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Going home is the last thing that Lacey Vaughn wants to do. In fact, she's been avoiding it for the better part of past five years. Her self-imposed exile comes to an abrupt end when she receives a summons from the Lord of House Vaughn. After all, he's not just the Barron of the East Coast, he's her father. But when his intentions are revealed, Lacey is forced to reconsider her sworn obedience to both House Vaughn and her own family.

Mathias Hartford has the world on a string. At least, his little corner of it. He stays out of the way and in return, flies under the radar of the rest of his power-hungry family.

The last thing either of them are looking for is to fall in love. So, when a secret, backdoor peace treaty is presented, Lacey and Mathias are forced to choose between an arranged marriage or the war of their families. Will they put aside their difference for the good of their own? Or rebel and bring about irreparable consequences on their own houses?

***Once Upon a Hallow's Eve* is the first in a brand new series of paranormal romances from Danielle Garrett. A magical blend of suspense, romance, and supernatural delight!**

## **Once Upon a Hallow's Eve Details**

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# **From Reader Review Once Upon a Hallow's Eve for online ebook**

## **Art Lueder says**

Standard entertaining PNR fare. The only thing that bothers me about it is that there was nothing distinctly "vampire" about the story. Oh it had the usual trappings but you could have transposed any number of terms and food choices to switch the story to any other supernatural species. Otherwise it was a nice fluffy story that read very quickly.

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## **Jim strange says**

### **A great story**

A long time fan of the author, this book caught me by surprise. She really upped her game. This is a dark and compelling story with a twisted plot that kept me guessing. Just enough wry humor slipped in artfully to keep the tale from being oppressive. More please. I am looking forward to it!

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## **JOHN C says**

### **Trouble at Castle Vaughn**

Lacey is summoned back to her father, Lord Vaughn. She is then thrust into a power play by the forces of anti Lord Vaughn, vampires and humans. Its quite a battle, but is there any winner other than Lacey here because she finds a love match.

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## **Melanie says**

My review and an extended sample of the audiobook are posted at [Hotlistens.com](http://Hotlistens.com).

This book is the first book in a spinoff series from the Beechwood Harbor Magic Mystery Series. You can read this book without having read the original series. It follows Lacey, a vampire princess, who has been "hiding" from her family for several years. She's just been forced to come home and get married, as is tradition.

While, this series is listed as a paranormal romance, versus the paranormal cozy mystery of the original series, this series still has its share of mystery. Her best friend goes missing and the man the friend was with is found dead in Lacey's room.

Lacey wants to spend her time finding her friend, but her father has other plans. He has a competition for a group of bachelors to compete for the chance to marry Lacey. She is not impressed with them, well, except for Mathias. He is a bit different from all the others.

I really enjoyed this start to a new series. We really get to learn a lot more about vampire society (something that really isn't covered in the Beechwood Harbor series). We also get to see a new side to Lacey. She really isn't much of a likable character in Beechwood Harbor, but in her own book, you really start to learn about why she is the way she is. She's much more likable. I'm very interested in seeing what is next for this series.

#### Narration

Amanda Ronconi continues to do a great job with this world that Danielle Garrett has created. Ronconi is very well known for her ability to bring the humor out of story, which she continues to do here, even though this book has less humor than the original series. There is nothing I can say about Amanda Ronconi that I haven't already said. Let me just say, if you haven't tried her yet, you really should give her a try.

\*\*I like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest review.

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#### **Vivian says**

A great spinoff of a character from the author's Beechwood Harbor series...and one I have always wanted to know more about. Lacey is vampire royalty - she escaped from home five years ago and has been hiding out in Beechwood Harbor. Now she has been summoned back by her imperious father to take her rightful place in the powerful vampire House of Vaughn - and that means marrying and producing an heir, a "bornling". Very ingenious of the author to create a "death game" for a worthy suitor to win her hand. Wow, I totally disliked her father - but that's part of his contribution to the story. Anyway, only one suitor interests Lacey - Matthias - and this is their story. There's also an evil force at work trying to take down the House of Vaughn and they face a suspenseful struggle before their HEA.

I found the book interesting and entertaining - the author did a super job of giving Lacey a story that was deserving of her. The "struggle" itself is quite complex as well as many characters to keep track of, so kudos to the author for keeping it together in an understandable fashion for the reader.

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#### **Donna Turpin says**

##### **Fun summer reading**

It's Lacey's turn to find love. Set in New York, Lacey returns to her father's house and his control. Despite her sister's rebellion, all is set to right in the house of Vaughn.

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#### **Rhonda Jones says**

##### **Good Read**

This follows the Beechwood series, and I was so happy to read what became of the vampire princess. I enjoyed the book very much. This one lacked the humor of the other series, but that seemed in context with the jeopardy the vampire princess was in. The ending surprised me. I was not expecting that.

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## **Relina Skye says**

"Once Upon a Hallow's Eve" by Danielle Garrett is the first book in the "Haven Paranormal Romances".

This series is a spinoff from the Beechwood Harbor Magic Mystery Series. Lacy, the vampire beauty queen, from the first series, has been summoned home by her father. For the last five years, she's been in exile while living in hiding, but now her father's decided it's time for her to marry. Giving her absolutely no choice, he's decided that her future husband will be chosen in a tournament. He's chosen the contestants, the challenges, and possibly the winner. But when one of the challengers is murdered, and Lacy's friend is kidnapped things go from bad to worse.

