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Lisa M says

3 1/2*s Deidre Sterling is the president's daughter and an advocate for witches' rights. When she goes on a raid to free some witches who are to be executed, she is kidnapped by Finn, the leader of a witch freedom terrorist group. While in mortal danger, Deidre discovers that she herself is a witch, and that Finn is her destined mate and guardian, her Eternal.

Finn and Deidre have a mission to accomplish. They must mate, increasing her powers, so that she can find her piece of an ancient Artifact of power. But Finn and Deidre don't want to mate, which hampers their search and time is running out.

In the meantime, they continue their work to free witches but they face a number of betrayals and the added complications of Deidre being the president's daughter. A subplot involves a missing Eternal.

I liked *Visions of Chains*. It was fast-paced and I finished it quickly. I felt that the characters were a bit flat, though. I didn't find the book quite as compelling as *Visions of Magic* and *Visions of Skyfire*. That said, I do recommend both the book and the series.

Ellen says

Deidre made some stupid moves, including going to see her mother after being told to wait for Finn. One day wouldn't have killed her surely?

It was different from the previous books but I'm not sure I like the direction that Deidre and Finn took, so bloody proud I wanted to slap sense into them. Yeah yeah eternity with someone you don't love sucks, but bloody hell THE WORLD IS IN DANGER. It was selfish of both of them to think their relationship issues are more important than the freaking world.

So I really enjoyed it in the end and high emotions means I was invested. I don't know when the next book comes out as Hastings' website hasn't been updated since *Skyfire*. Hopefully the next book is Egan/Kellyn.

(view spoiler)

Tabby - Shattered Hearts Reviews says

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With this being the third book, I pretty much knew what to expect from this author. I am pleased to announce that, while I still hold the first two a little closer to my heart, this one was pretty awesome too!

Deidre is one strong heroine. I love me some Alpha females. Here she is on a rebellious streak against everyone who is out to "use" her. She has a strong will and one big heart. She is hell bent on saving witches from camps where they are to be killed for, get this, BEING WITCHES. You would think her mother, the President of the US, would be of some assistance right? No go on that Charlie Brown.

Finn just happens to be the missing piece to Deidre, in all senses of the meaning. He is her destined mate and is the only one who can help her unlock her true powers. After waiting & waiting for about 800 years, I am thinking he is well past ready. We watch as the two of them build on her powers. With the memories of her past lives, & the realization that there is one missing piece to this entire puzzle, time is running out. Deidre calls on everything within her to help them fight the evil that is after them.

My favorite part of this read? Watching the two of them find each other again. This smoking hot warrior has been patiently waiting for his mate. The relationship that these two build was a joy to read about! My heartstrings were most defiantly pulled :) Hastings sure knows how to write her men!

Diana Brown says

The book was good, but once again what I had assumed was a trilogy, is an unfinished series. This book was written in 2012, and I don't see any other titles. I know it's actually Maureen Child. If you aren't going to finish the series then close the plot lines.

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

In the third book of the Awakening series; VISIONS OF CHAINS delivers another intense and passionate story with a new couple; Deidre and Finn. I love the way the witch hunts and hysteria is translated to a modern setting with guns and GPS trackers. It's an interesting 'what if' scenario involving civil liberties being slowly stripped away and accused witches being shuffled off to internment camps.

The world building gets bigger and more in depth with each book and VISIONS OF CHAINS really starts to ramp up the intrigue with some shocking twists in the plot. Unlike the previous book, VISIONS OF CHAINS features a heroine who has no clue about her powers. Deidre learned fast and took things in stride including the fact that her mother is the president whose administration openly persecuted witches. I enjoyed how Finn deftly handled having to walk Deidre through this new identity as a witch and was actually worried that he wouldn't stay with her in the end considering his constant insistence that he was going to leave after their job was finished.

VISIONS OF CHAINS was a true page turner with great action, tension, and a passionate romance. There are no details about the next book in the Awakening series, but there has been a small yet growing subplot involving a missing Eternal and his witch throughout the series. These two have a lot to work through which is why I am hoping they will be the main characters in book four.

