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**Celia Wird and her three sisters are just like other twenty-something girls—with one tiny exception: They are the products of a curse that backfired and gave each of them unique powers that made them, well, a little weird...**

After Celia Wird and her sisters help master vampire Misha save his family, their powers are exposed to the supernatural community of the Lake Tahoe region. But fame comes at a price, and being “weird” isn’t always welcome.

To make matters worse, Celia desires the love of Alpha werewolf Aric, but his pack is bent on destroying their relationship to preserve his pureblood status. And once weres start turning up dead—with evidence pointing to the vampires—she must face the prospect of losing Aric forever. But the chaos only masks a new threat. An evil known as the Tribe has risen—and their sights are set on Celia and her sisters.

## A Cursed Embrace Details

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## **From Reader Review A Cursed Embrace for online ebook**

### **Amanda says**

This series has quickly become one of my favorites! It has everything you could want in a series, great action, humor, emotion and love. Although, the love part does not come easy for miss Celia as predator it takes a strong man to handle her. Now finally she thinks she has found a man that can be her everything in Aric, but fate may have other plans.

This book is more of an emotional journey for Celia then the previous book; she runs the full gauntlet of emotions causing the read to feel those emotions with her. I know I did, I even misted up a few times because the emotion was so strong. That is one thing you can count on with Cecy Robson she knows how to pull you in and make you feel what the characters feel. This book is in turn joyous and heartbreaking. For those action fans don't you worry your pretty little heads, there is still plenty of action to be had as the sisters and the werewolves face their most lethal foe yet. This time they fear they may not all walk away as more and more lives are lost fighting demons that are set on extinguishing all supernatural races. For the first time all supernaturals will have to work together to protect not only their lives but to keep from going extinct.

This was one of my favorite books so far this year! Miss Robson can certainly spin a tale that will make you want to keep coming back for more. I know I can't wait for the third book in this series, especially after that ending!

Rating: 5

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### **Angela Carr (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

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A Cursed Embraced is non-stop action, nail biting, gut wrenching, heart-breakingly awesome! Ms. Robson had gone above and beyond my expectations and impressed me yet again with her the wits and skill in keeping me at the edge of my seat.

Lake Tahoe, again is not a safe place to be in. There have been murders and missing persons. Of course Celia and her sisters are yet again in the midst of chaos. I have to tell you that this experience gets really personal. The Weird sisters really take a beating emotionally, physically and none of them will get out of this unscathed.

Celia is as strong as ever not only emotionally but magically. She and her inner tigress have evolved quite a bit in their strength. I have loved her from the beginning of this series and my love for her is even stronger after reading this book. I have not seen her make a wrong or stupid decision yet. I do consider her as one of the top kickass heroines I've read about. Unlike the hero, Aric, a local shifter who is also royalty (royal pain in my ass) and a protector of humanity doesn't believe it as much. Well, I'm not quite sure what it is, but Aric has this alpha male, very protective vibe going on. He is way over protective over Celia but at the end

of each day, he's the one Celia ends up protecting. I'm sorry, but sometimes he can be so cute and sexy but he can be as blind as a bat. I wish he can just see Celia for what a kick ass chick she really is. Now, Misha, a sexy vamp also at the top of the food chain has the hots for Ceel. Here's a man who knows how to handle a heroine who is ultimately strong. He accepts Celia for every part of her being. Unfortunately, I'm not quite sure where this love triangle will take them but I assure you this particular book has heart break written all over it.

As you know that this series is of the Urban Fantasy genre and UFs are known for their cliff hangers. Well, A Cursed Embrace does not leave you so much with a cliff hanger but Celia will end a chapter of her life and begin a new one. It does end with you questioning the author though. Questions like: Ms. Robson, what have you done? Where are you going with this? Who will Celia end up with? And Who is Ms. Mancuso? Okay the last question is a bit silly but this old hag has to be someone important in disguise of an annoying old neighbor. She just cracks me up.

Along with Ms. Mancuso, the secondary characters make this series awesome. Celia's sisters are a riot. Their different characteristics, foul mouths and continued banters is just so addicting you'll want to keep reading just to find out what comment comes out of their mouths next. They also have grown physically, emotionally and magically. But what amazes me is their continual support for each other. You will feel their triumphs and heart breaks. Yup, the heartbreaks are quite a doozy. Aric's crew, the shifters, of course is just as great and they were in this book quite a bit. I'm not complaining one bit but I do wish the Misha and his crew had the same page time. Ms. Robson ended this book as if we might get more of them (crossing fingers) in Cursed by Moon. A down side to reading an ARC is that you have to wait longer than everyone else. This book left me heartbroken that waiting for the next book is going to be a b\*tch, but I will pay my dues. Ms. Robson's work is worth the wait.

