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## Aradia Awakens Details

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## From Reader Review Aradia Awakens for online ebook

### Georgiann Hennelly says

I was given a copy in exchange for an honest review. Aradia Awakens is an adult read. In order to claim her destiny Aryiah must die. A fast paced book with a fantastic mix of Goddess's, Vampires, Shifter's, Fae and Amazonian's. The paranormal world is very well described. Aryiah is the Daughter of Diana, Goddess of Ovialell she was reborn as a human. Aradia wakes from a dream and only remembers one word Wicca. She goes to the library with her best friend Devin in order to do some research on this religion. Her life is turned up side down as she encounters ghostly sights and meets Damarius her lover and spirit guide. He is being chased by a Vampire assassin. She is the lost Daughter Aradia she has to embrace her fate and die in the process to complete the Coven. Tish Thawer writes an interesting story. There is a lot of intrigue along with Hot Steamy Sex Scenes. I highly recommend for adults only.

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### Lori says

Witch Wanted, need not apply, you're true mate will find you...

I have to admit I do not read much paranormal romance so I am surprised how much I like this book. The story begins with Aryiah educating herself on Wicca at the library due to strange feelings and dreams she's had for quite awhile. She is about to become someone of great power, a witch with a coven and charged with protecting the citizens of Ovialell--a new amazing world of witches, shape-shifters, wolves and vampires. She will also find herself face to face with her future mate, who in turn has been sent to teach her about being a witch and the many chances about to happen to her. The dark side of all this is her one friend in the human world, suddenly will become her enemy.

This story has lot's of beautiful details, you will have no problem getting a feel and mental visual of Ovialell. This story has many levels to it, just the lure of the vampires and where they fall into place was amazing.

There is some amazing erotic scenes between not only Aryiah and her mate, but also some secondary characters in the story \*I do not want to give away any spoilers\* but the scenes between Devin and Gage are HOT! I wanted to hate Devin, Aryiah's friend but I have to admit the girl is ballsy and a go getter.

I'm looking forward to reading the next book...a great first book in a series for sure

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### Author & Reader Con . says

A wonderful brew of Goddess's, and shifters, vampires, and Amazonians, even the Fae. I am so glad I got the chance to read Tish Thawer.

The paranormal world was very well described to the point that I could draw a map of Ovialell. I can't pronounce it but I can visualize it LOL. Tish had me completely engaged in this novel to the point that I could not put it down.

I adore the main characters of Aryiah and Damarius. The way he treats her and loves her is what every woman wants in the perfect partner. The secondary characters of Devin and Gage were bad to the bone and

yet I didn't hate them as much as I wanted to.

Poor Aryiah goes through a lot in this book, and once her memories are released everything begins to be explained. I totally understood Damarius's reaction to this and felt so bad for him and his worry and confusion. Aryiah is a kick ass heroine and Damarius is a perfect alpha male lead. He is smoking hot and sexy as all get out, add being a wolf to that and just WOW.

When Aryiah goes to the lower world and meets her guide the process and what she saw and experienced was perfectly done. It was intriguing to watch (I say watch because even though I was reading I felt like I was there watching) Aryiah learn magic and blast the bad guy into an energy sucking bubble LOL.

5 Stars for Tish Thawer!!!

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### **Theresea Wasson says**

The Daughter of Diana, Goddess of Ovialell, reborn as a human. Aryiah wakes up from a dream remembering nothing but the word Wicca. She goes to the library with her best friend Devin in order to search for clues and to reeducate herself with this religion. From here her life is turned upside down as she encounters ghostly sights, meets up with her spirit guide and lover Damarius, and is chased by a vampire assassin. She is the lost daughter Aradia, and she must embrace her fate to complete the coven, and die in the process.

Tish Thawer builds an interesting world in Ovialell, a land separated into 3 levels, the upper level where Diana and her court reside, along with the Amazons, the middle level where the Seelie and Unseelie courts are, and the lower level where the vampires and demons reside. There is a lot of intrigue as well as a lot of STEAMY scenes in this book. Definitely for older readers.

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### **Ashley Martinez (ilovebooksandstuffblog) says**

A paranormal book about goddesses, vampires, werewolves and more. The premise was promising and I enjoyed the story overall but for me it lacked the depth and emotion that I was looking for.

It was pretty predictable and I just couldn't connect with any of the characters or their relationship.

Overall it was okay but lack depth and connection for me.

I voluntarily reviewed an arc from the author.

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### **Caitlin Zabek says**

Aradia Awakens (Ovialell #1) By: Tish Thawer

Review by: Caitlin Zabek

Five Shining Stars!

Aryiah has always known she was different, she just never believed how different. After her father's passing when she was a teenager she tried to dabble in magic so that she could reach him in the beyond...years later after she is divorced from McCrazy Pants himself, she and her great friend Devin are happy with their lives.

Devin is the crazy slutty best friend who is always trying to get Aryiah out and about, however she is more incensed to stay home and relax and not be frolicking out on the town.

