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Jessica Gibson says

All I can say is wow, this book was so good. It took the characters to a whole new level. The story line was genius, and I loved the new characters that were added. I read the book in a day, I couldn't put it down. Everyone needs to buy and read this book immediately! Stephanie Nelson is my new favorite author.

Cassie says

This book was amazing. I have to agree that it was better than the first. That's hard to believe because the first one was so good! I loved the new characters, especially Dorian. The book has so many twists and turns its hard to anticipate whats going to happen next, but those are the kind of books you can't help but love because you can't put them down. I didn't even sleep and read right on through the night till I was done. Can't wait till the next one! Stephanie is an amazing writer and I am sure the next one will top even this!!!!

Jeana Green says

I really enjoyed the story and character development. Introduction of new characters was a plus and I am excited to see the series grow. I love the friendship between Gwen and the "angel of death" Dorian and am anxious to see what happens there; tho I still love the relationship between Aiden and Gwen and pray that continues as his love for her is amazing. There are a lot of twists and turns in this book that keeps it very interesting.

Tia says

This book was quite a bit better than the first one. I'm not sure if it's because:

- a)I now know the characters good enough.
- b)The manipulation of the characters were intense.
- c)The book was just written better.

Either way this book was a lot better, it grasp my attention. However I'm still not feeling that emotional link with the characters like I do with other novels similar to this. I really hope I will because I absolutely abhor not being able to have that connection. It's like 50% of the reason why enjoy reading these books.

Jess (the cozy reader) says

Holy cow, my heart got lost in this book some where and I need help finding it! It was so flipping good. Damnit I love Aiden, and you do learn some of his history, but shit did he break my heart like he broke Gwen's. Please keep them together Stephanie, they are an awesome couple. That is not to say I did not notice Dorian though.... wink wink ;) Now it's just waiting for book 3, THE TORTURE!

Marsha says

So many paranormal fantasy end up with love triangles as a central problem. I have said on many occasions that I am not a fan especially in adult fiction. While I tolerate them in YA, I feel that adults should be able to recognize the difference between physical attraction and actual love. I am happy to say that Stephanie Nelson handles this issue with brilliance.

Gwen Sparks is still reeling from her encounter with the vampire Ian Despereaux. He manipulated her into bonding with him and now he haunts her dreams and waking hours. He even attempts to violate her body. However, the witches council has decided that they have had enough of the vampire attacks against their kind and have call a meeting. Holly, one of the council members has declared that contact between vampire and witches is now strictly forbidden because they are on the brink of war. This is upsetting to say the least because Gwen in in love with a vampire, Aiden.

Additionally, Holly has commanded that training for war is to begin. She has even enlisted the help of death himself, Dorian to assist Gwen with 'Spirit Walker' training. Try as she must to ignore it, she recognizes that she and Dorian are attracted to each other. Now, this is the part I alluded to earlier, Gwen fights her attraction to Dorian while declaring her love for Aiden. She recognizes that you can enjoy a great work of art; but realize that it would be out of place in your living room. If you know what I mean.

I would love to tell you that all of Gwen's loyalty was worth it. However, there are deadly betrayals that will be revealed. While I had an inkling of one, I had no idea about the other and when it was revealed, it just rocked my reading world. I loved the fact that Ms. Nelson keep me on my reading toes. Finally, the ending left me shell shocked. Don't cha just love it!

Michelle novelsontherun says

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Phaedra Seabolt says

After reading Craved, I wasn't really sure what direction Deceived would take other than the obvious insinuation that Gwen Sparks would be betrayed in some sense. What I discovered shocked me. Poor Gwen is betrayed more than once and her life is turned upside down. In Craved, she had learned that she was actually part Spirit Walker, which meant she had a connection with ghosts. At least that's all she thought it was. In reality she has a connection with the entire world of the dead including being able to have out of body experiences where she is still capable of all her powers as a witch. In my experience, most authors take the idea of astral projection to be the person floating outside their body and unable to do anything. Stephanie Nelson gives it a whole different perspective that I found refreshing and very enjoyable.