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## Μαργα Γεωργοπούλου says

That's what I'm talking about! The best kind of urban fantasy! I was thrilled when I read the first book of the series and now that I read the second I have to say one thing. AMAZING! Yes, it's easy to say now that this series is becoming one of my favorite urban fantasy series. What's not to like? This book has it all. Non-stop action from page one until the last, great female characters, very hot male characters, very well written world-building, romance, humor and drama! I'm telling you this book is simply great!

The story continues from where the previous ends. But now their world became more dangerous and no one is safe. Celia and her sisters now are trying to help their werewolves boyfriends to find and kill demons but the danger is far more great than they think. Shayna, Taran and Emme are happy (even Taran after a while) with their boyfriends and it's easy to see that all of them belong together. Celia and Aric finally trying for a relationship but nothing is easy with the two of them. I won't say anything because it would be a spoiler but I have to say that there is passion, despair, betrayal and pain. I really cried while reading certain scenes in this book!

I don't have to say that I absolutely love all the sisters!! They are so different but their love for each other is epic. They would do anything for each other and they don't put anyone before them. Humor, bravery and compassion are some of their qualities and in this book we can see them to embrace their loved ones and it's

obvious that their relationships are more than serious.

Aric is giving me a hard time in this book unfortunately! Although it's obvious that he loves Celia, he's treating her like a casual fling and he hurts her more than once with his dedication to the Elders and what they think pure.

Do you think that I forgot Misha? Of course not! He is here, in the background, ready to make his move or ready for Aric's mistake. And yes, he finds his opportunity. Now, we can wait for what the future will bring. One think if for sure. Misha really wants Celia also and he's not going to let her go easily!

The plot was even better than the first book and I have to admit that I couldn't put this book down! That good!! I totally recommend it to all the fans of this genre!!

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## **Melliane says**

Mon avis en Français

My ENglish review

As I loved the first volume, I was eager to read the second one. And I must say that I'm not disappointed! It's a new story full of action and suspense.

We find our sisters shortly after the end of the first volume while returning to their regular lives. Did I say ordinary? Yes, but well as normal as they know it. Our three heroines spin the perfect love and Celia envies somewhat that, as she doesn't have any news from Aric for over a week. However, Misha is quite persistent and it is difficult for her to understand what is happening. But Aric has also many worries as the ancients don't accept their relationship as he is the pack leader. But after a week without any news, our wolf returns to her with the best intentions. This is good news for our tigress. But happiness does not last long, especially when a band of demons appears, kills and slaughters humans they can find. But more than that, they seem to have an incomprehensible plan, and it will be up to our sisters, to understand with all their resources what it is happening.

I loved this new novel. Cecy Robson manages to take us into her world after a few pages and it is always very difficult to come out. Vampires, demons, werewolves and our dear sisters mingle to make an explosive mixture. Our heroines have also evolved a lot since the first book and it is a pleasure to see them happy and fulfilled with their companions. We see that they love each other deeply and they would do anything to protect themselves. However, our heart is broken for Celia, for whom love is never easy. She still hopes for the best but like in real life, nothing is ever easy for her. We understand Aric even if we do not like it, but we also understand this young woman and we can not help ourselves but blame the werewolf who hurts her constantly. Misha is also still there and I admit that he is also a wonderful character. He always brings a different touch to the story and I was looking forward to his appearances to find out what he would do. Taran, Shayna and Emme are always more entertaining. Their natures are so different and it allows us to see a whole range of the most interesting passages. Taran and Shayna are impulsive and direct, but they are always very funny, especially in their interactions with their neighbors. Regarding Emme, I must say that I'm always a little surprised by her innocence and calm after everything she has been through.

The plot is also very fascinating. We try to understand what's going on with all these demons ... especially when other creatures mingle with the story. We have some questions and I admit that there are many things that I did not see coming, but not at all. This is a very difficult story for Celia and I'm curious to see what will happen to her now, as to her sisters. I'm more than impatient to discover the third book to find out what happen next. If you have not tried this series, I highly recommend it to you. You will be blown away by the first pages and you'll be able to discover a world full of creatures of all kinds.