Maria Mercedes The Oracle Reviews says

Visions of Chains (The Awakening #3)

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You gotta love Finn! He is a true hard ass with a soft spot...Deidre. Both Finn and Deidre want to fulfill their mission to find her piece of the black silver, but neither wants to do anything with each other. Her mother a powerful world leader, someone she trusted and believed in, betrays her. Deidre learns hard lessons that lead her back to Finn, who proves to be a valuable protector and is able to finally realize his true feelings for her.

The story is well written, with a great plot. Hastings draws you into this world of passion and action, which grows with each story. The politics are typical of the hysteria of Salem, showing how the lack of knowledge, hate and even envy can birth fear and propel it into action. Everything this country has stood for since its conception is destroyed, our civil liberties stripped and internment camps established as the norm. I can't wait for her next novel. The witches are gathering in their ancestral home, soon there will be a dynamic conclusion where the fight for good vs. evil will take place. Each story brings us a step closer, filling in all the missing puzzle pieces. This is a unique series with a fantastic take on witches. The witches are born fighters the perfect balance for their Eternals. The love making throughout, is a sensual union of souls, utterly hot and beautiful. The ongoing subplot of the missing Eternal and his witch grows, elevating the level of intrigue for the story in the series. There aren't any details yet available on the next in the series, but each has turned out to be a page turner and thought proking, so I greatly look forward to it.

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Meaghan says

Visions of Chains is the third installment in The Awakening series and this book just reminds me of why I love Regan Hastings. She writes fast paced novels with intense romance that will have you glued to the pages from start to finish.

In this book we focus on Finn and Diedre. While the end goal for each couple is the same, find the artifact they hid, reunite all of them together and fix the mistakes they made eight hundred years ago, Regan has an amazing ability to make each journey unique. These witches are also in the middle of a war and there are causalities. I was sorry to see some of the characters go, but Regan keeps the book realistic and I appreciate that while reading them.

While some of the other Eternals could not wait to find their witches, Finn is not so sure he wants everything that comes with the Awakening. He also does not coddle Diedre at all. He is very matter of fact with her and it takes a while to warm up to him. I can sympathize with him because after all none of the witches trusted their Eternals and turned their backs on them, so it cannot be easy for Finn to trust her now. However, I did think he was a little harsh a couple of times, but in the end I was just as in love with him as Diedre was. While these books are about the witches atoning for their mistakes, the Eternals also struggle with an internal battle of trusting these women again. I am thankful that Regan allows us to see both the witches and the Eternal's journey.

The romance was just as intense as the ones from previous books, but it was hard to get behind this couple and root for them completely because they did not want to complete the bond. They are going to find the artifact wherever Diedre left it and then leave each other. They each had serious trust issues to work through and while previous couples struggled with people chasing them, these two really struggled more with just giving into what their hearts truly desired. It was a different kind of experience than we have seen previously, but I did end up loving watching them go through it.

I was also really excited about the secondary plot that was laced throughout which centered around Egon and Kellyn. We found out more about where Egon has been and why Kellyn is acting the way she is. I have no idea how the two of them are going to work through the issues they have but I am keeping fingers crossed that Regan will write their story soon.

Overall, this series is just fantastic. The world building is very well done. It is informative without being overwhelming and Regan paints a vivid picture of what this world looks like. The plot has interwoven non-stop action with a passionate romance and fantastic characters that you will easily fall in love with. You can read *Visions of Chains* as a stand-alone novel, but I highly recommend reading *Visions of Magic* and *Visions of Skyfire* to learn more about this world and the women who are fighting to save it!

Joshua Burns says

As seen on Rabidreads.ca:

Visions of Chains gives us a vision of an America turned in upon itself to exterminate the witches. The First Amendment is in danger of being overthrown so as to prevent the naysayers and yeasayers alike from forming opinions about the witch topic.