I will say to those people who are really picky, there are some typos in the book that I actually didn't really notice until I read another person's complaining review about the typos. I think the story is good enough that you can ignore those just to enjoy the story. Instead, find yourself caught up in Gwen's desire to be with her beloved vampire Aiden while trying to learn to be a spirit walker from the hunky angel of death Dorian, training for the upcoming Vampire-Witch war, and overall wishing to return to her "normal" life. I don't want to give away too much about the plot because it will surprise you and you deserve to read it yourself. Let's just say that at the end, you aren't sure who will win over Gwen. Will Aiden be the only one for her or will Dorian weasel his way into her heart? Personally I am cheering for Dorian. I just hope that in the next book, Coveted, that Gwen will get to see what Dorian REALLY looks like. It's exciting and will leave you wanting more!

April says

I want to give it another star but this book needs editing. It got worse as it went along. I do like the story and I will get the next book but I hope the editing was done with more detail.

Annette M Guerriero Nishimoto says

Today's review is on Deceived by Stephanie Nelson

Deceived is the second book in Nelson's Gwen Sparks series and all I have to say is OMG! Sex, Lies, and danger await the reader in this FANGTASTIC book. Nelson doesn't hold anything back, and continues to write a story that has me on the edge of my seat, neglecting my household chores, and keeping me up all night as I just could NOT put this book down.

Even though Aiden's addiction to Brew is gone, and he and Gwen are able to begin to get their relationship back to normal, witches are still being murdered. The magical powers that the vampires gain through drinking their blood is the ultimate high. Something has to be done. The killing has to stop.

Being summoned to Moon by Holly; Gwen's "friend" and council member of the North American Witches Council, informs her of "the plan". A plan that she will play a critical role in. The NAWC has vengeance on their mind and a war between the witches and vampires is on the horizon. However, it seems Holly is a little off base. She wants to kill ALL vampires, not just the Brew users, and that doesn't bode well with Gwen.

Fear of being shunned by her kind, Gwen agrees to begin her training in all matters of Spirit Walkers, and keeps her visits with Aiden on the down low.

After practicing with Kye a few times, she is surprised to find that he has been replaced by Dorian, the perfect specimen of a man. Tall, dark, brooding, and those eyes! Who knew the a Reaper could be so yummy! Adding her almost instant attraction to him into the mix of the other problems she's facing, and the continued invasion of Ian into her dreams; which get a little steamy, is almost too much. Have no fear however, Gwen and Aiden find a way to end the war before it starts, and sever the bond between her and Ian to boot. All it will take is a little blood, Gwen's blood to be exact.

When the time comes though, Gwen finds the truth and not only will her heart be broken by those she trusted, but her very fragile life is at stake. Can Dorian give her the confidence she needs? Read it and find

out.

There were a significant amount of mistakes in the manuscript I received, but after contacting the author I was informed that an edited version will become available very soon. If that is the case, I cannot help but to continue to give this amazing series the highest rating.

BTW Stephanie, I am totally ready for some Gwen and Dorian romance. I'm just saying.

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5 of 5 stars

Diana (Offbeat Vagabond) says

Review posted here:

<http://offbeatvagabond.blogspot.com/2012/03/indie-book-review-deceived-gwen-sparks.html>

Just when Gwen thought her life was as insane as ever, she is contacted by the NAWC (North American Witches Council). The NAWC want to initiate a war against the vampires since they won't do anything to stop vampires from using Brew, witches' blood. So things are worse for Gwen since none of the witches trust her since she is dating Aiden who is a vampire. But they need her since she has a power that none of them have, she is a spirit walker. She can connect with ghosts and be apart of the world of the dead through astral protection. To help her learn more about her power, the witches bring in Dorian, a very sexy Angel of Death. And she still hasn't figured out what to do about the psychotic vampire Ian who has bonded himself to her.

Talk Supe came through for me again and loaned this to me. I absolutely loved Craved and Deceived was even better. The title says it all. I didn't want to believe it would happen, but you knew it was coming. Not to mention, Talk Supe rubbed it in. So mean guys! But if Stephanie Nelson isn't on your favorites list by now, what are you waiting for?

Gwen has once again kicked a lot of ass in this book. She discovers she has a lot of power. So much so, that the witches want her to play a major role in the war against the vampires. They do believe she is a traitor since she is with Aiden, but they want her power and will train her to use it. She will be their secret weapon. She has the power to astral project and speak to ghosts. But the witches want Gwen to speak to very specific ghosts. These ghosts are of people who were killed by the vampires themselves. Aiden and Gwen are combustible together and I am sure by the title, you know how things go. But I still want the whole story. Was it for personal gain or for Gwen? I am still not sure. I know this makes no sense unless you read it, it is hard not to spoil. I will stop right here.