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## Sarah says

Having defeated their enemy and saved Misha and his family things should be settling down for Celia and her sisters, especially since they have started to get so close with werewolf alpha Aric and some of his warriors. Unfortunately nothing is ever simple for the girls and Aric's pack is determined to keep him and Celia apart. As if the pack politics weren't enough for them to deal with bodies start piling up as an unknown enemy starts chowing down on both humans and weres. Evidence points to the vampires but Celia knows that Misha can't be involved and is determined to uncover what is really going on. When it becomes clear that Celia and her sisters all have targets painted on their backs they realise they are in for the fight of their lives and even though they have both the weres and the vampires at their backs they might not be strong enough to survive.

I really enjoyed the previous stories in the Weird Girls series but **A Cursed Embrace** surpassed all of my expectations and completely blew **Sealed with a Curse** out of the water. This is quickly turning into one of my favourite urban fantasy series and I can't wait to see where **Cecy Robson** takes things next. These books really do have everything I look for in a good story - great characters, fabulous banter and a family bond that always comes first, humour, action and plenty of hot guys to drool over! **A Cursed Embrace** took me on an emotional roller coaster that left me reeling at the end, I felt everything right alongside Celia - her joy, happiness and love followed by her shock, horror and despair. Everything that she went through happened to me too and it's not often that I feel so connected to a character I that want to cry her tears for her.

Celia is a fighter, she has spent years protecting her sisters and she will do anything to keep them safe no matter what it costs her personally. She always puts everyone else first but has never really had anyone who was there to look out for her, as the oldest she took responsibility for the others and although they appreciate everything she has done for them it would be nice for someone to look out for her for a change. That is one of the things I loved most about Aric, the way he stands up for her and has her back no matter what anyone else says. I'll admit that meant I was disappointed with his actions later in the book, I understand why he did what he did but that doesn't mean it hurt me any less when he did it. I don't want to say too much here for fear of spoiling the story for you but I know what I'm hoping for as the series continues and I'll definitely be waiting for Aric to redeem himself!

**A Cursed Embrace** had me hooked from the very first page, the plot was fantastic, their enemies were creepy and horrifying and I had my heart in my mouth several times in absolute terror about what was about to happen. By the time I reached the end I felt like I'd been through the emotional equivalent of my washing machine spin cycle, I had been through every single possible emotion (some more than once) and I was left reeling at the end of it. The end of the book made me gasp out loud and I don't know how I'm going to survive the wait for the next book! If you haven't come across this series then I really can't recommend it highly enough, I would suggest reading the books in order though because you'd miss out on some important character development if you started part way through. **Cecy Robson** has now become one of my auto buy authors and I will be devouring anything else she publishes the second I can get my hands on it!

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## Maja (The Nocturnal Library) says

Here's a fact I point out very often, but it bears repeating: good urban fantasy is hard to find. And here's something I don't point out often enough: Cecy Robson writes good urban fantasy. In many ways, *A Cursed Embrace* is a better book than its predecessor, and extremely significant for the series as a whole.

The sisters Celia, Shayna, Emme and Taran stunned me with their growth, the complexity of their relationships, their fierceness and strength, but also their emotional vulnerability, dedication and willingness to make sacrifices. Taran in particular exposed her softer side, and while she remained the same loudmouth on the outside, I understood and liked her much better.

It seems that Celia's *were* boyfriend, Aric, developed a strong case of ericnortmaneosis\*, and I'm terrified that it might be terminal. The symptoms are as follows: uber hotness, alpha status, strong aversion to healthy communication, high-handedness, and worst of all, existence under pressure to marry someone other than our heroine. I was Aric's biggest fan in *Sealed with a Curse*, perhaps because he and Celia appeared to be on the same side, but in *A Cursed Embrace*, I felt that there was Aric's side and Celia's side, and I was decidedly Team Celia throughout.

He has his moments, though, our Aric. Left to his own devices, he is a swoon-worthy hero if there ever was one. But when he brings his pack into the equation, things go very wrong very fast. In some ways, I wish he could be more like Misha – Celia's vampire friend – self-serving and completely independent. But then he wouldn't be Aric, would he?

