Holy Representative or will all Hell break loose. I recommend *Martinis with the Devil, Part One* by A.A. Chamberlynn to urban fantasy readers who like strong heroines.

Willow Webster says

Good book. I really enjoyed what there was of it. Just wish I could read the whole book all at once. lol.

Lexa Cain says

This action-packed novella has everything a reader could want—colorful characters, mysterious twists, and an exciting plot, not to mention Zyan (the toughest heroine ever!) is full of funny snark and fast to use her sword to fight enemies (and there are a lot of enemies!). And did I mention there's a romantic interest that's literally out of this world?

In a future time where supernatural beings have come out of the closet and live beside regular humans, and angels have revealed themselves in order to fight off incursions from demons, there's a precarious balance of power. Zyan fights on the side of good, trying to make up for dark spots in her past, but she's met her match in Alexander, one of the most powerful vampires in the world—and Zyan's ex.

The tension in the book keeps ramping up—friends are killed, families are split apart, and there are riots in the streets—and I turned the pages faster and faster. The ending doesn't answer all the questions because the story continues in another book. Read both! Highly recommended!

Nicolas says

Don't you go walking slow,the devil is on the Loose...

How can a person not love Zyan Star? You Can't! That's the answer. Martinis With the Devil was a hell of a ride i tell you. Zyan is the portagonist this genre needed,she's fun ,energetic and sexy and she's actually a sweetheart! And she cuts demons down with a mystical katana. Bad.Ass.

The other characters were all fun, but Elijah Whitesong will always have a place in my heart,he's the kind of man i want to be,riley and quinn are always a treat,although they need more backstory,and donovan and his pack are like hell's angels on steroids,i ust wanna adopt them!

The Bad guys reminded me a lot of the kind of people i hated,pretty boys who think they can whatever they want because they're pretty,Alexander was one of them. fuck that guy. i won't tell ya but trust me it's fun.

There was however some bad stuff in there. the worldbuilding was kind of lacking,we need to know how those supernatural races deal,and of course zyan keep calling supernatural beings "supes" that's not a good name i tell ya. besides that,it was a lovely book!

Katie Rogers says

It picks up straight from part one. Still saving the world and her friends first of course. I really enjoy these books, the speed is where you can't put them down and when its over your running to grab the next copy to see what happens.

I wanted to see if something happened between Eli and Zyan, forbidden fruit so to say, but then you remember Donovan from the very first one. Hes still trying to get her back, and he is not giving up. Then to see how it went with Riley and Dan, it blew up then it didn't. That one made me mad then made me laugh. But I am still waiting on Quinn to find her someone. The best friends of Zyan are hilarious and as kick ass as she is. All the characters in the story go well together making it a very enjoyable read.

Theyv'e saved the world from Lucifer, theyv'e had him sucked back to Hell. Their thanks? Some government wanting to lock every supe up, but what else can they expect? Now their off to Ireland. Can't wait to see what they get into there.

I received an ARC. And my honest review is these books are addicting.

Monique says

What a fun read!

I really enjoyed reading this book, it has a unique storyline and interesting characters. It's fast paced, too with plenty of action and adventure!

Katie Rogers says

Zyan is a soul-sucker damned to hell for all eternity, because of an ex who decided to break her heart for fun. Then a woman who decided to turn her into said soul sucker. So when the angel Eli comes a knocking why would she ever want to say yes? I mean they are the ones who helped make the rules that no matter what she does, shes damned. Who cares that the head of their HR is under a major threat? And that she might be the only hope. Since when do angels ask the damned for help anyways? Must be a joke right?

Not a joke and Eli, angel sent from HR to ask for her help, doe not take lightly to her "colorful" language or sarcastic attitude. Who else could piss off an angel, other than Zyan? Until she comes to his rescue, which he doesn't need. Flash forward she's helping.

What does it take to bring down a 2 thousand year old vampire? Angels, a soul sucker, shape shifters, a witch, and werewolves are about to find out. Add in it's Zyan's ex and her magical abilities that she has avoided are out of wack and presenting themselves at in opportune times and you might have a city about to blow up. Oh, and don't forget the demons breaking lose all over town whenever they feel like it. I'm off to part two. Have to see how this plays out.

I was very excited when I was offered an ARC copy. I couldn't wait to see how it played out after Black magic & Mojitos

Mandi Schreiner says

I enjoyed this - fun heroine and fun side characters too. Ends in a cliffie - wish part 2 would have just been combined into this one...but for a shorter UF, it's well done

Review coming

Katie barning says

Great book! Funny, sarcastic, & lots of action. Can't wait to read book 2!

Loved Zyan Star. Very fun character. Will definitely be reading the next book & any other book from A.A. Chamberlain.

Lara says

This is the first half of the first book in a new series. The heroine is a supernatural being who owns a bar and works as a (very successful) bounty hunter. She lives with her two best friends, each of whom are supernatural in different ways. Unfortunately for her, her nature means that she is categorized with the bad side rather than the good. Then, one day an angel walks into her bar with a job offer and her life changes dramatically.

I had read the prequel novella and really enjoyed it. In this book we get to know a bit more about Zyan's

friends and a lot more about her own past. There is also information about how the world is different, but I wasn't sure why Seattle was the base for the Divine Representative. As for the action, there is plenty, and Zyan's previous success and cockiness work against her when she blithely walks into situations that she expects will be troublesome but turn out even worse.

Since Zy will refer to having reasons for not doing magic, but doesn't describe them, the reveal of the reasons is interesting. Especially since the circumstances have brought her past back to smack her in the face. And now she has to face her fears and start using her magic to that she can control it and have it as a tool. Meanwhile the bounty hunter she met in the prequel is back in her life, and she just can't shake that disapproving angel.

And that's all I'll say as this is just the first half of the book. I received a free copy for an honest review from the author.
