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From the USA Today-bestselling author of Demons Are Forever comes this latest entry in the Demon series that features suburban warfare and demon hunting--mom style.

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Bill Bowne says

The series is starting to get a bit too formulaic. Demons are always nasty and stupid, never able to answer simple questions without speaking in vague terms. That is, all they'll say is that "the Big Kahuna is coming to kill Kate unless she turns over the sacred pickle fork". Of course, Kate doesn't know where the pickle fork is, what it exactly IS, etc., but her and her family are in mortal danger until they can figure it out.

I've read 1-4 in the series, but now I'm going to skip 5 & 6 for a bit.

Jennifer Wadsworth says

This review is for the audio versions of the Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom series books 1-6. Originally posted on 3/28/2015 at One Book Two.

Though I am not a mom, let alone a soccer mom, I really enjoyed this series. The balancing of the mundane with the supernatural and the attempt to keep such a massive secret makes for really good storytelling. The characters are fantastic -- I particularly love Laura, the clued-in best friend; Kate's daughter, Allie; and Eddie, the adopted "grandpa" and retired demon hunter. The cast of characters in this series is really great.

This is another series I could have erroneously dismissed as "fluff," but it's really not. Balancing our responsibilities in life -- during the good times and the bad -- is something everyone can relate to, regardless of what your "demons" may be. This series not only pokes some fun at the life of a stay-at-home mom, but it also deals with divorce and remarriage, divided loyalties, death, and those slow descents into darkness. Do you protect your children from badness, or prepare them for what is inevitable? What happens when you share your darkest secrets with someone you love? How do you survive when doing the right thing brings your world down around you? These are not "fluff" questions at all.

The only thing about this series that makes me sad is that not all of the books come in an audio format. Only two of the books are available on Audible.com; I haven't checked any of the other audiobook store sites, though. I found the first four on CD at my local library. But the first four are the only ones recorded. The narrator, Laura Hicks, does such a great job with these books that I actually prefer them in audio, to be honest. I've spoken to the author twice about this, and she agrees it would be great to get the rest of the books in audio. Now that she's self-publishing the books, maybe she can chat with Audible Studios and see what can be done? ;)

UPDATE: All the audios have been rerecorded, are narrated by Carly Robins, and are available on Audible. They sound AMAZING!

I'm very eager to see what this series will look like on television (it has been optioned). I started watching *I, Zombie* on the CW recently and can see the DHSM series looking something like that. I think it will be a fun series to see on the screen.

Marsha says

Ever since I began reading the very first book in the Adventures of a Demon Hunting Soccer Mom I've had a difficult time getting a good feel for Kate's husband, Stuart. Yes, on one hand he truly seems to love her but then again he always seems to take her for granted by imposing his political social events/ aspirations on her at the last minute and without her permission. However, the ending of book four, "Deja Demon" finally gives me insight into what kind of man he truly is.

Once again Kate is attacked at home by not only a demon but a zombie as well. This time they are demanding the sword of Caedeum. Truthfully, I must say that the plot is beginning to be formulaic all beginning in the same way. This time Allie steps in to assist her mother with the problem but they both are almost busted when Stuart is awakened and wants to know what is going on.

David has been gone for a while and Allie wants to see her Dad. Kate struggles with this as well as her daughter's growing desire to be out in the field demon hunting. Once again a new demon is threatening to take over the world but a prophecy seems to suggest Kate will be the one to take him down with the sword. What they don't realize is a former enemy will also raise his ugly head.

As Kate, Allie and David spend more time together it is clear Kate needs to tell Stuart the truth. Will she? You will have to read the book to find out. Once again there is plenty of action, suspense and personal drama. However that can be good and bad. Good because it makes for an interesting read but bad because there is no variation in the plot. Additionally, I don't sense a build up to an epic battle or confrontation nor do I sense an ending to the series anywhere to come. I hope I am wrong and that the author plans to end this series while it is still on top. Maybe book five will hold the answer.

With that being said, I definitely recommend this book and this series but you would be best served by starting with book one. You definitely need the world building supplied in the first books to appreciate what is happening in this one.

Nyssa says

This was the most enjoyable of the series, especially now that the air is clearing. I had to knock it down a little, however, due to the once again rushed action(s) & explanation(s) at the end as the foe is defeated. My one wish for the whole series is that Kenner would put as much effort into the solutions as she does the problems. That being said, it was good book, overall.

