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Bobbi Wagner says

Magic Spark (Enchanted Book 1) by three different author and is the first of three books in this series. This book is full of paranormal and romance. Each author has their own writing style but there are a couple of things I found they have in common. Their stories are easy flowing and engaging. Their characters just pull you into their story. They are connectable and lovable. Some will make you laugh while others will make you feel compassion. Find out what happens when a woman gets a new neighbor and her spirits are uplifted. They are opposites but will they find a way to get passed their differences? Then you will need to find out what happens when a woman finds her finance cheating on her and a spell is cast to make him stay. Will the spell do its job or will she be sorry for what she wished for? Finally, you have a young witch who has yet come into her powers but what will happen when she finds her soul mate? Will things turn out the way she thinks or when things are not as they appear to be what will happen to her? I highly recommend this book, I know you will want to see what happens to these three women!

Jozay Bookshelf says

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My overview :

On the first short story.

I found it captivating, its was weird at first since its fiction. I did not expect what i was reading. But, i really liked it for the story to be only 57 pages long. But, we end up understanding who they are and where they come from. I would give it 4 /5 stars

Second short story :

The 2nd one was odd, i wasn't sure where the story was going. With witches, magic , and boy trouble. You end up knowing more about the main characters and what their life was before this story started

But at the end it was good , i would give this story 2.5/5 stars

3rd short story:

I am in love with this story , it was so good, i wish it would be a longer book so i can enjoy it a lot more. In 50 page i did fall in love with the characters. You learn a lot about their family and what their past was like before getting to the present. I would give this story 5/5 stars

Quotes :

1st story : She rolled her eyes. " Yeah, but that hasn't helped me. I swear, Everything i touch... dies.

2nd story :I guess we should have known that the house would be as upset as we were over granny's death. We shouldn't have left it neglected for so long.

3rd story :The painting was of him again. Cyan had known his face since infancy, the her aunt said she would one day love.

Coming out January 9, 2018.

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Em says

(Review from author)

It was so fun to be a part of this anthology! We (the authors) were given a basic topic and allowed to run with it (with a few guidelines, of course). My story, THESE ROOTS RUN DEEP, stretches the meaning of the term, "Happily Ever After." Though--technically, the MC and love interest both end up very happy,

indeed. The story is deliciously dark and a bit campy, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do! <3

Krystal gaston says

Magic Spark: Enchanted: Book One includes 3 stories. The first is Wendy Sparrows story When Demigods Court Death followed by Em Shotwells These roots Run Deep and ending with Sara Dobie Bauer with Destiny's Dark Light Part 1. The Demigod of Death was an interesting little love story and I loved reading how she just thought she had the worst luck out there. Each of the three stories and some magic and romance in it to the the stories together. These Roots Run Deep is a story about love and voodoo it was an interesting story. Cheyanne is not willing to give up anything in her life right now. She is a strong woman who is going to get a surprise she wasn't expecting. And ending with Destiny's Dark Light part 1 is a great love triangle Cyan and Liam are meant to be together but there's also someone else in the picture. Can Cyan and her family find out what and who caused the trolly accident whole figuring out her love life and fighting the dark witches....

Candylynnbluegmail.Com says

This is an amazing book, all three of the stories are page turners! Stories of magic and love!

When demigods court death is a great story about two fates mates dealing with the burdens of their powers!

These roots run deep-don't mess with a woman with powers-or you will get what you deserve!

Destiny's Dark Light-what do you do when you are fated to be the savior in a war, and you rescue your true love and his girlfriend at the very beginning of the war.

Really, all three are page turners and I can't wait for book 2!

Amy Johnson says

I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy of this book and I'm so glad I got the opportunity to do so. I'm a huge fan of Em Shotwell, so of course I jumped at the chance of reading something she wrote. I was pleasantly surprised at the other authors included in the anthology. This was the first I've read by them, but certainly won't be my last. It was such a mesmerizing collection of stories that are so different from the typical books I read. I would gladly recommend all this authors to avid readers and say they are must haves to your collection.

Happy Reading...enjoy!

Wopsywoobookblog says

My thanks go to Pen and Kink Publishing for the ARC of this anthology.

Every time I hear of another anthology from P&K publishing, I get super excited because I know that even if I dislike one story from the anthology, I know there will be plenty more that will whet my appetite. These anthologies hold superb stories that should have the recognition. The stories I've read so far in each anthology are always quite steamy however Enchanted is quite vanilla. It still has that wow factor but with much less heat.

However, it holds a genre that I absolutely love and that's paranormal. I adore it, it makes me happy. So this combination, although tame, made me very excited indeed and boy I was not disappointed.