Plot-wise, *A Cursed Embrace* is extremely well thought out. Robson found the perfect balance between an engaging plot and character development. This book is incredibly emotional, yes, and the second part is heartbreaking, but we're also given an excellent mystery and a villain that is sure to make you tremble with fear.

*A Cursed Embrace* ends in the middle of a worst possible emotional moment for Celia and it ripped my heart right out. I don't appreciate cliffhangers, but I was too busy being devastated to get really angry about it. If you like urban fantasy at all, I guarantee you're going to love this series. As for me, I'm going to sit here all depressed until the next book comes out. Join me, it's true that misery loves company.

*\*named after Eric Northman, first known terminal patient*

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## Kristin says

*It's been awhile since I've read a book that really shredded me, for lack of better terminology. There are just some books that you read, howl, bawl and cry over. Then go back and re-read passages, go back and re-read the book before it, and then finally re-read the entire book again. These are books I named my blog after; I*

*basically walk around in book hangover from them. Hi, my name is Kristin and I'm a total book geek over this series and especially this book...*

I absolutely fell in love with the Weird Girls series by Cecy Robson last year. The first book in the series, *Sealed with a Curse*, was such a winning debut for Ms. Robson that I was a little fearful of the dreaded "sophomore slump" that accompanies some second books in a series. I can unequivocally (yes, I did have to look that word up) say that this book, *A Cursed Embrace*, at least for me, blows the first book out of the water, throws it down the hill, ties it up on the railroad tracks, waits for the train to go by, and then beats the ever-loving socks off the first book. Okay, I over-exaggerate. But I actually LOVED *Embrace* better than *Sealed*!! Here's why...

## Characters

Let me start with the supporting characters first. I love living, err, reading about these sisters! I love Taran and her "I'm sex on a stick walking" -vibe she gives off. Who wears high heels to track bad guys in the woods?? Shayna is the tomboy little sister that might have picked up a opossum on the way home from school and wanted to keep it as a pet because it was "fluffy and white". Emme is just so gosh darn cute and you know she'll grow up to be an elementary school teacher. Seriously, I know these girls – these characters are plenty fleshed out.

And then there is Celia, one of my favorite tortured heroines of all time. She's been cursed to live with a tigress inside her that she can shapeshift into. But her strong, fierce personality leaks out and scares off any potential friends or suitors of the human variety. On the other side, to the supernatural Were community, she just isn't good enough to be dating their potential leader. Her and her sisters are considered freaks. This affects Celia the worst out of all the sisters because if there's any race that could relate to her, it's the were community. Either way, she's been alone for a long time. She's spent her years looking out for her younger sisters without regard to her dating needs.

Aric, the object of her affection, is the alpha of all alphas (at least that's what I think). He happens to be one of the few pure-blood weres left in the world. Unfortunately for him, the elders get cranky when he dates non-pure bloods and they really blow a gasket when he takes an interest in Celia. Aric is young, cocky, extremely alpha, and he is truly possessive and protective of what he deems is his. He's one of the few who can handle and respect Celia's strength.

But there is another who respects and wants Celia. Misha is the master vampire living in the Tahoe area whom Celia has helped in the past. Of course he's hot. Of course he's always there to protect Celia when she needs help and to get under Aric's fur.... skin, whatever.

To say that there's a love triangle in this book is not entirely accurate. Celia knows who she wants. And she makes it clear to everyone involved on several occasions. I'd ruin the story if I discussed the non-triangle further (I'm such a tease, no?)

## Story

Ms. Robson has written my personal favorite type of book: an urban fantasy with romance that is weighted 50/50 for each. The urban fantasy genre, for me, is mystery, conflict, action, with a bit of supernatural gore thrown in for good measure. But you have GOT to have good writing to make sure the reader understands what the author is trying to convey in the scene. Bad writing, and this all ends up a hot mess of confusion. Ms. Robson does an excellent job writing these scenes and putting the reader right there in the action and all



the emotions.

Speaking of emotions... it's in the romance half of the story that my soul was utterly ripped to pieces. I've read emotional love stories before; heck, I cried for a few of the Brothers in the Black Dagger Brotherhood series. But something about this story really gets to me. If I comment any more than that, I might be giving something away so I'll just shut up now. I'll just say that I absolutely loved the ending (as a reader) and I don't think you can get a better last sentence for a book than what Ms. Robson wrote.

Ms. Robson, you ROCK! A Cursed Embrace is definitely on my list of Best/Favorite Reads of 2013, if not at the top.

