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Syd has only ever wanted to be normal. And now that the rift between her and her demon is growing wider, that future is finally a real possibility. But Syd is having second thoughts, especially when a vampire kidnaps her little sister, Meira. And her normal life at school is falling apart around her, thanks to the new kid, Benjamin, who seems to be an expert at turning her new friends against her. Syd finally understands the value of what she has, but may be too late. The demon inside her has her own agenda and will no longer be ignored.

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Nereid says

Life is never easy for Syd as someone is always trying to kill her or her family. It's hard being a regular teenager when you have a witch for a mother and a demon for a father. Toss into the mix some psycho leader from the Chosen who wants all their power for his own and things are about to get interesting. Syd finally has a group of friends at school but that is threatened by the arrival of a newcomer set on alienating her from the group. Vengeful vampires add more conflict to the situation and Syd is struggling with her inner demon who wants to be free. Brad and Quaid complicate matters of the heart and whilst she is drawn to one, another is drawn to her power. Life would be much simpler if she was just normal or would it? Syd may be about to find out and the answers may not be what she expected. More questions still linger and I am looking forward to finding out why Syd is different and has trouble using her magic.

Lynn Clark says

Another page turner that I thoroughly enjoyed. So many shocks with this ending and I'm just..I think I might actually be in shock. 'The Wild' here I come!

Krystal Marlein says

I'm sunk! Holy SWEARWORD Mrs. Larsen!!! How can you leave it that way!!!! Good thing that the first, I think 16, books are already out or I would be hunting you down and stalking you for more!!!! This series has me hardcore addicted. I'm feigning like a meth addict. Usually when I invest in a series anything after book 1 doesn't usually get better but worse. Almost forced so it comes across dragging and lacking. But not this series!!! I'm craving book 4 and I know that it's going to be better than 3 because each book so far has surpassed the greatness of the one before!!!!

Ingrid Foster says

If you haven't read any of Patti Larsen's Hayle Coven series, you are seriously missing out. Her main character, Syd, is an amazing, quirky teen full of herself and her own teen angst yet still determined to find and fulfill her role within the magical family unit. Unfortunately for her, and fortunately for the reader, this pursuit usually results in Syd's on-the-edge-of-your-seat misadventures.

But readers beware, like the first two books in this series, once you start reading it is almost impossible to put this book down.

T.G. says

Another flawless delivery from Patti Larsen. Demon Child opens with Syd's personal war with her demon half. In this 3rd instalment in the Hale Coven Series, be prepared for a non-stop ride on the adventure that is Syd. From near death experiences to abducted family members and strange and creepy kids in school Syd doesn't have a moments peace. And when she's not battling her demon or the powers of evil she's getting hot 'n heavy with super sizzling Quaid (drool)

A must read! I'm getting right on to reading The Wild. Like. Now!

Julie says

I really like this series from Patti Larsen. Syd is half witch/half demon. Her mom is the leader of the family/coven. Her dad lives on the Demon Plane but can come to the basement in the house for short periods. Syd has a younger sister and Grandma lives in the house too. This story has magic, young love, teen-age angst, bad guys galore. It's just fun to read. I only wish Syd was a little less whiny but I have to remind myself that she is 17 and an outsider socially. That's hard and enough reason to whine, I guess. I cheer every time she makes adult choices though. She's someone I would love to have as a friend.

Angie Bartley says

Bewitching and brilliant

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This 3rd book in the Hayle Coven Series explores the division Syd feels with her demon. Add in some new and old characters, with lots of action throughout, and you have another great read. Can't wait to find out what happens next.

Jennifer says

I am seriously not even going to ask if this series can get any better! I enjoy each book in the series even more than the last. Patti Larsen definitely has a great thing going with this Hayle Coven set.

I don't want to give any of the goodness away so I apologize right now for a cryptic review!

Demon Child jumps right into the action with Syd and her friends out on a camping trip, which of course goes horribly wrong, for Syd at least. When is anything ever easy for her? Demon Child also brings back the dreadful Chosen of Light, along with a few new characters. Syd's demon starts finding her own voice and wanting some control, leaving Syd waking up in odd places and at war with herself. A huge betrayal takes place in Demon Child, which completely caught me off guard. Syd and Quaid, Quaid and Syd...I loved how they finally seem to come together, but was cussing him at the end. Can't this guy just stop being a jerk???

pulling my hair out

Syd finds herself alone, once again, when her friends turn their backs on her in favor of another. The new guy rubs Syd the wrong way and she knows there is something off about him but no one seems to want to believe her. When it comes time for the showdown, Syd finally gets her dream come true, or so she thought. This book found me breathless at times, heart pounding. Larsen was able to do what few authors can do... bring tears to my eyes. Actually, they were rolling down my cheeks. I felt so heart wrenching sad for Syd. If you haven't started reading this series you need to NOW! Another wonderfully written chapter in the Hayle

Coven story!

