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Rose Glammoon says

First of all before anything, I just want to say that I've been searching for books with something other than the usual Vampire-Werewolf-Hunter-Faerie kinds of Supernatural or Paranormal & this is it!

The Banshee's Embrace was by far a very intriguing book, quite different from the normal read. The spin on the whole Wizardry world was nice & it had a depth that's really left out now a days, given that the entire events of the book take place within several days, it was very limited on time but not on the read, it didn't contain the usual things like too much mystery or excitement, it was a breezy kind of read.

I'm looking forward to reading the second installment, I quite enjoyed Jacqueline's heritage & Toby's past, it's a book to read when you're looking for the right kind of different & this is definitely it!

Banshee {as in the title}, Wizards, Hags, Magic, Spells, & just the bit of drinking in a pub called Merlyn's Bar are all in this book, The Banshee's Embrace, an enjoyable breezy read with just the right kind of pastime.

Samantha Johns says

Wow, this book really caught me by surprise. I didn't expect it to be so good that I couldn't put it down. I find Victoria Richards' writing style comfortable and she really keeps the action going. The characters are quite believable. The mystery surrounding Jacqueline, the mysterious half-banshee who doesn't yet fully realize her powers. Her love interest with the handsome wizard-bartender was played out really well, and the ending hit a huge crescendo that left me wanting more.

Overall, really enjoyed this story and hope to read more of Ms. Richards books in the future.

Antionette says

I read this book in 24 hours. I could not put it down. Jaqueline is a young woman who's been widowed by a cop husband in front of her as he was saving her life..... And regularly has horrible dreams about that night. She tries to forget the stuff she doesn't understand until she can't avoid it anymore. Toby is this hot scruffy bartender she sees all the time at the local bar. Totally has the hots for him. One night they have no choice to have some serious conversations about who she really is.... Wizards...banshees, shape shifters... Hags... This book was awesome from the first three pages on. Must must must read. Not giving anything else up. But I can not wait for the next book.

I received a complimentary copy of this book for my honest review.

Deborah says

The Banshee's Embrace is a short novel – don't be fooled by the page count shown on Amazon, it seems

shorter than the 200-odd pages suggested.

Or is that just because it's a rattling good read?

I find it odd reading some of the lesser starred reviews of this book, some of which criticise the lack of character depth and world building, because I found myself totally sucked in. Perhaps the main character, Jacqueline, is a bit 'whiny', as one suggests, but I felt she had every reason to be – first, her husband is killed when he throws himself in between her and a man with strange powers, then in the aftermath she develops this strangely magnetic draw towards death, and finds herself unaccountably compelled to sing as she watches in horror as souls leave their bodies.

Not long after, her best friend and drinking buddy Angela starts acting strangely and to cap it all, Angela's boyfriend then tries to kidnap her.

I think I'd be feeling a bit unstable by this point too!

I must say, I did wonder why the book wasn't a bit longer, as it could easily have supported more plot development and a few more subplots, but I thoroughly enjoyed it even so (I find I'm enjoying quicker reads these days – perhaps because I can get through more books that way).

Finding out what Jacqueline is turning into, and why people think that to save her they need to kill her, is engrossing.

Full of plot twists, suspense, romance (with sex), fun dialogue, plenty of pace and a cracking finale (yes, it's the first part of a trilogy but, hallelujah! It doesn't end on a cliff hanger) combined to make a highly satisfying read, and I will definitely be reading the rest of the series.

Rachel Mckenna says

Banshees are a huge part of Irish culture. In fact when my Grandad died back in the early 80's, his favourite niece is convinced she heard the banshee on the farm in the middle of nowhere - she lives on the farm where he grew up. This is a wonderful book and am looking forward to reading the whole series.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Jackie was attacked after a Girls night out by Men with strange powers, she was wounded and would have died if her Husband hadn't jumped in now he is dead and she is half Banshee and half Human thanks to her Wizard Husband who saved her life. She now has powers she doesn't understand . Toby is the Wizard who is supposed to help her and keep her safe. She doesn't know who she can trust when her world goes spiraling out of control . I am looking forward to book two The Banshee's Desire I highly recommend if you enjoy a fantastic paranormal story .

Kaylyn says

I love a good paranormal book. And this one was definitely something worth looking into. Banshee's are one of my favorite myths, and it's something rare to find written about. This book has them, and they are done well. It's a really good book. I picked it up this morning and I couldn't put it down, having just finished it moments ago. I knew when I was done with it that I just had to share my love for it. I almost wish it had a soundtrack so I could hear the song! The story is about life throwing out lemons for Jackie. Who would have thought that a girls night out would change everything for her, not once, but twice. When her world goes

spiraling out of control, who can she trust? Her heart.

