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The evil Dom Daniel is up to something with the Port Witch Coven, and he needs Simon Heap's help. Is Simon ready to do his master's bidding? And in the state that Dom Daniel is in, how will he fare against the nasty—and ever entertaining—Port Witch Coven?

A novella that takes places between the stories told in MAGYK and FLYTE.

The Darke Toad Details

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Maura says

Simon Heap is now following orders from DomDaniel who is in some pretty awful shape, but not about to let death stop him. He manages to clothe his bones enough to get around, much to Simon's disgust, but they seek out help from the Port Witch Coven for a more permanent spell, so DomDaniel can complete his nefarious plans. Fortunately it's Halloween, so his movements go unremarked. And we get to see the dynamics of the Port Witch Coven who is promised the Darke Toad as a reward for their help. In their excitement about the prestige that will result, the witches decide to nab a young boy to be their slave. But Marcia Overstrand and Septimus Heap step in to save him.

This was a cute and interesting little interlude. I haven't read Flyte yet, so I'm not sure what this story was setting up or providing more detail on. It's interesting to see where Simon's loss of his expected apprenticeship has got him - as apprentice to a dead DomDaniel. We didn't get to see much of Septimus this time around - it was mostly focused on Simon and the Port Witches. I also wasn't completely clear on what the Darke Toad does and wonder whether it's important or not. But I find myself immensely enjoying the sort of humor used by this author...it's sort of sarcastic, but not viciously so, and not slapstick or over the top. So this was a nice, quick and enjoyable read.

Sandi Brady says

Loved this series and the characters. the world that Ms sage creates is wonderful.

Becca says

Super cute, awesome writing, and I absolutely loved the plot and getting to learn more about some of the characters from the book series. Though I do sorta wish that I had at least read Flyte first, as I was sorta confused as to what was going on at first and how/why certain things had turned out the way they had. Other than that though, no complaints whatsoever! <3

Diane says

This was a delightful short story in the Septimus Heap series. I think it gave a little bit more insight into Simon Heap and how he isn't as bad as he appeared to be in some of the other books. I am much older than the age group this series is intended for and I would recommend these books to anyone who likes reading fantasy with quite a bit of humor in it as well.

Ariba Khayyam says

This novella spoke about the Darke side more and some of the development between Marcia and Septimus as master and apprentice. It was nothing special. Good enough for a novella. The personality of the witches were well made enough for me to hate them as characters. I wouldn't have read this if it wasn't included inside the first book Magyk.

Catie Currie says

Cute

I'm so glad she wrote these little extras, it was fun to see Septimus as a little kid again in this one.

Sara Saif says

That was nice but I'm a little bummed I didn't read it chronologically.

Daniel says

Zabavna mala pricica koja nudi par lepih detalja ali u osnovi ne doprinosi nicemu posebno.

Melissa Railey says

This little novella got snuck out on me. I had no clue the author was going to release one. This is one of my favorite series out there. It's very fun and inventive. The author does a great job of playing on spelling of words. And it's a smart series. I appreciate this little snack to tide me over until the next book's release. The only thing I didn't like about it was that it went back in time to between the first and second books. I would have loved one where the series stands right now.

Courtney says

I had a hard time with this book. It was entirely because I read it after I had read the whole series, so I knew what was going to happen to all the characters. It was fun to get a little deeper look inside the Darke side of events, but it was hard to really enjoy the story when I wasn't anticipating how the events would unfold in the next books.

Ia vanOpstall says

This is a really good 1.5 book. Even though it isn't a big part of the series, I recommend it to anyone who likes the Magyk books but has read all the long ones.

Caniah says

Reading Darke Toad reminded me how much I love this series!

This basically takes the elements of the other books in the series and makes it into a short story. Its story is hilarious and the book is filled with the great characters that you - may or may not have - fell in love with through out the book series. To conclude, this book was a wonderful edition to the series that - although unnecessarily and very shortly but not badly - explains how Simon obtained a certain something that he has in the second book and gives Septimus - more Marcia, Dom Daniel, and the Witch Coven than Septimus - a new adventure to venture through, I LOVED IT!!

Tammy says

Great short story for fans of Septimus Heap!

John says

All Hallows Eve in the port, with DomDaniel's temporarily fleshed out bones on the prowl along with the town's witchly Coven, and Marcia and Septimus too. No one recognizes them because everyone's in costume, and no one suspects that the witches are up to mischief. As in the full novels all sorts of comical scrambling about and MAGYK working, with comes round right in the end. Terrific!

Craig says

A short little story taking place right before book two involving simon and his darke master and sep and Marcia. A fun little adventure down at the port during this worlds Halloween! Enjoy!