When things start to become a little to hot to handle and Aryiah starts noticing more odd things that usual, like a book glowing green on her coffee table; Aryiah gets the surprise of a lifetime. Damarius, with the greenest eyes and amazing body stands in her living room ready to awaken her true spirit and take her on a lifelong journey that will alter everything that Aryiah thought she knew in this lifetime.

Once Aryiah starts to come to grips with these new avenues her life is heading down things start to get a little more complicated...psychotic vampires with gifted magical power, best friends who are really enemies, and a true mate, oh and don't forget becoming the Queen of witches, her true birthright.

This book was so funny at times and at other times this book kept me on the edge of my seat waiting to jump at the action just around the corner. I kept having surprise after surprise thrown at me and I loved it. Some parts were more along the predictable lines but those portions were okay because you knew to have some form of the happy ending certain things needed to happen. Overall I will definitely be recommending this book in the future and it for sure has my stamp of approval!

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### **V. Mariketa Nix says**

Ok Tish Thawer I must thank you for this captivating fantasy world you created in Aradia Awakens! Some hot scenes between the main characters kept me turning the pages for more as well as colorful dialogue had me laughing out loud! Looking forward to more!!

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### **Sarah Lazowski says**

From start to finish I was sucked into the story and could not put it down. Even at work I would sneak a peak on my phone just to know what happened next. I loved it and I can't wait for the next one to come out!!

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### **Danielle Forrest says**

Aradia Awakens is fast-paced, engaging, refreshing, and a must read. The characters are done well. They feel real, and I love how her bad guys are as much multi-dimensional characters as everyone else. In fact, one of my favorite characters in the book was a bad guy.

I like how the book starts... with her fantasizing about dessert. It's so comical, considering her surroundings. It makes me immediately become enamored with the main character, allowing the reader to quickly become engaged, invested in the outcome.

I also like how the book is organized. I am a strong advocate for short chapters. They make a book seem faster. And this book already moves quickly, even without the short chapters. There seemed to be a pull dragging me through the story, moving me forward toward some inevitable end. It moved along like a freight train. So quickly, in fact, that I checked to see if it was a novella and I didn't realize, but the paper copy is 376 pages, which is no novella.

I kind of love Devin, but I've always been attracted to sassy, sarcastic, smart-alec characters. I mean, why else would I watch House? It certainly isn't for the medical accuracy...

The book had just the right amount of cursing. Not so much that it felt like overkill but not completely devoid, which would seem silly. Especially with one of the characters being a bartender. The language is smooth, flows well. It feels natural, unforced.

The book had me frequently laughing. It's very action-packed, filled with mystery and awe, but it didn't let that be all there was. And while the book seemed fairly predictable, I didn't mind because that was the only outcome I wanted. I might have been upset if things had gone down differently.

Oh God, I loved the ending of this book! Just bloody brilliant! I've found, one of the biggest challenges for new authors writing series is making it feel like the book has ended while simultaneously leaving room for a continuing story arc. Here, the author does that perfectly. I finished the book, and immediately wanted to pick up the next one.

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### **Laura Hernandez (TheVoluptuousBkDiva/YABkDivas) says**

This fantastic read was difficult to put down and though I certainly enjoyed the storyline, I fell in love with the vivid worldbuilding that this author weaved and that beautiful characters that quickly pull you into the story. This paranormal read will hook you from the beginning and keep you dangled in its web until the end.  
-YA/NA Book Divas

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{I requested a copy for reviewing purposes and made no guarantee of a favorable review. The opinions expressed herein are unbiased and my own.}

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## **Proserpine says**

Finally, I managed to have some time to write my review of Aradia Awakens by Tish Thawer! I was patiently waiting for the third and final book of the Rose Trilogy, when I realized that Tish will release a NEW series! What the F&%\$! I want to know what is happening with Rose and Christian!!!! Anyway, I graciously received an offered to read and review this new series and at first I was so blinded by the fact that I will have to wait until 2013 to read Death of a Black Rose that my goal wasn't to start the Prophecy's Child and Aradia Awakens right away. When I came out of my stupor and tried Prophecy's Child, I knew I've made a mistake for waiting so long....

Well this rating isn't a surprise for me, since the first day I laid my eyes on something written by this author, I don't think I gave less than 4/5 to the talented Tish Thawer! Plus, with the prequel to this new series of hers, I knew I wouldn't be a fool by adding this Oviaell series to my: I-Want-To-Read-ASAP list!

Once more, I was overwhelmed by the creativity and imagination that come from this author; I was happily thrown into this new creation: a world that mixed supernatural creatures of many kinds, powerful enemies, a romantic and intense relation between a wonderful witch and sexy alpha werewolf male and many other things.

But Tish Thawer didn't subdue her love for vampires! She added them to the lot of supernatural beings! Even if they are mainly treats to be new heroine, I had to say that I also fell in love (in some way) with the bad love/hate relation between Gage and Devin, but this is another kind of story! Highly entertaining BTW! I was blown away by the fact that Tish Thawer was able to write blissful and romantic scenes (like in The Rose Trilogy) but also a kinky and colorful interaction between two sexually greedy characters! (OMG these scenes are inked in my mind for ever!)

