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Edamite Thrash is a big, bad, sexy demon overlord with a personal grudge against witches. When fate and a wild, undeniable attraction bind him to Tamatha Bellerose, he must work with her to stop a campaign of violence against his kind. But not succumbing to her sensual spell proves infinitely more difficult than anything else he faces...

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From Reader Review Captivating the Witch for online ebook

K says

Another fantastic book with a great storyline and unique characters. I love Tamantha's OCD magic and I'm glad we got to see more of Ed's personality.

Lenna Wright-Berry says

Ultimate battle of Good verse Evil..... Can a witch hating demon overlord Edamite fall for a kiss and heart stealing witch with a family curse that kills the men that love them back?? What to do when there are 10ish nasty foul smelling zombies walk the cemetery that is killing demons that are descended from the ones that doomed them as witched to be burned at the stake in 1753 and who brought them back as animated killing coupes??

Cathy Beckett says

Enjoyed this story but starting to get tired with all the stories based in France. Edamite was a fun character to read.

CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says

What a cool read! I do not read many paranormal stories because the story lines just do not capture my attention; That being said Captivating The Witch did just that captivated by attention. Great balance of good and evil, and sexy and sweet for this reader to be entertain by Edamite and Tamatha's story. What a roller coaster ride they have. I am now off to look for more reads by Ms. Hauf.

Matilda

Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance & More

Official Review @ Coffee Time Romance & More

Harlequin Books says

"This is a wonderfully dynamic partnership between two sharp and clever characters. Their chemistry is strong and their banter witty, and a great secondary cast makes this story a well-rounded success" (RT Book Reviews, 4 stars).

Amelia says

Characters created by Michele Hauf are always unique, and none have been more distinctive than demon

Edamite Thrash. Living in Paris, he has taken it upon himself to make certain other demons are kept safe yet they must behave and not draw the notice of humans. When he crosses paths with a spirited witch named Tamatha Bellerose, neither of their lives are ever the same again. I laughed during scenes where amusement was the focus, and fretted when a situation seemed hopeless. Ms. Hauf never fails to draw me into the lives of her characters because of the way in which they come alive and make me care. CAPTIVATING THE WITCH is entertainingly original.

Working in the archives of the Council over paranormal creatures is certainly exciting for witch Tamatha Bellerose. She is particularly interested in learning any information on demons because of her fascination with the often misunderstood beings, and her new job gives her access to data not found elsewhere. Her wish to discover additional facts about those feared individuals comes true when she runs into Edamite Thrash, a powerful demon who has a good reason to dislike witches. Though there is an unexpected awareness between the two, he definitely has no plans to see Tamatha again, especially when a troubling problem grabs his full attention.

Demons are being brutally killed by bizarre creatures, and Ed wants to make sure no others like him suffer the same fate. Regrettably, it seems his best chance of stopping the incidents is to work with a witch, and Tamatha appears to be the best choice. Although their working relationship began with a rocky start, mutual desire just keeps mounting and is very tough to keep under control. Trying to keep others safe was Ed's only intention at first, but it soon becomes apparent that teaming up with Tamatha is surprisingly affecting his emotions.

When Ed was first introduced in a prior book, his behavior appeared more villainous than good. But each time this formidable demon showed up in following scenes, I began to wonder if he was truly evil. In his own story, I came to understand much about him and the facts behind his reputation. Michele Hauf constantly sprinkles little gems related to the history of demons throughout the book, and each detail made his specific race so realistic and conceivable. Any of Tamatha's witch abilities also seem genuine with convincing possibilities. How these two got along is sometimes amusing, while other moments are sexually steamy. The passion between Ed and Tamatha is very enthusiastic, and almost feels as though they have been bewitched at times. I really liked how this couple would talk things out and not leave their feelings unspoken.

The paranormal aspects in CAPTIVATING THE WITCH are very innovative. Many of them are depictions that I have never read about before, making the story interesting time and again. The spotlight is on demons and witches, and I felt as though I had a much better understanding of both after reading about several notable concepts dreamed up by Ms. Hauf. Humor can be found all through the story, from thoughts and comments to the way a scene plays out. Laughter is absolutely guaranteed when Michele Hauf writes a story in her Beautiful Creatures world, and I am eager to see what ground-breaking ideas she invents next.

Received copy from author for a CataRomance review – 4.5 Stars

Normandy says

I would give it 3 1/2 stars. It started out good but lost me about 1/4 of the way in. Not sure why. I liked it enough to stick with it. Then around the half to 3/4 mark something happened and I was pulled back in and by the end I enjoyed it.

Theresa says

Tamatha works as an assistant for CJ at the Council archives. On the way home one night she literally runs into Edamite Thrash.