Overall, I enjoyed reading this novel. It is fast paced, with an interesting plot and engaging characters. If you enjoyed Garrett's other series, you'll like this one too.

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## **Catherine says**

### **More Paranormal skullduggery**

I can't say this about every author I read but I have all of Ms. Garrett's paranormal books. They have been thoroughly enjoyed and reread.

When I learned about the new Paranormal Romance series with vampire Lacey Vaughn, my heart sank a bit. Romances are a staple in even paranormal mysteries. However, they can be written in a cloying, sugary way that detracts from the main story.

Ms. Garrett has avoided this trap and written a well paced exciting story. Particularly filling in some of Lacey's backstory. She had seemed the most remote character in the Beechwood Harbours stories. Maybe after developing Lacey's story a bit more, a can read a novel where the denizens of Beechwood Harbour, the Gist Whisperer and Lacey's people come together in a story. Till then, I'm delighted to follow all 3 series. Good job, you.

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## **Mysti says**

### **Fast paced, page turning read!**

This book took off from the start! No filler and the plot twists and turns were unexpected and thrilling! I can't wait for more in this series!

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## **Dharia Scarab says**

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like

the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It has earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

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### **Patrea Beard says**

#### **Worth the wait.**

I can't wait to read more so the book gets five stars. It stands alone from the Beechwood Harbor books as you don't have to have those characters known to enjoy this, they are mentioned briefly.

#### **SPOILER AHEAD**

Continuity error.... (Will be more annoying if not handled well if mentioned in future) Melanie was seen in handcuffs after jumping from mansion and it was mentioned that she was going to be brought to the NY haven by SPA agent. Later was thought of how she had escaped after jumping from mansion and was on the loose.

However still great read.

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### **Frances says**

Yay, Lacey's story! Finally! One thing I can say for sure is it most definitely does not disappoint. I think Lacey can definitely say her family takes dysfunction to a whole new level.

I think Danielle Garrett probably gave poor Lacey whiplash with all of the surprising twists and turns her life takes after being summoned home.

I can't say too much without feeling like I'll give something away, but if you like books with mysteries that will keep you guessing, supernaturals, and a kickass sassy heroine you'll enjoy this one.

You can definitely read this as a stand-alone but I definitely enjoyed all the more because I was already a huge Lacey fan from the Beechwood Harbor Magic Series.

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### **Sherrel says**

#### **Once Upon a Hallows Eve**

Those who have been reading the Beechwood Harbor series should enjoy the story of Lacy Vaughn: her family, her crummy childhood and her volatile relationships with all. Throw in a murder, a kidnapping and

tentative romance for a good read!

This can be read as a stand alone book although it's enjoyable to know the background for references to the past.

I found it to be an enjoyable read and look forward to the next episode

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## **Jen (That's What I'm Talking About) says**

After thoroughly enjoying Ms. Garrett's Beechwood Harbor Magic Mysteries, I was excited to discover the new spinoff Haven Paranormal Romance series. The author's storytelling style translates nicely into the paranormal romance genre; keeping a quite a lot of the exciting mystery aspect, but adding in a dash of sweet romance.

Once Upon a Hallow's Eve centers on vampiress Lacey Vaughn, one of the more prominent supporting characters from the Beechwood Harbor series. Lacey comes from a powerful vampire family, and her father has summoned her home after a five-year exile; it is time for Lacey to take her place in court, marry, and produce an heir. Lacey's father is a horrible, selfish man, who will not only choose Lacey's husband for her, but will do so via a medieval tournament of blood with eight eligible vampires competing for Lacey's hand. Due to circumstances, including the murder of one of the contestants, Lacey is paired with suitor Mathias for her own protection. After a rocky start, the pair find a lot of common ground (including power-hungry parents) and develop genuine feelings for one another.

Even though the story is a spinoff, one need not read the original series to enjoy Once Upon a Hallow's Eve; however, it may help with some of the world building and background. The author gives listeners a whole new set of rules as the locale moves from the human world and multi-species characters of Beechwood Harbor, to an exclusively vampire setting. Ms. Garrett builds this new setting quickly as we see things via Lacey's point-of-view. I was impressed with the amount of details worked into the dialogue or Lacey's observations. While there were several new characters to learn, I found the story interesting and exciting, which smoothed the learning curve. What I didn't expect, and was pleasantly surprised with, is the complexity of the murder mystery and the shocking twists.

Narration: The story is told in the first person, past tense narrative of Lacey. Since the narrator is also the main character, her voice is the predominant one we hear. It is well-suited, with a bit of sadness in Lacey, but energetic and excited as she unravels the mysteries surround her father's court. Ms. Ronconi appropriately alters the dialogue for other characters and does a good job differentiating masculine or feminine, older or younger. Sometimes the voices are a little too similar when there are three or more people speaking, especially two males, but not so bad that I get completely confused or lost.

In the end, I very much enjoyed the start of this new paranormal romance series. Ms. Garrett continues to share well-written stories while Ms. Ronconi provides delightful narration.

My Ratings:

Story: A-

Narration: A-

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