Alexia Purdy says

This is one series that constantly keeps me up late and sucks me into the story easily. It's highly addictive! Ms. Larsen pulls all the tricks out for this one. Absolutely thrilling! I think this one is the best so far that I've read in the Hayle Coven series! It's full of action, drama, suspense and some blood warming love.

Syd is back, still trying to fit in at her 'normal' life in high school while juggling being a witch. But after an attempted kidnapping that ends in a black out, she's not sure she's got it all together as she thought. Especially when she's part demon and her demon is now talking to her!

I love the inclusion of the Vampires in this one. Though it's heart breaking to witness a traitor close to the family. The story is woven to keep us suspended with mystery and turns we never see coming. I adore Syd's mother Miriam. She's always taking a beating for her Coven and the danger around them amplifies when a mysterious stranger who seems all too familiar steals something precious to Miriam. This brings her husband Harry from the Demonicon world and puts him in precarious situation.

I loved the interactions between the characters. The ties of love, honor and loyalties are stretched as the story climaxes, putting Syd, as always in the thick of things. The ending was a true surprise to me. Heck, it was a shocker! I can't wait for the next book to see how things pan out and if Syd will ever be one with her magic and Demon.

Jessica VanHoose says

I am in love with this series. I finished Demon Child and immediately went and purchased The Wild and The Long Lost. Patti Larsen has proven herself time and time again how absolutely brilliant she is. The Hayle Coven Novels are some of the best books I've ever read and Larsen will forever be at the top of my best writers list.

Debi Domby says

I saw Ms. Larsen's first book Family Magic on BookBub.com and thought it sounded interesting, a which demon gal, different. That hooked me to buy the first story in the 20 book series. The writing and characters kept me hooked through the remaining 19 books. I rarely will buy Ebooks when they're \$5.99 ... after Family Magic I didn't blink, just bought the next one and downloaded. I just had to see what was going to happen next. I really got invested in the story line, wanting to know what twists and turns would happen next. I don't know how many times I burst out laughing or cried my eyes out as the story unfolded (make sure you have a box of tissues for the last couple books you'll need them), or how often I didn't want to put the book down (but had to because my lunch hour was over) The characters were believable ... some you fell in love with, others you loved to hate. Anything I write about the story will give away what happens, but so you have to read them and see what happened. You won't be sorry you picked them up. I just wish there was more after

book story, but there are more in the Hayle Coven universe. I read the books one after another, so this is the same review for all of them.

I'm 50 and enjoy young adult books because the lack of sex scenes in them. You get to know the characters more in them. Although Syd does have sex in some of them, there is no description of it, just mentioned that she did have it and maybe waking up with her boyfriend. My niece is 14 and I'd give them to her to read.

Kim says

Syd's story continues with even more complications in book 3 of The Hayle Coven series. Syd is now caught up in an internal battle against herself that is echoed in a battle against a new kid at school who threatens everything that Syd has been fighting for. But there are greater battles to be faced when her baby sister is kidnapped by a vampire. Syd is slowly realizing that her battle for normalcy may cost her more than she is willing to pay. Syd's strong sense of family loyalty comes rushing to the foreground of this story as she realizes that she needs who she is to overcome all that threatens the safety of herself, her friends and her family. But does this realization come too late? Has the fight for independence finally cost her too much?

This third chapter in The Hayle Coven series is brilliantly plotted with intrigue and conflict. Everything is thrown at Syd and the people she loves. Her own internal conflict becomes central to fighting for the survival of those she loves. There are insidious forces of evil and power that threaten Syd's world. For the first time Syd realizes that everything she has been fighting against, her own powers, her family, her differences may be the only way she can save those she loves. But is it too late a realization?

This third chapter pulls you through the story as Syd's voice becomes even stronger with each conflict she faces. This story will not let you go until you read to the last sentence of the last page. Patti Larsen's conflicted characters are intriguing snapshots of humanity at its best and worst. The story brings you to a climax that has your heart racing wondering which way the story is going to go. Is normality all its cracked up to be? Read this third installment to find out.

Annemarie says

This series is so much fun. While it always takes me a while to get into it again, once I'm into the story, I just can't wait to continue reading it. I love the characters, the romance, the action, and most of all the different kinds of magic.

Andrea says

Better and better

Continuing to read this series. Love the fact that you never know what is going to happen to Syd and her fellow witches next or even to her friends. And what's up with Gram? Pay attention Syd!! I know that this is a book that teens will love and some of us "older" people will find entertaining as well.

Diana Blick says

Our character is growing up and most of the things in a YA fiction book that might irritate an adult reader are disappearing. Much less teen angst in this one and the story line is subsequently much better. I'll certainly read number four.