Yup, I kind of liked this book.

Review appears on My ParaHangover

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### **Iris (Paranormal Cravings Book Reviews) says**

With only 40 pages to go! I could almost cry. Does this book really has to end? Maybe I should just stop reading so it never ends... And there it is the END. After pulling an all nighter, it is time to give my red eyes some rest... Wow what an emotional roller coaster. 5+ stars. You will never find a series better than this. Cecy you rock!,

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### **Carmel (Rabid Reads) says**

#### **Reviewed by: Rabid Reads.**

A CURSED EMBRACE put my emotions through their paces; first I experienced joy over Celia solving her Aric/Misha crisis, then frustration when the latter crashed & burned, followed by grief over what befell the Wird sisters, and finished off the spectrum with bewilderment because of the ending. I love novels that are able to get this kind of a reaction out of readers, and boy did Cecy Robson and Renée Chambliss ever get one out of me!

The WEIRD GIRLS universe offers tons of original twists on everyday paranormal lore which is a huge draw for genre fiction bookworms. It's the little things that make all the difference such as a gold allergy instead of a silver one, and exceptions to the rules like Gemini. I enjoyed the nature of this installment's plot more than its predecessor, although I did find that too much emphasis was placed on the romance.

The four sisters continued to make names for themselves as characters, especially Celia, and I liked that each of the individual couples got some exposure as well. However, I wasn't thrilled with the eldest Wird's temper tantrum as a result of her mate making the only call available to him given the circumstances. It was selfish, and lasted longer than necessary, albeit admittedly he could have went about it differently too.

Renée Chambliss delivered another spellbinding performance, and complain as I may about Celia's outbursts, these particular scenes allowed the narrator to show her mettle by giving these emotionally charged scenes her all. Perhaps she even over-acted them, and is partially to blame for my main beef with

this audio. Regardless, I enjoyed Chambliss' rendition, and am kinda bummed that I'll have to switch to reading after book 3.

A CURSED EMBRACE was just a hair's breadth away from Urban Fantasy perfection! ~4.5 Stars

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### **Aly is so frigging bored says**

The werewolf guy annoys me to no end.

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### **Sophia says**

And I thought the first one was fantastic? This sequel blew the first one out of the water. It delivered both action and romance that left me reeling from the impact. Ms. Robson knows how to write a follow-up transition book in a series. I laughed, I cried, I bit my nails, and I did it all over again while being in awe of the paranormal world that the author created. The ending that left things wide open is still consuming me.

In this follow-up (which must be read in order by the by), Celia and her sisters are enjoying their time with their wolves between work assignments even as they recognize that life is still pretty complicated. Taran is having nightmares about demons coming for her and Aric is under high pressure from the Elders to stick to his own kind. He tells Celia that she is everything to him and they'll always be together, but she can't bring herself to believe it.

Then people start disappearing and dying. Demons pop up. Rogue vampires and weres are seen about as they wreck mayhem. The wolves have a new deadly assignment that they don't want the Wird Sisters to help with. The Were Elders and their people definitely don't want the girls involved. But Celia has no plans to sit it out on the sidelines where Aric's safety is concerned. Along with her sisters, her friends and Misha with his crowd, they all join to help fight the new evil that has emerged.

In the end, fighting evil proves deadly and its still not enough for the Elders to change their stance about Aric and Celia. With her heartbreaking, Celia makes a hard decision.

The plot, pace, character development, romance and just the whole package were amazing. Other than the torture my poor heart endured along with Aric and Celia, I had no disappointment in this book. The humor, the sisterly camaraderie, the awesome friends, and oh boy yes, the passion between Aric and Celia was just something else. Celia has her limitations and her flaws, but she is also loving, loyal, strong and passionate. She's a perfect heroine. I love her as a narrator and seeing the others and all the action through her eyes. I felt everything she felt and this story ran the gamut. I can't wait to grab up the next book in the series.

Those who enjoy spicy Urban Fantasy need to try this series.

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### **Marcela (BookaholicCat) says**

Originally posted at The Bookaholic Cat

A Cursed Embrace is the second book in the Weird Girls series by Cecy Robson.

My biggest fear after reading a great book is that the author won't be able to deliver a following installment as good or better than said book. After reading Sealed With A Curse (first book) that was what I was thinking and fearing, but I'm happy to inform you there is nothing to fear, Cecy Robson has done it again with A Cursed Embrace.