Tamatha is very talented but I like her OCD magic the best. It'd come in very handy, especially for a working mom with young children. Though her curse is a downer.

Edamite, or Ed as he's called, is very stuffy and full himself. He's in charge of an organization the policing demons and had a very bad reputation among other supernaturals. I loved watching Tamatha keep him off balance. And the crows are an interesting change.

Quick Thoughts: 1) I never thought of this but has to awkward for a demon whom salt burns and a witch who uses it as her main tool.

Fave Scenes: 1) cleaning up the salt, the Avocado face cream, Ed making the antidote and Tamatha & Ed's magical fight.

Angel says

Loved this couple so much! One of my favorites from Michele Hauf. Interesting storyline, lots of magic from both demons and witches, great characters, beautiful Paris setting and very hot and romantic.

Highly recommend!

Review here: <http://amh-reviews.blogspot.com/2016/...>

I received a copy of this via NetGalley.

Kathy says

Edamite – a demon, who polices other demons (and supernaturals as needed)... told to stay away from witches... but had two relationships with witches – the second bad, as she bound him for 3 days before he got away, trying to imprint and take control of him – making him very sensitive about witches... Tamatha, a knowledgeable witch, constantly looking to expand her knowledge, currently working in the archives for the Council, which gives her access to info on demons – the new area she wants to master... and the Bellerouse women are cursed (they don't know why)... always independent, for 2 generations any man they love, either goes crazy, leaves them (early on), or die (accidents, fast acting cancer, etc)...

And their grandparents (her grandmother and his grandfather) were enemies... his demon grandfather trapped her grandmother in a love affair, and then orchestrated her trial in the Salem witch trials (along with 11 other witches) – leading to their death...

And now a warlock, wanting to avenge the death of her spouse, has raised the 12 witches, and they are killing the progeny of the demons who betrayed them.

Edamite and Tamatha meet at midnight, when a tired Tamatha is going home, having practiced a spell to bind demons... they run into each other, and she senses demon, and uses her spell to bind him – She releases him when others come near, and disappears... Edamite is trying to overcome his angry reaction (witches... binding... his past) and negotiate his release... she has no desire to bind him (though he is gorgeous) but is a bit afraid of what he'll do after binding...

He is called frantically by a demon friend... gets there, and he's dead... next night another death, though he gets there before the death, and the French word for 12 is whispered and he gets a glimpse of the zombie witches... he decides he needs a witch to help him, and contracts for his 'finding' demon friend to find one, and are drawn to park, see Tamatha save a boy from drowning, and recognize her as a strong witch – and they kidnap her and bring her to Edamite...

And from there, Edamite and Tamatha join forces... a bit of flirting, a bit of truth, a bit of time... and they begin to trust and fall in love...

Edamite is very sensitive to her controlling him, and overreacts a few times... but they get over it... He accidentally scratches her with one of his poisonous thorns, and then makes a deal with the warlock for the spell to save her life (after making the potion with one of his thorns removed, and ground, and added to salt and whiskey ?!:)... but this binds their blood together... she sends healing to him through their bond (another fight)... but it does make them more powerful...

They track their grandparent's relationship... they appeal to both... at first grandfather isn't interested – he feels justified in what he did to stop the witches' binding rituals – but when he realizes his daughter etc are at danger, he helps out... they bring the two of them together... a bit of talk... they get the witches to back off, and defeat the warlock...

Leaving them to live happily ever after...

L.E.Olteano says

Review originally posted at Butterfly-o-Meter Books on Dec 22 2015:

In a Flutter: Awesome entertainment!

Fluttering Thoughts:

Worldbuilding: The world of Captivating the Witch was rich in paranormal elements, demons, witches, magic, curses, magic artifacts, shape-shifter too – the works! – and I enjoyed every minute of it.

Characters: Tamatha was a very fun character to follow. I loved her spirit and spunk :D she had this independent feel about her, but without coming across as abrasive or over-the-top, and I loved her no-BS attitude.

Edamite was alpha male demon material :D I had a blast reading about him and Tam, I loved their chemistry and their one on one might have been utterly hot, but it somehow didn't go all the way there for me. Maybe it was the too clinical-like “penis” teem that kept popping up... no pun intended :D But anyway, they were a cool couple, charismatic, and lovely to read about!

Plot: The romance arc was a slow romance, kind of sweet which rarely gets me excited yet this time did, and I loved the tempo of events. Outside of it though, there was a surprising amount of action, pretty alert pace of events, and it was quite exciting.

Writing: Third person, past tense narrative, his and her POV. I loved their voices, especially Tam's I'll admit :D And Tam's mom wasn't bad either xDDD

Curb Appeal: Hot cover, hooking blurb, and author name that rings a good bell for me – impulsive buy material.

