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One woman, one bond, one final battle ... can even Nexi Jones defeat the deepest darkness of evil?

Meet Nexi Jones—Witch, Guardian and now, Lady of the Underworld. Embracing her new role, Nexi begins the task of changing a world led by darkness. But not everyone is happy to see her rise to power. Before long, a resistance within the Underworld is forming.

As the darkness begins to close in around her, Nexi's magical abilities flourish in response—forcing Nexi to dig down deeper into her past to discover this source and why she was gifted with such incredible strength.

With her Guardian, Kyden by her side, Nexi will meet her greatest challenge yet as she begins to discover that fate might have been a bitch, but she was a bitch with a plan.

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Paranormal Kiss says

Review-

Wow! What a fabulous ending to a terrific series. First and Last is the forth and final book in the Magical Sword series and it ends with a bang. One of the wonderful things about this series is that each book is unique yet they stay true to the characters and the series. First and Last starts off right where the previous book, The Devil's Kiss ends. It is action packed and intense yet there are calm moments scattered throughout and you'll find some scenes so full of emotion that it will bring tears to your eyes. The characters are as always excellent. You'll enjoy the path Nexi and Kyden's relationship takes in this one. There are so many secondary characters to love in this series, Zia, Talon, Valor and Haven, just to name a few. The question about Nexi's powers are answered in this book, we finally discover why she is so powerful.

First and Last will thrill you, delight you and move you as it takes you on a whirlwind ride that will leave you breathless. It flawlessly combines action, romance, magic and adventure. You won't want it to end and you'll be sad when it does. Don't be surprised if you finish this one and immediately want to read the series again from beginning to end. There is just so much to love about this series, you don't want to miss it. First and Last and the entire Magical Sword series is highly recommended for fans of Urban Fantasy Romance.

Note: This is a series that must be read in order so if you haven't read it yet start with the first book, The Willow and read in order from there.

Angel says

Where to start. The conclusion to this series left me torn. The ending was abrupt. I wish there was an epilogue. Oh well.

Ronda Tutt says

Creatively Written!

Stacey Kennedy you had me on an emotional roller coaster there in the first half of the book and just about had me in tears with Kydens words to Nexi at their wedding. The second half of the book was good but I have to say Nexi got on my nerves with her immaturity of taking on her new responsibility being ruler over the Underworld and made me want to reach out and slap her.

I loved how all the other characters came together and showed their love and support in the end. The ending was brilliant in how Nexi got what she wanted, finding out her heritage of being a Witch, a Watcher, and now part Fae; and banished not only the Demon Lords but the Underworld too. The romance scenes were hot and intense between Nexi and Kyden and I loved the fact that the story showed other romantic relationships between other couples.

I look forward to reading more of Stacey Kennedy's work.

Karen says

Amazing ending to a phenomenal series. Well done.

Kasey says

Not as good as the last book, but it was a good ending. This one took me a long time to get through which is unusual for one of Kennedy's books. My favorite part about her books are that they tend to be quick easy reads. But honestly I couldn't get past Nexi this time. She just annoyed me to no end. If you can get past the whining and hissy-fits then the plot is interesting.

Tia says

A good ending tot he series, I only wished there was more of a epilogue going on, maybe mapping of the novels in order, because there are novels in a different series, that relate to this one. Overall, I was impressed.

Evelyn Amaro says

Origionlly posted on Paromantasy

My Review

Every book, every adventure, every thrill has led us to this point...the last and absolute best book in the Magical Swords series. Action is amped, the romance is intense, the answers to the many mysteries surrounding Nexi are solved, but not before her world is tested one last time....for now.. Join Nexi, Kyden, and all her friends as they enter the biggest war of their lives. Will they win or will the Otherworld lose, leaving everyone from every realm under the Underworlds control?

Nexi is the Lady of the Underworld...now what. She thought the battle with Magnus would be the biggest battle of her life...boy was she wrong. With Kyden and her friends by her side, she must now get use to her new role as Leader, but what happens when Underworlders refuse to obey her...a whole lot of trouble. If that wasn't enough to fill her day, Nexi's powers are increasing, and her abilities are like nothing anyone has ever seen before. Soon the puzzle pieces are coming together, but can she figure out how to use her powers in time to stop the Underworlders from taking control? It is a race against time as Nexi struggles with her powers, her true identity, and her role as Lady of the Underworld before her world comes crashing down. It is the end and if Nexi cannot pull through, Earth and the Otherworld will be no more.

This is it. Nexi's final hurrah and this is one whirlwind of a book. It ties up every mystery, every cliffhanger, and does so without sacrificing the love, romance, danger, and suspense we love. Be prepared to be on the edge of your seat screaming, crying, laughing and then doing it all over again when you pick up book one to start the series all over again. Trust me, you will reread this series - it is that good. The minute I finished all I

wanted to do was reread the series again. It is sad to see Nexi go, but boy does she know how to make an exit. Stacey Kennedy did a great job in building this huge story then tying it all together in such a heart-pumping, temperature-rising, adrenaline-pumping way. READ THIS SERIES!! Trust me, you will be hooked from the start!