Over top of this political witch hunt, we have Deidre, the President's daughter, discovering that she may just be one of the Chosen Ones (I have invented this title; just know she has incredible power). The Chosen Ones each have their consort, an Eternal, who has braved the test of time to hook up with the reincarnation of the Chosen One. So while Deidre has been cycling through bodies in Jerusalem, London, Montreal, and Baghdad, her Eternal, Finn has been waiting to Awaken her memories through interpersonal means.

While it may make some uncomfortable for me to lay into the third book without having endured the visions of the first or second, I think it is safe to say, using this one has a model, that any notion of tension and/or climax has completely escaped this world, except for the one that granted Finn and Deidre must act out to Awaken their powers.

Why, if Deidre does Awaken her powers (is that a spoiler?), does she continue to adore her mother? This question bothered me frequently. I kept waiting for the tide of memories to overpower Deidre and for her to forget how important her current incarnation is in the grand scheme of things, for if she did and should have, I feel the major conflict, that between trusting Finn or her mother, would absolutely collapse. Instead we are led to believe, quite contradictorily to all the Awakening propaganda we have heard, that Deidre would still believe this presidential mother could be trusted, even after several meetings tell her not to.

The setting, mostly a network of tunnels underneath Washington D.C., is admittedly pretty cool. But why, if Deidre is just so darned powerful, does she cavort around with the Witch Liberation Front, once again in total contradiction to the memory overlay we are led to believe she would be granted? I must have missed somewhere that the Awakening, a deep pool of hundreds of years of power and memory, would have no effect on those who were Awakened at all.

The primary conflict then that appears to exist at the level of the composition is between present day and eternity. How much should we care about this disaffected United States when we must also care about these reincarnating lovers? Of course, I am blowing my complaints out of proportion when the level of this disunity is hardly explored beyond the surface. I am withdrawing from this book because it is underdeveloped. Enough said.

PepperP0t says

Deidre Sterling first daughter, supporter for witch's rights and spokesperson for the elimination of the internment camps and her Eternal, Finn, have been in supporting

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Rating: 3.5 stars actually

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Robin Priddy says

Deidre Sterling tries to save the witches from the internment camps and the executions. She tries to help by staging peaceful protest for witches' rights. She has even gone to her mother for help. She believes that her mother can do more to help the women who are accused of being witches because she is the President of the United States. Her mother wants Deidre to stay out of the limelight and not let the public know she is fighting for rights for the witches. Deidre does whatever she can but she is getting tired of being used. First by her mother using her for a prop and by men wanting to gain favor with her mother. But Deidre knows

something or someone has to put a stop to what is going on or no woman be she a witch or not will never be safe.

Finn is Deidre's destined mate and he has waited for 800 years for her powers to awaken. With each of Deidre's past lives, Finn has been in the background waiting and watching over her. When they were together the first time Finn's greatest fear was that Deidre did not need him as much as he needed her. The waiting is over because it is time for Deidre's powers to awaken at last. As the two try to rebuild their relationship and unlock Deidre's memories of her past lives, they have to stay one step of the danger stalking them. They only have so much time for her to remember where she hid the artifact and retrieve it.

This is the third installment of Ms Hastings Awakening series. Too lost souls finding each other and rediscovering their love. These smoking hot warriors waiting through the centuries for their true loves to remember them. There is plenty of action going on also. This is a wonderful series and I recommend this series to all my friends. Ms Hastings Awakening series is a must buy for me.

Maryanne says

nice twist at the end

Lisa Annesley says

One of the Most Powerful Witches in the World...

Eight hundred years ago, the original great coven of seven witches attempted to gain power with a Black Silver Artifact. Instead, they opened a gateway to Hell. In atonement, the witches each hid a part of the Artifact and their power was bound. Now the time of the Awakening is upon the reincarnated witches, and it's within their power to withstand the dark call of the Artifact. Each witch has an immortal Eternal, their destined mate, who will serve as her protector and complete her powers. Together the witches and their Eternals must find the hidden pieces of the Artifact and reassemble them to undo what they did centuries ago.