A Cursed Embrace starts days after the events in Sealed With A Curse, with the Wird sisters trying to get back to their routines. After moving to Lake Tahoe they are finally having a break, a break that ends sooner than they have expected when they find a dead wereraccoon on their doorstep. Somebody or something is killing humans in a very gruesome way, demons are being summoned and very-creepy-baby-demons are at large.

Aric and his pack have been investigating these incidents, but after the wereraccoon incident Celia and her sisters get involved in the investigation. They are stronger together than apart, at least that was what they thought, before they knew what was waiting for them.

This is one of those reviews in which I would love to just write OMG, OMG, OMG, you need to read this book, but I know you will want more from me to convince you than just saying that, so let me give you 10 reasons why you should buy/read this book as soon as you finish reading this post.

#### 10 Reasons Why You Should Read A Cursed Embrace

1. When on page 4 you have already laughed out loud twice you know you have a winner.
  2. All the characters are unique, have very different personalities and characteristics but at the same time they all complement and balance each other perfectly.
  3. The guys in this book/series are Hot-Hot Panties in a Twist Hot.
  4. The sexual tension and smexy times will steam the pages or short out your reader.
  5. The characters not only grow page after page but they also show us sides we didn't know nor did we expect.
  6. The Wird sisters (Celia, Taran, Shayna, and Emme) are so great you are going to do voodoo on Mrs. Mancuso for her to sell you her house, so you can move next door to them.
  7. The monsters in this installment are so creepy you will need to start sleeping with the light on or find a good therapist.
  8. Cecy Robson is not happy with only taking us on a roller coaster of emotions, not at all (she's evil), she also put us through the wringer and leaves us with a broken heart and a serious case of "I Need Next Book Now" (Cursed By Destiny, January 7th, 2014)
  9. Evil Author aka Cecy Robson gives us in one page a twist in the story that stomps on our hearts and in the next page she gives us hope and a high feeling of happiness and wellbeing, showing us once again what a talented (twisted) author she is.
  10. You know that feeling, after reading a great book, when you say "damn this author is evil because she/he went all the way and did this or that to the characters I love"; then you start to analyze what just happened and realized the author took a risk, one that masterfully works in the story, then you feel like grinning non stop because the author was able to awaken in you feelings you were not expecting, then you rush to contact said author to tell her/him "she/he is evil but great"; that's the feeling you will have after you have finish A Cursed Embrace, I also call that feeling "The Stalking The Author Syndrome".
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## Monty Cupcake ? Queen of Bloodshed ? says

3.5 stars

Finally, Aric and Celia get together. They're now dating, it's all romantic and hot, but he's actually not supposed to be dating her as she's not a pure blood werewolf like he is. She's other and that's against what the werewolf elders want for Aric. So their relationship isn't accepted beyond close friends.

This book was interesting due to the threat of demons, both adult and baby. Yeah, evil baby demons running around killing people. I liked that plot and all the action it generated. It also made sense who their enemy was behind this, a very realistic enemy in terms of this world.

Th ending sucked. Didn't see that coming after all the words spouted about it never happening. Misha is still around and trying to entice Celia into his vampire pants. It's not a love triangle because it's always been evident which way Celia feels, but I do enjoy Misha's attempts.

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## Christy LoveOfBooks says

4.5

Cecy Robson did it again! I fell in love with Sealed with a Curse, so I highly anticipated A Cursed Embrace. I claimed this new urban fantasy series a favorite of mine when I read Sealed with a Curse, and I realize that was a presumptuous statement after only the first book. However, sometimes you find those authors you just click with, and Cecy's writing clicked with me. So I had no doubts that the Weird Girls series was going to be great. After reading A Cursed Embrace, I still stand by that statement.

A Cursed Embrace picks up a week after Sealed with a Curse left off and various were creatures are popping up in pieces all around Tahoe, including Celia's front porch. When the were's and the Wird sisters uncover what's really going on and who's behind all the attacks and killings, they discover something more sinister than they could imagine. And it turns out that it has its sights set on Celia and her sisters. Lucky them! I actually liked this plot more than the one in the last book.