This book is rated 5 fangs by Paromantasy!

Laurie Garrison says

In the First and Last Nexi finds herself a new title and as the leader of the underworld, as she is struggling with learning about and leading the underworld she finds she has new powers along with new enemies, so you know things are going to heat up in battle. This is a good ending for this series and I must say I am very sad to see it go, so I am hope Stacey will come up with something, so we can read about this couple from time to time. If you're a regular The Magical Sword reader don't miss this book. Stacey did an excellent job with this whole series.

I loved the plot and the new underworld characters. I simply loved how Nexi and Kyden spent their honeymoon night OMG, it was hot. I enjoyed the fight Nexi has with the Devil and what came after that. Nexi accomplishes a lot for her underworld people. As far as Nexi's cat Willow goes, there is a time that she is * clears throat* well how do I say it, the poor cat is totally in a compromising position, it was really bad, so bad, as I was reading I was laughing so hard I was crying.

The downside for me was at times Nexi can be silly and there was a few times in this installment I found it a little over the top. I also know there will be a lot of you that will really enjoy it. Especially when you read about Nexi going around naked. O.K. I am done, if you want to know more you'll just have to start or finish this series to see what kind of trouble Nexi can get into.

Jane Love says

Finished this book late last night its a good read loads of twists things just happen what you don't see coming i wish there was just one or two more in the series to read

Suzan says

Great read! The last piece of the Nexi puzzle is solved as we learn why she's so powerful and keeps developing abilities! We also learn that she isn't so powerful by accident, she was foreseen and circumstances were engineered to make her so powerful and put her in the position she found herself at the end of the last book cause she was supposed to accomplish something that hadn't been succeeded at by a previous powerful white witch!

Plus, she finally gets her happy ending! For her that doesn't mean no more fighting but she doesn't lose anyone else from her life, gains a couple of friends and learns more about herself and her family. Sadly though she still has no blood family left alive but she does have her 'made' family in the form of her mothers soul sister Zia, her soul sister Haven, Kyden (of course!), Kyden father Talon, Finn (Haven's mate) and of course Valor who she really does see as a father figure! All her friends are around her and there to help her

plus she and Kyden finally have their bonding ceremony!

I like how the series ends and I like the new take on the concept of God and Satan in the book as well. It even covered Adam and Eve and first sin!

Belinda Boring says

You honestly can't go wrong when you decide to read a book written by Stacey Kennedy. I have followed her Magical Sword series from the beginning, completely becoming involved and connected with Nexi and Kyden as they've fought against everyone and everything that threatened to destroy all they love. The ending to *The Devil's Kiss* left me in a mess of tears as the emotional climax touched my heart and so I knew... I just knew with *FIRST AND LAST* being the last book in Nexi and Kyden's journey, it was going to be nothing short of spectacular. I knew that Stacey knows how to write a powerful story filled with intensity and passion so why am I sitting here stunned, tears streaming down my cheeks as my heart tries to recover and put itself back together? *FIRST AND LAST* is by far her most powerful book yet and I can't think of a better way to end the series.

Straight away, I was thrown into the middle of an emotional scene as Nexi and Kyden return back to their friends in the Otherworld. Having just defeated Magnus and his claim over her, Nexi is free now to follow her heart and complete her bonding with her beloved Guardian. What she doesn't want to do though is begin her new role as leader of the Underworld, a fact she has no trouble expressing. With Kyden by her side as Lord and her friends gathered around to support her, Nexi reluctantly gets down to business learning what is expected, appointing demons she can trust to help her in her duty. Of course, the Underworld is in uproar over the idea of a White Witch ruling them and true to their demonic nature, lead an uprising that strikes fear into the very heart of Nexi – with the goal of unleashing evil, six Demon Lords are being summoned, the most powerful of all the Devils's followers and once they arrive, their sights will be set on destroying her. Armed with the history of the world, of the battles between God and the Devil, Nexi struggles with the knowledge that it is she and she alone that holds the power to end the threat and banish them back to Hell. With time running out, new powers surface that hold the key to her success but will she know enough before it's too late? What do these powers mean and why has the bonding with Kyden given him access to some of her other powers? Nexi has a lot on her plate and with everything on the line – the lives of all she loves and holds dear – will she have the strength and courage to do what she was ultimately born to do?