The first thing that struck me with each story is that they're all quite quirky, reminiscent of indie music in the fact that they have their own feel and individuality. They're like hidden gems just waiting to be found. I loved that it made me feel like this. I didn't love all of them but they certainly kept me entertained.

One of the books however, ended on a cliffhanger and I was so mad - because I had gotten so engrossed in it - that I nearly threw my kindle across the room. Then I went to see if I could purchase the whole book, only to find that it's not even out yet, well you can imagine how bereft I was. I'm definitely going to keep an eye out for it in the future.

Overall though, I absolutely loved it, again. Time and time again I'm shocked by how easily I fall into them. Cannot wait for more.

Randi Perrin says

First of all, there's only one way to make me go grabby-hands on a collection, and that's to feature three of my absolute favorite authors. I have loved everything I've ever read by Wendy Sparrow, Em Shotwell, and Sara Dobie Bauer in the past... and this is no exception.

All three are "romance" (I'm using the term in quotes and will explain later), with an element of magic coursing throughout, which is the tie-in these three novellas had to warrant being marketed together. Personally, these three were so far removed from each other, it might have worked better to have a stronger tie-in, such as, maybe the same type of magic or something. But that's a minor gripe in the grand scheme of things.

The reason I use "romance" in quotes is because these aren't all romance stories, as they don't all follow the romance genre rules. But I mention it just to throw it out there that, if you're expecting three HEA/HFNs, you're not going to get those here. (BUT... I'm not going to tell you which one(s) don't have the HEA/HFN... you'll have to read it yourself to find that out.)

Now, that harping aside... all three are well-written, and are true to the style I've come to expect from these authors. All three authors are masters of their craft, particularly when it comes to world building and scene building. I've said it before, I'll say it again... world building is Em's super-hero power. But the other ladies aren't far behind.

Each author brings a little something different, but all of them bring something magical, and I can't wait to dive into the next one.

Arya Brandon says

Magic Spark anthology is a complication of three stories. When Demigods Court Death by Wendy Sparrow, These Roots Run Deep by Em Shotwell, and Destiny's Dark Light by Sara Dobie Bauer.

When Demigods Court Death – I really enjoyed this story. The characters were very three dimension with believable reactions and motivations. There was also great world building and the sense of a complete story with a satisfying HEA HFN. The world Ms. Sparrow has created could be expanded and explored in so many more ways this was the perfect teaser to wet a readers appetite for more. I for one and hoping for more and will keep an eye on this author.

EM Shotwell pulled off a tricky story ideal in These Roots Run Deep. I normally struggle to get into stories with unsympathetic protagonists, and stories with unfaithfulness/cheating, but Shotwell did a spectacular job of making me care just enough to stay invested in her tale. There were a few typos that stopped me, but this was an ARC copy. The other March sisters stole a bit of the limelight only because they were more sympathetic, but it would be an easy stepping stone for Ms. Shotwell to expand this unique and fun magical world. Although, my own personal hang up it was an interesting and satisfactory read.

Destiny's Dark Light – is a cliffhanger prologue-type teaser for (I believe) a full length book that is yet to come. *fingers crossed anyway* The characters were solid, believable, and relatable. The world she's created is colorful, mysterious, unique, and magic-filled. I can't wait for more! And even though I was a bit irked that this was a "To be continued..." ending, I'm hooked and will be really looking forward to what comes next in this world and from the author.

Overall these stories were all "magic" centric but eclectic in their voice and ascetic. This was a fun read and yet another well put together anthology by Pen and Kink.

I received an ARC ebook version of this anthology in exchange for an honest review.

Barbara Hackel says

Three authors, three very different stories about love sprinkled with magic. All are good reading. I especially liked Em Shotwell's "These Roots Run Deep" which was about one of three sisters. But the magic had to be done in threes, so it was useless without the other two. I loved the idea of a house that was heartbroken from the owner's death and the way the girls and house dealt with each other. I have to confess I was concerned how the story was going to end, and the surprising ending was nothing I could have ever predicted and better than I could have imagined!

Krystal says

This was good reading. So my thoughts:

Destiny's Dark Light (Part One) - First of all, that cliffhanger ending! (cries) But at least part two comes out next month so I don't have to wait long. I loved this story. It was very immersive. It really makes me miss writing about witches. Like so freaking much. All the characters are fabulous. The description is fantastic. The kind that makes me want to visit this world asap and hang out at Sea Books and walk down the streets.

