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Grave Mistake (Codex Blair Book 1)



Synopsis

I am Blair Sheach. Screw up. Outcast. Wizard. My life will never be the same. Let's just say, new found powers do not a hero make, and I've never been an exception. It was supposed to be a simple case: find the client's deadbeat, cheating husband, collect money, and finally pay my rent. Turns out the wanker is a necromancer hell bent on destroying London. Turns out necromancers are only part of the problem in a city infested by vampires and demons. And magic cops aren't any better at cleaning them up than mundane ones. Then there's me, I'm no one special. Just the last line of defense. I'm out of luck and out of time. And to save my city, the decision I have to make is one I can't take back. This book contains adult language and violence.

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Customer Reviews

This was fairly good despite being a very average urban fantasy story. I would have liked to get

some more details on characters other than Blair, Aidan [that was the wizard's name, right? I finished it yesterday and I've literally already forgotten], and Finn - especially because Aidan and Finn didn't really turn out to be all that important in the end. Also more details on the magic system and the world. I'm sure that's all coming up in the next book but I'm not sure I'm impressed enough to continue the series. I've read this book and the short story the author gives away with her newsletter and they're both just very average. You've got your typical UF female protagonist who is such an awkward ugly loner! But then she finds out she has magic and is super special! She learns to use it and beat everyone with basically no training! And this demon totally wants to bang her! One thing I really did like was when they were doing the ritual magic and the girl was like 'you can't kill me, I'm not a virgin' and the guy explained that 'virgin blood' actually means 'blood that has never been used in a ritual before'. Thank you! I feel like this is pretty common knowledge now and we need to get away from that tired old trope, but this is the first book I've seen actually mention it so that was nice.

This is the first book I have read by this author & I am hooked on this series. I enjoyed Blair. She is stronger than she realizes. She definitely has moxie. She uses her street smarts to stay alive. She meets all kinds of characters along this adventure. I cannot wait to see what Fred is like and what he is! If you want to know, I highly recommend this story.

I really enjoyed the world and the imagination behind this book. However, in my opinion, the dialogue and actions of the characters were not very realistic or believable. That made it hard for me to finish this book. I wish there was some explanation of why some of the characters (particularly the main character) did some the things they did. Maybe the main character is supposed to be rash and senseless, but surely not all of the characters. I'm sure the author is learning and growing, so I'm tempted to skip ahead to a later book. Fingers crossed!

Really liked this one. It was good enough that it pulled me out of my book funk and I ripped through it in almost one sitting. The author did an excellent job with the characters and the plot sucked me right in. I am really looking forward to the next book and would definitely recommend *Grave Mistake*.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! I like new and different takes on magic and fighting evil. This book delivered. I read the book straight through due to the book being easy to read and the storyline was so good. I really like Blair and cannot wait to read the next installment!

I started this book thinking it was going to have a lot to do with vampires. I was pleasantly surprised that it didn't (they are only peripheral). That being said, I ended up skimming a lot of this book. The plot is pretty predictable and the main character is a piece of work. She is supposed to be in her early to mid twenties but she reads like a hormonal teen. She has got crazy mood swings and spends the entire book telling you how sucky her life has been. It felt a lot like someone who constantly fishes for compliments because they are so insecure. This character constantly beats up on herself which, in my opinion, makes her unlikable. I am not going to like a character who doesn't like themselves, throws tantrums like a child, and runs headlong into danger without any knowledge of what she is doing. And could we spend 5 Dec ends not talking about her cheap clothing, plain looks, social awkwardness, etc.? The character's focus on other's perceptions of her make a lie out of her "I don't care what they think" attitude. Also, there is almost no backstory or world building to guide us or the character into the universe she lives in, which frankly made the plot largely uninteresting. It felt a lot like I was being dragged along to her next ridiculous move instead of wanting to find out what happens next. I do plan to read book 2 in the hopes it's a bit more mature. The concept has promise, I just need the character to be made more interesting and less childish.

I have got to see more of this series! Learning magic on the go, all to save the world. Or at least the world you know! Imaginative, and cleverly written, strong female lead and fantastic characters. More please!

This story is great. A kick butt, loner heroine. Who's is very snarky. A really evil or perhaps misguided villain. And a terrific ending if a bit sad. Will be reading more.

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