All in all, I had a really good time reading *Captivating the Witch* and it made me lust after more Urban Fantasy reading, it was so full of cool elements and action. I recommend it to lovers of witchy romances, bad-boy vibe fans cause Ed is all hot and broody and delicious, and to fans of romance that includes fun action (aside the hot stuff, lol!).

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Haunted Bookshelf

You may remember Edamite from a couple of Ms Hauf's previous novels. He's – well – just this side of a villain in those stories. Kind of like a very bad boy on steroids, if you get my meaning. (and I'm always a sucker for the bad boy) In this story we will get to know "Ed" much better, and discover that there are bits of information about him that we didn't know – that there is a rhyme and a reason for the way he acts, at times. Which makes him so much more likable (I was going to say human before I stopped myself *grin*).

Tamatha is a quirky, constantly learning witch. At the moment she is doing light cleaning, shelving books and other odds and ends in the Archives – which leaves her lots of time to study all those glorious old tomes. And do what, or one of the things she loves most, learn new things. One of the things she learns will make quite the impression on Edamite when they first meet.

Edamite is.. many things or even titles. I thought of him as more of a top enforcer of the demons who passed through, lived in or wanted to cause trouble in his city. Not much got past him, and he knew when any new demon tried to enter or leave what he considered his realm. And he wasn't afraid to make his opinion known when they were doing things they should not.

At the moment Edamite is investigating some very grisly murders in one old cemetery. Even more so when one of his friends is murdered before his disbelieving eyes. Because the dead should not be walking around this cemetery or Paris – period. And the fact that a particular mob of about a dozen undead is attacking and killing specific demons is a major problem. One he means to get to the bottom of – the trouble is, he'll need a witch's help, and Edamite despises witches with a passion.

Tamatha has a fascination with all things demon. So in spite of their first or even second meetings, she agrees to help Edamite with some small chores. It's obvious that these tiny things are not the reason he wanted to talk with her, but his dislike for witches is almost constantly in her face and she can be a patient witch, when she needs to be. Besides, he's handsome, sexy and is allowing her to ask questions – so she can wait him out, for now.

Edamite's determination to fight his attraction to Tamatha is actually part of his charm in this story. It's so obvious that he is definitely attracted and equally obvious that he doesn't want to be because of his history with witches. Tamatha doesn't hide her attraction, even when things that Edamite will say or do will hurt and annoy her. She's honest with herself about what she wants from this demon.

I enjoyed this story so very much. Gripping, enchanting, sexy and a page turner – those are all words that come to mind. But at the base of that is a very good story, comfortably detailed, with likable characters that you will be cheering on to find their happy ever after ending. I enjoyed it enough to give it my top rating – and now I need to go dig out those previous titles to do a re-read with a different view of Edamite.. that

should be interesting reading, between the lines so to speak.

(on a side note – I couldn't help but notice considering that the original title for this was to be Bewitched the combination that makes up Tamatha's unusual name is Samantha and her daughter Tabatha from the television Bewitched series.. Tam-atha. *grin* just something I noticed... no clue if it's relevant or not.)

Janet says

4.5 (4+ or trending up)

Shay Williams says

I found this to be a really fun read. I know that there are dark elements such as demons being killed and the curse on Tamatha's family but I just couldn't take them very seriously. CAPTIVATING THE WITCH falls firmly into a category that I call brain candy.

Tamatha is a spell nerd. She works in the Archive which gives her access to everything paranormal that you could dream of except for a real live demon to talk too. That is until she runs into Edamite or Ed, And she literally runs into him and discovers that a spell that she had read about really works.

Ed is a demon who heads an organization determined to keep the peace in Paris. Sure some people call it the Mafia but he is just trying to take care of all the demons. And he has had really bad luck with witches. So why is he attracted to Tamatha? He just can't seem to stop kissing her.

Like I said, this is a really fun book and I do recommend it to any of my readers who enjoy a lighter paranormal romance. It's impossible not to like Ed regardless of his species.

*** I received this book at no charge from NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review. All opinions expressed within are my own.

Eva Millien says

Sexy demon overlord Edamite Thrash has a personal grudge against witches but he'll have to learn to work with Tamatha Bellerose to stop a campaign of violence against his kind in this thrilling paranormal romance. I love Edamite and Tamatha's names as they just fit these two characters very well and I was completely charmed by them both and couldn't put the story down. I have to hand it to Michele Hauf, she always manages to surprise me with her Bewitching Creatures characters, they always have surprising and different elements that make each and every one special and I can't wait to visit this fascinating world again.

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