I can not say how happy I am that Stuart **finally** knows the truth. Kate's indecision as to telling her husband everything was really getting on my nerves! I'm just sad that he found out the way he did. On another note, I absolutely love her ever growing support team and I am very hopeful that Stuart will become a part of it. Plus, although I know I'm asking for the impossible, I also hope that David and Stuart can be civil to each other, for the sake of Kate and the kids.

Jeanine Carlson says

Loved it! Very much looking forward to the next in series.

I thoroughly enjoyed the suspense mixed with humor and parenting issues and demon/zombie disposal methods. Lots of plot twists to keep one guessing.

Elizabeth says

I started reading this series nearly a decade ago, and I loved it. Then I took a long (long, loooooong) break between books 3 and 4, and when I came back to the series, I found it had lost its appeal. It was still fun and engaging, the heroine as feisty as I remembered... But this time around it all seemed too fluffy and farfetched, and I found myself craving a little bit more reality. The irony is that back when I loved this series, I was a newlywed in college. Now, I'm a work-at-home mom - much closer to Kate Conner than I was a decade ago. Maybe that's the problem. I found myself rolling my eyes much too often, and I wanted to hear more about Timmy's eating and sleeping habits than Kate's latest encounter with the undead in her back yard. The fault doesn't lie with the book at all - it's totally me. I'm in a completely different place now, and this series just doesn't connect with me anymore.

Xyra says

This was great! My previous complaints about Kate's character were wiped away as she finally confronted a lot of issues in this installment.

Given that this is an election year in the U.S. I was really thinking about how it used to be; when reporters would sneak around and try to catch politicians or their family in incriminating positions. When you consider Kate is sneaking out nights to patrol San Diablo with David a whole host of opportunities were there to destroy Stuart's political ambitions as well as their marriage. Oddly there do not seem to be reporters (newspaper or otherwise) in San Diablo.

My only complaint with this story is that it takes too long for Kate and her team to put the clues together. It was hard to believe that a Catholic preparing for Easter would not be able to put two and two together about the timing of "the prophecy." Yes, zombies appearing out of nowhere could stall the thought process a bit, but still.

On the other hand, I like that her team is growing. Now that Kate can be open with her family maybe she can be more diligent in the research and training end of her demon hunting job. We need to get Mindy on board, then all will be well. Or as well as can be when you are fighting demons daily.

This was a great read filled with twists and turns and action and drama and a bit of comedy. The story flows well and the characters are believable, if you like reading fantasy. If you never read fantasy and pick up this series, you may not agree. Quite enjoyable and, really, I didn't want to put the book down for the last few chapters.

CupcakeBlonde says

These books just keep getting better and better! I really like how the character of Kate has evolved and become this incredible woman who manages (barely) to balance everything in her life. Granted, she is found out by her husband in the end, but he needed to know any way. I love the chemistry and dynamic between Kate and David/Eric and how it confuses her about her love for her current husband Stuart. Also, Stuart now knowing about her demon hunting ways is going to put a good wrench in everything for the next books I believe. Her relationship with her daughter is becoming more mature as well as she trains to become a hunter and learns more about her mother's troubled past. Since the big baddie did not get killed in the end of this book (Father Ben, you will be missed) I can only assume he will make an appearance in future books to wreck havoc again. And Kate with her posse will be prepared.

Lori Whitwam says

This series is just fun. Kate was an orphan, raised in Rome by a Vatican priest and trained to serve in the Forza, a super-secret group formed to kill demons that try to gain a foothold in our world. There, she met her husband, Eric, and they served the Forza faithfully until they decided to start a family. Then they retired to San Diablo, California. Eric was killed in a mugging in LA, and Kate later remarried and had a son, while raising the daughter she had with Eric.

When the series began, Kate is forced out of retirement when demon activity begins in San Diablo. The "demon-killing" plot lines are good, gritty, and Kate's kick-butt training and skills are fantastic. The funny part comes as she tries to hide her late-night excursions from her husband and family, while keeping the town (and their home) demon-free.

