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"Once upon a time, there lived three witches...."

As a child, Amarrah loved her grandmother's stories of three witches who were members of the king's harem. But they were more than just stories. Amarrah knows she was there with them...and now their legacy, along with an ancient box that once belonged to them, lies in her hands.

Charged with keeping the box safe, Amarrah is heartbroken when it is stolen from her while she moves to America. Years later, she is shocked to see it on TV and is determined to get it back. Tracking the artifact leads her to Sergeant Harrison Brockson, a handsome soldier who stirs memories of a man she knew centuries ago in ancient Babylon. Is Harrison the key to finding the box—or could he be her destiny?

Prequel novella to Maggie Shayne's exciting trilogy, The Portal.

Legacy of the Witch Details

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C.L. says

Gah!!!!!! I love novellas, especially when they are attached to a beautiful series that I want to just snuggle up with or roll around in (like children with glitter or dogs with mud.. etc.. haha!). This was an amazing start to the Portal Series!!

The connection of Amarrah and Harrison is brilliant and the visions/memories of the past are so breathtakingly described and vivid, I just wish I could have been there! (Does this series need to be turned into a movie? I am thinking Oh My Goodness YES!). Loved the adventure and danger throughout the novella. Also really loved the urgency and dedication Amarrah has for her task and that she refuses to let her Grandmother down.

Books like this remind me that somewhere, there are people with a higher purpose that live their whole lives to do for others, follow traditions, and make a difference in the world and the lives of those around them. What a beautiful reminder! Thank you, Maggie for this fantastic peek into the Portal Series! I can't wait for the rest of the series and to find out what happens with the three witches who are sentenced to die for their beliefs...

Jennifer Prescott says

Interesting story, short, but nicely sets the stage for what has a strong possibility of being a terrific series.

Marie Swartz says

Good novella

I like the story and the beginning of a new series. I hope I see them again the next three books.

Jean says

This was a short novella, a prequel to a new series Shayne is releasing starting in October. It was actually a pretty good story, and the writing was fairly good. The story was very rushed, however. I understand that novellas are supposed to be short, but to me this felt like the story was one that Shayne would have liked to have written as a full length novel, but instead crammed it into a novella. I wished that the characters could have been just a little more fleshed out. Overall, not a bad read, but I'm glad I got it free on my Kindle, and didn't pay for it.

Michelle Leah Olson says

Our Review, by LITERAL ADDICTION's Pack Alpha - Michelle L. Olson:

Even though this is only a novella, in true Maggie Shayne fashion she hooks the reader from the first page and doesn't let go!

Action, adventure, romance, and the most beautiful segue into the 1st full length novel of THE PORTAL series, Mark of the Witch!

I thoroughly enjoyed Legacy of the Witch and am confident that everyone else will as well.

LITERAL ADDICTION gives Legacy of the Witch a well deserved 5 Skulls and would highly recommend those who are excited for THE PORTAL series to accept the gift that Maggie is giving to you all and read it. :) It's simply beautiful...

Ren says

Legacy of The Witch is a prequel for The Portal series. I know about the new series by Maggie Shayne, since she make a gorgeous website for The Portal. Even make a song for this series. Such a dedication!

As for this novella, I enjoy the story. Its fresh! Love the Babylonian myth and I always love anything that connect to Middle East culture. Amarrah is a slave girl to slaves girls. Nah, this already make me "huh, what the meaning of this?". To know about it, of course you must read this first, lol! Her grandmother just passed away and inherit a mysterius box to her. Alas she lost it. 10 years later after she move to America, she finally see the box, just to realize that the box now is hold by Sgt Harrison Brockson. Amarrah encounter him to get the box, but then she recognize him as her lover in the past. While destiny once again unite them, a dark force is try to prevent Amarrah to get her precious box.