These Roots Run Deep - I wasn't sure about this story at first - the main character was wicked crazed. But I

had an absolute blast reading this, and the ending is EVERYTHING! This anthology being romancey had me wondering how the story would end. That said, this was unexpected in a great way, and I just loved everything about the last several pages.

When Demigods Court - Honestly, I didn't read all of this one. It's probably just a matter of personal preference. I really liked the other aspects of the story, and the descriptions were everything I liked in description - rich to the point I could smell the flowers. I just don't like super self-conscious characters. I liked the guy's point of view, he was very likable. I just couldn't be in the other character's head anymore. She had low self-esteem to the point it was making me miserable along with her. I skipped the last third and read the last couple pages to see how it ended. Maybe if I was in a different mood when I read it I would have liked it more.

Keri Hunter says

Magic Spark is a trio of magic filled stories. When Demigods Court Death is the first in the book. It was an enjoyable read that had characters you wanted to know more on how it goes for them. You have the demigod of death being courted by the demigod of fertility. Only death doesn't know who she is, just figured she has bad luck. It made me giggle and kept me engaged the entire time.

These Roots Run Deep contained so many fun elements of magic. It has three sisters who know they are witches and a cranky old house that does what it wants when it wants and isn't afraid to let one of them know when it isn't happy with them. Besides calming the house the sisters pull together and cast a spell to help the oldest Cheyanne keep her cheating fiancé with her forever. But their magic is cursed and there are consequences to be had when you preform it. We follow Cheyanne as she comes off as the crazy fiancé, well maybe she is, as she pulls out no stops to save her relationship. The ending oh the ending was brilliant!!! I have read other stories by Em and this was different from the rest but I highly enjoyed it!

Destiny's Dark Light: part 1 is about Cyan a witch who has not gathered her powers yet and is waiting for her Dofheicthe or invisible man, while waiting for war as told in the book of shadows. We get to watch her find Liam only to find that he had a girlfriend that he is very in love with where they meet is a mass tragic scene caused by another witch. We get to watch them become friends and her get her powers that she does not yet understand. There are fun characters, moments to make you giggle, moments that make you sad and the only down fall is it leaves off with a HUGE cliff hanger!!!

All in all these were an excellent quick read, and I highly suggest them for anybody who loves short stories and magic! With all short stories it feels like they are smooshed together so fast and you want more but that's the thing they are short stories which is self explanatory.

*** I received a copy of this book for free in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own and freely given.

Sunday says

Magic Spark (Enchanted Book 1)
Four Stars

Magic Spark is the first trio of trilogies by three authors, Sara Dobie Bauer, Em Shotwell, Wendy Sparrow.

This first set of stories are amazing paranormal romances. I loved all three stories, they flowed smoothly and the characters we're engaging. Although, each author has a different writing style the stories work well together.

When Demigods Court Death by Wendy Sparrow is about when a woman gets a new neighbor and magic starts, spirits are uplifted. This is something you really need to read.

These Roots Run Deep by Em Shotwell is a story of love and betrayal. A magic spell is cast but is revenge really the best medicine?

Destiny's Dar Light Part One by Sara Dobie Bauer is as the title infers a cliffhanger. This is a great fun story about about a family of witches and a prophecy of when the youngest get her powers. What could go wrong?

Three great stories, one wonderful book. This is a must read. I can't wait till the next installment ones out.

Maura says

When Demigods Court Death - by Wendy Sparrow

I knew I was going to enjoy this story from the very first page... "It'd been over two weeks since she'd Googled her symptoms and come up with everything from iron deficiency to the plague. She might not die."

Aster and Chandra are the classic ying to the other's yang. A tale of discovery and understanding because "Death always gets her man."

These Roots Run Deep by EM Shotwell -

A quick, enjoyable read about "New Orleans' own effing Barbie and Ken." With Cheyenne, you know who she is from the very beginning... She puts Barbie before Ken (yay her!!!). The moral of this story is that sometimes staying isn't all it appears to be.

Destiny's Dark Light: Part One by Sara Done Bauer. Part one = to be continued and I am very patiently waiting for volume two!!!

All of these stories (please let it be) seem like they will be expanded upon on future volumes. I enjoyed each story on its own and as part of the magical collection.

Kim Shofner says

This was a good set of books. The first one is about demigods. They have to find their match or their power will consume them spontaneous combustion style. I actually want more of this story and wouldn't mind reading Corbin's book. The 2nd story is crazy. A witch with a cheating fiance. She definitely uses her powers for the wrong reason but she gets the wood she wants. Haha! The 3rd story was unlike any I'd read before. Still good, but in a different way. I really didn't like the way it ended. To be contiued...