In this, book #4, a demon she had a run-in with years ago is back and gunning for her, believing she has a mythical sword capable of sending him back to hell permanently. By now, her 14-year-old daughter has found her out, and now that she knows the truth of her mother's past is training with her to learn the art of demon-killing. The only ones who know (outside the organization) are the daughter, and mom's best friend Laura, who now helps her with research.

The other thing Kate is juggling is the fact that Eric's soul is back, living in a high school teacher named David. Her daughter found this out in the last book, and trying to allow her time with her dad without getting Stuart (the current husband) figuring it out or thinking David/Eric is a pedophile or after his wife, is also part of the humor. Stuart is embroiled in an election for county attorney, so he's gone a lot and pretty distracted.

On top of all this, Kate is trying to put together a huge Easter party for their entire neighborhood, while dodging demons bent on her destruction in her back yard. Oh, and some zombies. Don't forget the zombies!

The paranormal aspect is complex and well-done, and the humor balances it all out nicely.

Ann (Noumena12) says

Who knew living in the suburbs could be so interesting? Julie Kenner's soccer mom and demon hunter Kate Connor has got a problem...well, several problems actually. Between demons and zombies trying to kill her, her husband Stuart's political campaign, the neighborhood Easter egg hunt, and her deceased husband returning from the dead, Kate has her hands full. With the help of her teenage daughter Allie, friend Laura, David/Eric, and Eddie, she just might pull it all together. But can she do so without driving away Stuart away because of the secrets she's been keeping?

Deja Demon: The Days and Nights of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom is the fourth book in Kenner's Adventures of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom series. Again, Kenner delivers a book that will keep you reading. As secrets go, they usually catch up with you and Kate's secret demon hunting life catches up with her as she has to decide how and when to tell Stuart what is really going on. Of course, having David/Eric in the mix complicates things and makes this book that much more engaging.

Marianne says

You know, if it wasn't for my bff Heather, I would never have read any of the books in this series. The books are cute and they have their moments of funny parts but all in all, they are all the same.

This one was no different from the others. From a foiled business dinner party, ruined date night at a restaurant to dead zombies everywhere. There did not seem to be any new information in this book until the very end where we are totally left hanging. I was happy that Stuart finally learned the truth and was glad to see that his initial reaction was to take his kid and run. Made him seem all the more normal. In the end tho, it was truly cheesy, of epic proportions.

I'm not sure if there is going to be a fifth book in this series but the author is going to have to come up with some new stuff to keep my interest.

Stuart Nager says

Do you miss Buffy TVS? Kate Conner is the next best thing.

Soccer mom by day; Demon Hunter at night...day...weekends...holidays...whatever. You get the point. Demons do not run on Mom schedule. There are a lot of levels to Kate's life: husbands, children, soccer momming, and assorted other perils coming her way.

I had read the first three books when they first came out. By the time the 4th arrived, my head was elsewhere and I missed the last three. Thought about it now and then, but did nothing until five days ago when I ordered them from my library.

So, Deja Demon down; two more to read.

Like Buffy, suspense and humor are intermingled. I'm glad I remembered the series enough to search for it.

Ellyn says

This is a cumulative 5 star rating for one of the most satisfying paranormal series I've read. As a huge fan of Joss Whedon's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," this series is the closest thing I've come across to matching the excitement of that series. While it doesn't have the humor of BTVS, it comes up with a credible "what-if" scenario--what if Buffy reached middle-age complete with a husband, two kids, and a home in the suburbs? What would happen if the demons she fought in her youth came back and she was the only line of defense?

I can't really go over the plot of this book as it depends too much on spoiling previous books. Suffice it to say that Kate's life has gotten ridiculously complicated as she becomes preoccupied with the fallout of the events from the last book. Big drama, big evil, and a very big turn of events makes this book a fascinating entry in the series and I can hardly wait (a year!) for the next entry!

Cindi (cheesygiraffe) says

Finally! Everything is out of the bag and Kate isn't hiding anything from Stuart! I know her demon hunting life is suppose to be a secret but how can it be when you're a married woman. Especially when your first husband has come back to life in another man's body.

With all that out in the open, I'm not surprised what I found out about David/Eric at the end.

Lora Sutton says

Loved this book! This is the 4th in a series that I haven't read the first 3 of but I still was able to follow along with very little trouble. If you are a fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer , this is her as a married mom of 2! What a fun read and very well written . I can't wait to read the first 3!
