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Bonnie Dale Keck says

Kindle Unlimited, but own one or maybe more but got the 5 set on a 99 cent day. Too many names and so on for me personally, if you like heavily involved fantasy etc this would be for you. He also writes books under Adam Nicholls if you want to see what else/other things and genres he's written. Prequel book was through his site/instafreebie.

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Jenny Koch says

DNF @ 57%

I really wanted to like this but I couldn't get into this book. It didn't help that the heroine wasn't very likable.

gordon k class says

Intrigued

Here is a story line this is new and fresh. It grabs your interest right from the start. I couldn't put it down.

D.S. Williams says

This book certainly had some merits, it was a new and refreshing take on urban fantasy, and I did complete

reading the book and have to say I enjoyed it. The characters are interesting, and for the most part likeable, although I did struggle to develop any real connection to the main characters and didn't develop the desire to care particularly deeply for any of them. Having said that, the characters did show development, and the pacing of the story and the story arc were interesting.

The main reasons for three stars?

1. The story is written in first person, and while this is usually not a problem to me, in this instance, there was an overwhelming amount of 'me' and 'my' in the writing, which got a little bit annoying. With a little forethought and greater consideration, I think A.C. Nicholls might have been able to cut back significantly on the usage of those words.

2. There are a few situations in which the wrong spelling of a word has been used, which detracted from the overall reading flow.

3. I found the character of Link a little bit confusing. From the very beginning, it was said that he was 5 inches tall, but there were a number of points in the story where Keira's interactions with Link made this seem a little odd. For instance, Keira 'wraps Link up in both arms' when she's hugging him... which seems a little extraordinary for a faery who is only five inches tall. That's not much faery to use both arms on.

Overall, the story was entertaining, bringing new concepts and direction to urban fantasy and I applaud the concept... but would have liked to have seen it executed just a little more smoothly.

Gina says

The book was a quick read, which is good because that's what I was looking for. And I really, really like some of the ideas the author's come up with (magic cards, the souls inside affecting the user, the really cool Alpha Wolf who I'd read a whole book about probably...) but I think the story is lacking some connective tissue. I found myself constantly thinking "That sounds cool...or at least, like it COULD be cool, if we got even and iota of a hint of a backstory or reasoning on it..."

I realize this is the first in a series, but even for that, main characters felt really undeveloped. Even the villain doesn't seem to have a reason for what he does other than "He wants power". Why does he want power? Who knows. Why does he attack who and what he attacks? Just to test his power, I guess? Couldn't tell you. A very undeveloped, uncompelling villain unfortunately. The saddest part of that is the build up and talk up of the Chaos magic card he stole. I was imagining what Chaos power could be - messing with probabilities of events? Breaking the laws of physics?! How amazing! ...Unfortunately all it seemed to do was create purple fog and sometimes make things made out of purple lightning.

I think the author is a good writer, but these characters and the rules of this world needed some room to breathe and develop instead of being shuffled from Setting A to Setting B.

Deanna says

Stolen Chaos by A. C. Nichols is the first book in the Cardkeeper Chronicles. Keira Poe has defended Chicago for twenty-eight years, but her biggest challenge is about to begin. The chaos card, one of the darkest, most powerful of all the magicards, has been stolen from the vault; and it falls to Keira to bring it back.

I liked the premise of the book when I originally downloaded it, but the execution fell short for me. For

someone with 28 years of experience, Keira had a lot of doubts. I found it disturbing that the cards were powered by trapping souls in them, and the overall feeling was a bit unpolished. 3 stars.

J.A. Cintron says

This was an interesting read, as it introduced a new kind of supernatural creature while still giving the original three of vampires, werewolves and witches a use.

Alex Latham says

Book 75 complete.

Monique says

An original and exciting story!

I very much enjoyed reading this book. A great addition to the urban fantasy world. The premise of the book is something quite different, and I like that! I'm looking forward to finding out more about this world of magic cards and gatekeepers. The characters are interesting, world-building is good, and while overall the writing style is pleasant it all makes for an easy read.

Molly Mortensen says

It sounds like Card Captor Sakura!