Niki says

Jacqueline was attacked a long time ago, a night that cost her her husband who tried to defend her. It left her badly injured but alive, and then there is Toby a wizard assigned to keep an eye on Jacqueline, who is a half Banshee, they can be very dangerous in wrong hands. A wizard tries to kidnap her to misuse her powers, at that point Jacqueline realizes what happened to her and what powers she has,

Loved this book, Jacqueline and Toby are great characters and the book held my attention from page one. Loved the twists and the humor in it too. Job well done!

Tonya Boutwell Hauser says

This is my first book by Victoria Richards. I knew some about Banshees but not that much. I liked her twist on Banshees and Wizards.

Jacqueline is half human and half banshees thanks to her wizard husband who saved her life. Jacqueline knows powers she doesn't understand. Toby is the wizard who is supposed to help her and keep her safe.

Jacqueline and Toby have some serious sparks when they are close to each other. I really enjoyed the book. Going to check out what happens in the next book.

Katrina Roets says

More and more, I find myself being drawn to the paranormal and fantasy sections when it comes to reviewing books. Perhaps it's because I keep finding books like this one. For a while, it seemed like a lot of the books were just repeats of each other, but in *The Banshee's Embrace*, I found an entirely new take on the old lore of banshees and wizards. On top of that, there were some twists and turns along the way that I certainly wasn't expecting and at the end of the book, I was left eagerly awaiting the next segment to find out what happens with not only Jacqueline, but her best friend, Toby, his mother and some of the other characters. Each character had their own defined personality and fit like a puzzle piece made specifically for this story. Honestly, if you enjoy paranormal/fantasy books, I recommend that you check this one out. Ms. Richards has done a wonderful job with making something old new again.

Juana "Darkness" Duran says

Jacque has been suffering because of her husband's death. But along with her suffering, Jacque is changing into a Banshee. Toby is a bartender at his own bar, but he is also a wizard who owns a place for supernatural beings to sort of relax. When Toby meets Jacque she is so drunk she can't even stand. Time to leave the bar, but Jacque senses something that she can't ignore; death. As Toby fights his attraction he sees that he can't, as much as he would like to. So from then on both Toby and Jacque have to work together to stop an evil

wizard from killing Toby and save his son, whom Toby thought was dead.

Levia says

This was fun! It started out really sad. The main character lost her husband and started getting powers. Fast forward a year later and action starts happening. She healed a little bit. The local bartender is a wizard and has to protect her because as a live banshee anyone powerful wants to use her.

I look forward to reading the next two books.

Got this as a free eBook. The other two are available on Kindle unlimited. I didn't check about book one.

Mary Loesch says

I really love a book that surprises me and that's just what this one did! Jacqueline is a fun heroine with a big problem--she's a half banshee. She finds herself in danger when a group of wizards find out about her amazing new ability to reap souls. Luckily, the handsome bartender of her favorite bar, Toby, is there to save her. He too is a wizard, but unlike the others, he can't help but fall for the charming Jacqueline.

I don't want to spoil the story, but there were lots of bumps and curves in this story that I found intriguing. Fast paced, the story moved quickly and I was able to finish this within a day. The characters are well developed and believable.

My only complaint is that I wanted a bit more about Jacqueline's biological family. However, I think that may be coming in the next book. At least, I hope there is a next book! I can't wait to read more from this writer!

Sue Brooks says

Wow - first book that I have read by this author and it was amazing!!!

I really love when I read a book and it surprises me and catches me totally off guard and that's just what this one did! Jacqueline has a big problem--she's a half banshee. She finds herself in danger when a group of wizards find out about her amazing new ability to reap souls. Luckily, Toby - the bartender of her favorite bar is there to save her. I don't write spoilers - but there is so much in the story that will keep you in suspense.

I found that while reading this book, that it is hard to put it down. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series now!!!

Jennifer says

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husband hadn't thrown himself into the line of fire. But being alive is little comfort when your husband is dead.

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I loved this book! It's not my normal type of book but once you start it, you can't put it down til you're finished. This is a great quick read. It had me captivated til the very end. The characters & storyline we great. The ending was amazing. This is the first book I've read by this author, but I can't wait to read the other books in this trilogy.