Witches the world over came out of the closet ten years ago. Since then they have been hunted, tortured, and burned. There are groups fighting for witches' rights, however. Deidre Sterling, the daughter of the president of the United States, belongs to such a group. When she escapes the Secret Service to go on a raid to free witches, she finds herself kidnapped by a pro-witch terrorist group. While under fire during a raid, she discovers that she has powers and that she herself is a witch. She is one of the reincarnated witches of the original coven, and she is being held by Finn, her Eternal. Although desire flames between them, neither of them wants to complete the Mating that will bring them fully into their powers. Yet the fate of the world depends on their finding her piece of the Artifact, and time is running out. Along the way, they face a betrayal that threatens everything they believe to be true.

Finn is a good example of an alpha hero who is damaged and hurting inside from a past with Deidre that she can't even remember. He doesn't want to be hurt again, which makes him sympathetically vulnerable. He's in

no way weak, however. He's big, strong, sexy, capable, commanding, honorable, protective--what more could you ask for?

Deidre might look like a Barbie doll, but she's a fighter. Fighting for witches' rights leads her to be kidnapped. Fighting back in a firefight leads to the awakening of her powers. Fighting with Finn leads to both problems and solutions. All her fighting is motivated by compassion, however. She's never simply--excuse the language--bitchy.

The plot is faced-paced and many-faceted. There are story lines involving the developing romance between Finn and Deidre, the significance of Deidre's disappearance to the president, the rescue of witches, and a number of betrayals. There is a subplot involving a missing Eternal that sounds like the set-up to a future book.

Visions of Chains can be read as a standalone book, but you'll enjoy it more if you read the two previous books in the series, *Visions of Magic* and *Visions of Skyfire*.

By the way, Regan Hastings is the pen name of the prolific author Maureen Child.

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Samantha says

Deidre Sterling is the daughter of the President of the United States and she knows better than anyone that she has an image to uphold. Holding it up is another story because Deidre's main cause is to fight against the torment of the witches. When Deidre's friend, Shauna, recruit her into a new mission to fight with witches, she discovers that she is a part of the most powerful coven of witches ever.

Finn has been waiting over eight centuries for Deidre's power to awaken and for them to begin their journey together to find the missing artifact that she has hidden. His wait is finally over but Deidre is fighting him every step of the way. He struggles with how to get his witch to accept their destiny and believe in the magic that binds them together forever.

This book is fantastic. The first two books are great reads as well but this one step the stage for more drama and action in the future books. There are tons of twists thrown in the mix. Finn discovers early on that there is a traitor in his group and a larger power that wants to take them down. The stakes are high and the level of the game has risen.

Deidre is a strong female lead and she definitely holds her own. Even as she learns who she really is, she accepts it but doesn't lead every decision by it. Her humanity remains in tack for the bulk of the book which causes her to make some stupid decisions. Even so, she is a likeable character.

Finn struggles with the mating process because Deidre has never needed him in the past and the one time she did, he had failed her. Vowing to never make that mistake again, he holds his heart close to his chest. However, the heart has a way of overruling any logical sense and Finn and Deidre have a passionate romance.

The action is leaping off the pages. There is a subplot that involves past characters. I'm excited to see how they finally come together. Hastings delivers another tense and passion filled book in her Awakening series. I can't wait to read the next book!

Diana Gould says

This is the third book in the series and I really enjoyed it. I love the "world" that Regan built with the witches living in modern times and being persecuted. I suggest starting with the first book, but you don't have to.

Jessica says

this book was highly disappointing and I'm glad it wasn't the first book id read in the series or I wouldn't have continied. the characters in this one were essentially the same as the last meither trusting the other and planning to go their seperate ways when it was all over-if this soinds familiar its because thats exactly how the characters in the last book felt which was disappointing because I wanted something new like the difference between the first and second books. the characters were a little flat and lacked the romantic depth of the other couples. the sex scenes were ok but without emotion between the two that fell a little flat too. the plot was solid with some amazing plot twists but overall the book just fizzled for me sadly. there doesn't seem to be any press on number four so I hope we get it so I don't have to end the series on this note