The characters are my favorite part of this series. I'm usually not very good when it comes to remembering names and keeping their personality straight when there are so many involved, but they are all so distinctive and well done, that I don't have that problem with this group. I can honestly say that I love all of them, but in different ways. I will say that Taran and Bren are my favorites (shhh don't tell the others). Taran with her badass exterior and softer heart, and Bren with his laid back, smartass ways are both personalities I gravitate to the most.

Of course, I love Celia, too. She and her inner tigress are becoming quite a force to be reckoned with. The stronger and more confident she becomes, the more I love her. I just wish Aric would have a little more confidence in her when it comes to fighting bad guys, because I find it sexy when a man fights side by side with his woman. Though, there was a glimpse of that at one time. I like that we find out why they had that instant attraction in the first book, but at the same time I'm glad their relationship plays out in the books over a period of months.

Personally, I didn't think there was enough of Misha, Celia's sexy master vampire, in this book. I can't help but to love the way Misha pushes Aric's buttons when it comes to Celia. Hopefully we'll get more of him

and his interesting family in the next book.

A Cursed Embrace definitely has more sexytime in it. Actually, I don't even remember any in the first book. So I enjoyed the addition of that, especially the more humorous moments. Also, one thing you can count on in this series is fight scenes, and they are abundant in this book. I love action, but the amount of it did wear on me a little. Other than that, this book was awesome!

I can imagine people might have an issue with the ending, but I loved it. There are good cliffhangers and there are annoying cliffhangers, and this one definitely fits in the former because it made me even more excited for the next book.

I know I've probably said this a million times, but I really do love the Weird Girls series. If you have any interest in kick-ass urban fantasies, then you need to read these!

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### **Under the Covers Book Blog says**

"A Cursed Embrace is non-stop action, nail biting, gut wrenching, heart-breakingly awesome! Ms. Robson had gone above and beyond my expectations and impressed me yet again with her the wits skill in keeping me at the edge of my seat." ~Under the Covers

Lake Tahoe, again is not a safe place to be in. There have been murders and missing persons. Of course Celia and her sisters are yet again in the midst of chaos. I have to tell you that this experience gets really personal. The Weird sisters really take a beating emotionally, physically and none of them will get out of this unscathed.

Celia is as strong as ever not only emotionally but magically. She and her inner tigress have evolved quite a bit in their strength. I have loved her from the beginning of this series and my love for her is even stronger after reading this book. I have not seen her make a wrong or stupid decision yet. I do consider her as one of the top kickass heroines I've read about. Unlike the hero, Aric, a local shifter who is also royalty (royal pain in my ass) and a protector of humanity doesn't believe it as much. Well, I'm not quite sure what it is, but Aric has this alpha male, very protective vibe going on. He is way over protective over Celia but at the end of each day, he's the one Celia ends up protecting. I'm sorry, but sometimes he can be so cute and sexy but he can be as blind as a bat. I wish he can just see Celia for what a kick ass chick she really is. Now, Misha, a sexy vamp also at the top of the food chain has the hots for Ceel. Here's a man who knows how to handle a heroine who is ultimately strong. He accepts Celia for every part of her being. Unfortunately, I'm not quite sure where this love triangle will take them but I assure you this particular book has heart break written all over it.

As you know that this series is of the Urban Fantasy genre and UFs are known for their cliff hangers. Well, A Cursed Embrace does not leave you so much with a cliff hanger but Celia will end a chapter of her life and begin a new one. It does end with you questioning the author though. Questions like: Ms. Robson, what have you done? Where are you going with this? Who will Celia end up with? And Who is Ms. Mancuso? Okay the last question is a bit silly but this old hag has to be someone important in disguise of an annoying old neighbor. She just cracks me up.

Along with Ms. Mancuso, the secondary characters make this series awesome. Celia's sisters are a riot. Their different characteristics, foul mouths and continued banters is just so addicting you'll want to keep reading

just to find out what comment comes out of their mouths next. They also have grown physically, emotionally and magically. But what amazes me is their continual support for each other. You will feel their triumphs and heart breaks. Yup, the heartbreaks are quite a doozy. Aric's crew, the shifters, of course is just as great and they were in this book quite a bit. I'm not complaining one bit but I do wish the Misha and his crew had the same page time. Ms. Robson ended this book as if we might get more of them (crossing fingers) in Cursed by Moon. A down side to reading an ARC is that you have to wait longer than everyone else. This book left me heartbroken that waiting for the next book is going to be a b\*tch, but I will pay my dues. Ms. Robson's work is worth the wait.

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