There are some things are bugged me. Such like :

- The 1st POV. I'm not fans of this POV. Especially on PNR genre.
- The destiny and reincarnation things. While I'm okay with the reincarnation, my feeling is a little bit mixed about the destiny part. Don't get me wrong. I love destiny trope, but I can't feel the connection between the heroine , Amarrah and the hero , Harrison Brockson. Yes, they're both had reincarnated, but is the chemistry from the reincarnation? How if Harrom, Amarrah's Babylonian lover born into another man? I just can't feel the connection between this two.
- When Amarrah remember her memory in Babylonia era, there's 2 things that really bugged me. First, the word "sarong". Is that word exist like 5000-10000 BC? Sarong is a term for clothes from Indonesia (yes, my country!) and Malaysia. Even though people in Arabic peninsula use it, I doubt the word "sarong" already invented thousands year ago. Then when Amarrah called Indira with "Indy". Is the nickname too modern?

Anyway, with the pro and con, I still enjoy Legacy of The Witch. And I can't wait to read the first book of The Portal series, Mark of The Witch. Hope the book is better than this :)

Patti says

Legacy of the Witch is the first novella I've read. I loved it. There are times when I'd like a story to move fast and get to the end quickly without leaving anything important out. Maggie Shayne delivers. The characters are believable and easy to relate to. Can't wait to read the rest of the series, Enter the Portal. Well done, Maggie.

Katie says

WOW!!! I absolutely fell in love with this book! Maggie Shayne has always been a favorite of mine and she has outdone herself with this book! I am so excited to read the rest of the series! I have never found a book I enjoyed more than this even though it was a short one. I finished it in one sitting and when I was done I had an overwhelming sense of happiness. It may sound strange but I felt at peace after reading it! Maggie thank you so very much for an amazing start to your new series!

Charity Costa says

I wish I would have read this before I received an ARC of the 1st book in The Portal Series, Mark of the Witch. Only because reading this first would have helped me while reading it, this sets that book up PERFECTLY!!! I read a few reviews already for Legacy of the witch and one said that this novella had too many holes, well Mark of the Witch fills in every single one of them. So if you felt that way as well at the end of this novella go preorder Mark of the Witch now and I promise you won't feel that way after you get your hands on it.

It's hard to review this alone and not intertwine it with book 1 but I'm going to try. In Legacy of the witch you will see how Maggie sets up the story that will be the main plot for the whole series. We also get to see how Maggie is presenting us with the writing style she is going to use throughout the whole series, which is fabulous.

One thing I must point out is that she blends the character and their previous lives perfectly, as the main characters get visions or memories revealed to them it helps the main character put the story together as you are reading it. So you get to discover it WITH the character.

I have been waiting for this series for a very long time and I am extremely happy with it, Legacy will leave you lustful and hungry for Mark of the Witch and Mark of the Witch left me begging Maggie and asking her who I had to sell my kidney to in order to get book 2 now.

I recommend The Portal Series for any reader looking for something I haven't seen in a witch paranormal based book before. It's been said a million times before and I can imagine a million times more after the rest of these books are released, Maggie knows how to cast a spell on her readers that has you missing the feel of her books in your hand.

I give this enovella 5 out of 5 stars, and now I'm going to retread Mark of the Witch again.

Charity Costa ~Bewitching Bella

Emissary of Literal Addiction & proud member of Maggie Shayne's Official Street Team & most importantly a die hard fan of all things Maggie Shayne

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

Great introduction to a new series.

I'd like more romance and moments between the characters but the backstory really intrigued me!

Angela says

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AH says

Kindle free download 9/12.

Nitzan Schwarz says

OH! this is a prequel novella! Explains why this was so short...

Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

This is a short story which gives you some background into the Legacy of the Witch(es), about who they were and what sort of people they were. Amarrah was a slave girl to the slave girls who fell in love with a soldier boy. I personally would have liked to know more about them and what happened after but hopefully that will show up in the books that follow this one.

This book provides a well-paced, intriguing and mystical taster into what sounds like a wonderful series to read. This is a book of romance so it is completely safe for both young and old and all those in-between who don't want everything written out for them.

xrysa says

Well that was a nice story and I'm really looking forward to read the first book!