I have LOVED watching Nexi through this entire series, to see her incredible heart, her uncertainty, her sass and her plain frustration at having to go through things that would stretch others beyond their limits. You can't help but love and cheer for her, to laugh at the way she throws herself into some of the situations she faces. All through this book, I felt for her and could totally empathize with her wanting everything to go back to as normal as possible. Here is a character that has been challenged at every turn and has had to fight to hold onto what she loves and it has shaped her into an incredibly strong woman. Sure, she groans a lot and throws the occasional "Oh hell no I'm not going to do that" but that's what makes her such a real character, one you can connect instantly with. Who wouldn't be reluctant to go straight back into danger or deal with situations beyond their scope of understanding. One thing that has always impressed me but was driven home hard with this book was her incredible sense of commitment to those she loves and her decision to always put those people first – regardless of what is happening at the moment. Some of my favorite scenes in the book were where something critical was happening or about to and where you would think it was the most important, it wasn't. For example, demons were attacking and her life was in danger. Most people would think to deal with that first but not our beloved Nexi. With a wave of her hand she freezes the threat and focuses her attention on what's important – ripping into Kyden for acting stupidly and not trusting her

LOL The book is filled with gems like this and without a doubt, she has been a character I have loved getting to know.

The only way to describe my reaction to Kyden is that he's like being dipped into warm, sweet, seductive chocolate and then having it slowly licked off, one glorious inch at a time. His mere presence in the book is like standing naked in a field filled with sunshine and having gentle strands of the wind caress your skin. *sigh* I don't know what it is about him but he touches me deeply and I'm sad to say goodbye to him because he has given me everything I love in the alpha males I read – heat, masculinity, pig headedness that comes from an overwhelming need to protect and a raw energy that kept me entranced. In FIRST AND LAST, there was more to the sexy Guardian as he strived to adjust to the effects of the bonding. Something that both he and Nexi enjoyed, they were now able to tap into each other's emotions and powers. I loved how he took advantage of the mind connection they had as he stirred Nexi into a passionate frenzy that required immediate attention regardless of the serious meeting they were in. I loved how deeply he cared for Nexi, using the knowledge he gained about her to come to that compromise where he could lessen the grip he had on needing to protect her and trust her enough to take care of herself. That was such a difficult thing for him but he truly was there for her in every way, supporting her anyway he could. And the words he shared at the bonding ceremony – not only did they have me laughing one moment then sobbing the next but they were priceless. *sigh* I'm going to miss you Kyden.

I know I've mentioned it before but this series has a depth of emotion that I couldn't get enough of and the experience of reading FIRST AND LAST has left such a sweet feeling in my heart and made it a series I won't ever forget. More than ever, the importance of family and friends was driven home as scene after scene I read Nexi put her loved ones first regardless what was happening. You need to know that the ending scenes are by far some of my favorites and I actually had to step away for a moment because I was so deeply touched. These are characters to connect with, ones worthy of every praise I can think of and although this part of the journey is over, the author continues to share tales from the Otherworld with us. Make sure to look for her new book An Everlasting Bite which features Rynn and Briggs *sighs* Ahhhh Briggs *sighs* again only this time with a dreamy look in my eyes* But that's another story. Happy reading!

Ju says

I love this series. Nexi Jones is great as the main character. She is smart, tough, funny and loves her man Kyden. This book is full of action, romance and suspense. It is an amazing book. Great read. I hope there is another one in this series.

Amber I. (AwesomeSauce Book Club) says

I loved it!! Is it really the end of the series?? Because I will be totally sad if it is. But it did end really good and I was really satisfied.

What a great book! And holy crapples Nexi and Kydens honeymoon was extremely HOT!! Just thought I would throw that out there.

In this book we get to see more of The Underworld and watch as Nexi learns to be a leader. Of coarse its not simple and she is going to be faced with her ultimate test, the Freaking Devil himself!! I really loved watching the bond between Nexi and Kyden develop. We finally learn how Nexi is such a powerful witch/guardian!

These are just great books! They are funny, EX. in this book is when poor Willow (Nexi's Cat) gets caught while her and Kyden are going at it (it was freaking funny!) Nexi is strong, powerful can kick some ass and has an awesome sense of humor. Kyden is strong, protective, sexy as hell and the way he loves Nexi is so sweet!!

These are one of my new most favorite books! So go check them out!!

Tara Clegg says

My review courtesy of Fallen Angel Reviews:
<http://fallenangelreviews.com/2011/Fe...>

M. says

So far I have to give this book 3 stars. I don't know why I'm not loving this story. I guess the truth is I never really warmed up to Nexi. I don't know. It happens with me sometimes. I think it's just the way the author writes the story that bugs me. The way Nexi overreacts to every new discovery is really annoying. Come on, give me a break, it's the fourth book, she should be used to have unusual powers by now. Also the way that Nexi stops in the middle of something important to have petty arguments with her entourage is really childish. I know it's supposed to be funny, but I just find it really immature. I don't think her comments are funny at all so I really don't get why everyone keeps laughing at them. Luckily, the books are not long. I'm really looking forward reading about Rynn and Briggs.

So there is really only one book that was actually good in this series, The Devil's Kiss. Why? Because we got introduced to Rynn's character, got to see a bit more about the wolfs and we had Magnus (I really liked him, I'm sorry he had to die).