The story itself worth the whole reading. I was amaze by the sentence fluidity and how fast I read this one. I wanted more: after each sequence that included Aryiah and Damarius, I was ecstatic! Tish knows how to get a grip on me with all those delicious scenes! (Some might include prison bars or sexual toy O.O)

Overall, this story was full of action, the characters were intense and charming, the "bad guys" were sexy as hell and the perfect threat to Aryiah and Damarius and the plot will held you until the very end! The sequel will be added to my I-WANT-TO-READ-ASAP too!

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## **Heather Book Savvy Babe says**

3.5 of 5 Stars

It took me awhile to get into the world and the characters in Aradia Awakens. However, once I began to understand the characters and the world, I became intrigued with the setting and story line and find myself looking forward to the next installment in the Oviaell series.

The story of Aradia Awakens begins with a woman, Aryiah who begins have some odd experiences. One of these odd experiences is a hot man appearing in her living room and telling her that she is a witch and it was time to take her rightful place. To complicate matters, Aryiah has a memory block keeping her from fully understanding her situation, her attraction to Damarius keeps heating up, and a vampire is seeking out new witches to kill them. Aryiah must learn and accept her destiny and help protect a people from the dark forces rising.

I really, really like the world of Ovialell. The world is unique, complex, and full of all sorts of paranormal species. There are werewolves, vampires, amazons, Goddesses, there are so many interesting elements to the world. However, it took me awhile to understand the world and Aryiah's situation. I was confused and felt a little lost at times. I felt that some of the transitions and world-building could have been smoother.

I like Aryiah's character, she was often very confused by all the changes in her life, but she managed those changes well. Her relationship with Damarius is hot, and I felt the chemistry between them. The more Aryiah learned about the other world of Ovialell, the more intriguing the story became for me. The magic and setting are unique. Now that the foundations for the world have been laid, I am looking forward to the next installment in the series. I am looking forward to seeing how Aryiah grows in her new role as a witch and her place in her new world.

\*I received this book in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Jonel Boyko says**

I was very caught up in the uniqueness of this novel and the accurate mythological background that was found worked into this very unique tale. By the end of this novel I felt like I would have walked into the world that the author created and found my way around with little to no trouble. The dialogue in this novel fit well with the story and was never forced or drawn out. The characters spoke like real people. They also lived the lives of real individuals, highlighted with Thawer's unique method of storytelling and her vivid and detailed descriptions.

The main characters were very unique and I found myself wanting to point them in the correct direction. I did enjoy the secondary characters, but a bit more background information on some of them would have made it easier to relate to them. Overall, the entire cast was so well developed that I knew each quite well. Some more intimately than others, but that's the way relationships go in reality as well. I was able to connect with every character in the novel in some way or another. It was a unique experience.

This novel was an amazing read for anyone who enjoys romance, mythology, the paranormal, or just a plain unique read. My final thoughts? I cannot wait to read more from this series and would love to dip into other works by this author.

Please note that I received this novel free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Maria says**

Oh Man!! This was a great story! At first I was a little annoyed that the chapters were so short, it seemed like every time there was a scene or perspective change there was a new chapter. I quickly got over that and didn't even realize the changing of chapters because I got so involved in the story.

You have a girl, Aryiah, that has an intense dream that all she can remember from is the word Wicca so she takes her BFF to the library to do research on the subject. Years past she had done some similar research because she had always felt different, a little bit alone and had strange occurrences happen around her.

In Aradia Awakens, you are taken on Aryiah's journey where she discovers what she really is, meets her mate, awaken and learn to control her powers, escape assassins, deals with the loss of her friends and her life as she knew it, recalls lost memories and accepts what her future is destined to be.

Aradia Awakens is a great book #1 to the Ovialell series. It introduces the history, layout of Ovialell, description on the different races/creatures and a hint of what is to come in a way that isn't flat and boring. You learn everything along with Aryiah since everything is new to her until her memories are revealed and even after she gets them back you learn more through normal conversations and Q&A. The conversations, internal thoughts and transition between POV is very natural and smooth. The story wasn't very predictable and at the end of the epilogue I was like "Oh crap, No WAY!" I can not wait until the next book comes out!!!

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### **Crissy says**

Aradia Awakens is a good paranormal read. If you like reading books with vampires, wolves, demons, fae and goddesses then this would be a good book for you. The story kept me interested from beginning to end and I have to say when it comes to relationships in this book everything is fast paced. I know in books when mates find each other the bond is instant but I just wished in this book we got to see the characters together a little longer before the panties and jeans came were flying off. However it was a good read and I finished it within a few hours. Ariyah has a feeling she is meant to do something more and her best friend Devin supports her to an extent. Gage comes into Devins life but he has his own agenda to tend to which includes killing Devin's best friend. Damarius enters Ariyah's life and soon learns his place when it comes to her. Damarius serves the goddess of Dalestri but she's keeping a few secrets from him. A war is coming and everyone has to choose a side and accept their destiny. Betrayal between friends is in full swing, who will step up to protect what is theirs? I enjoyed Aradia Awakens and I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

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