Then we have Dorian. Oh Dorian!!!! I do enjoy Aiden, but Dorian is more up my alley. Definitely has that bad boy vibe and being an Angel of Death, that can't be more true. Someone said this and I am so glad they did because I thought it was just me. But something about Dorian reminds me of Acheron from Sherrilyn Kenyon's Dark Hunter series, so that is a plus. Dorian and Gwen have soooo much chemistry and he is hilarious. He definitely grabbed my attention quickly. I was unsure whether to trust him at first though since

he was brought in by Holly. Holly is the lead witch of NAWC and hates Gwen, but wants her power. But she is definitely hiding something and I don't trust her at all. And then we have Ian. The guy is awful and evil and he definitely reminds you of that. He does something truly awful to Gwen in this book that left a really bad taste in my mouth.

This book was fast paced. Gwen wants to have a normal life so bad, but every time she turns around, she is placed in the middle of something. I love that she doesn't get onboard with the vampire-witch war because of Aiden. She actually fights for it and gets them to sit down in the same room together. That was definitely something I didn't think anyone could do. And the ending is insane. We figure out Ian's plan and who all the players are and my mouth was dragging to the floor. I need some answers right now. I am still thinking about it. This book definitely leaves a mark.

This series is a must-read! It is everything I want in an Urban Fantasy/Paranormal Romance series. The characters are amazing especially Dorian. He was satisfying right up to the very last sentence which left a smile on my face. There are a few grammar/spelling issues, but they don't get in the way, trust me. This is a great modern day witch story. Deceived is sexy, full of intrigue, conspiracies, and plenty of mystery. Do not miss this series. Also for Gwen and Dorian fans, they have their own short story in an anthology that just came out. Go check it out here: [Cupid Painted Blind](#)

Tina says

Really good read.

Love books about witches, warlock & vampires. This was a good read. Lots of action and mystery. I would suggest this book to others.

Cyndia Rios-Myers says

I don't like the whole Gwen/Aiden/other guy love triangle. But still, it was entertaining.

Beth The Vampire says

Actual Rating 3.5 stars

Deceived is the second book in the Gwen Sparks series and follows from where Craved left off; where vampires have learned the secret of drinking the blood of witches, called brew, that allows them to adopt the witch's power. At the end of the last book witch and newly discovered spirit walker, Gwen, was bound to a vampire who started the whole brew obsession, saved her vampire boyfriend from his brew addiction, and managed to get herself in trouble with the witch's council. This book focuses on the aftermath of the first book, as the witches try to deal with being prey to vampires, and it also deals quite a lot with Gwen's powers and what she is actually capable of. The witch's council have decided to start a war against the vampires in order to ensure their future, a war that has a very dubious reasons behind it that end up being quite personal, but Gwen does not want any part of it, and not just because her boyfriend, Aiden, is a vampire. She doesn't believe that all vampires are bad, and thinks that a lot of innocents will be killed, but she appears to be the

only voice of reason among the community of terrified witches. Gwen is trained for the upcoming war, and the council enlists the help of Dorian, the angel of death, who has a strong attraction to Gwen given that she can communicate with the dead. Among all this Gwen is trying to find a way to break her bond with Ian, who is beginning to haunt her dreams, as well as her waking hours, and the vampires agree to help, but only if the war can be called off. Eventually, Gwen has to confront her nemeses and is the single thing preventing an all out war between vampires and witches.

The title of the book appears to be correct, and Gwen is deceived more than one by those she trusts. The most striking here is Aiden's betrayal, but I have to admit that I thought there would be a better reason for him going behind her back like he did. I think that the fact he admitted to draining a witch to death was a bigger bombshell than his involvement in Ian's bond to Gwen and the reasons why he allowed this to happen. But since he did play his hand in this, it is confusing as to why he is so angry when Ian begins to haunt Gwen, as he had to have expected things like that would happen. The one thing that I really did like about this book was Gwen coming into her powers, being visited by ghosts, and actually going into the ghostly realm for the first time. Her character has come so far from the young woman who ran a spell shop and was living in a crappy apartment with her best friend, and even though she just wants to return to a simpler time, I don't think that is possible for her anymore. The attraction between Dorian and Gwen seems very real, and in some part makes more sense than her relationship with Aiden. In the first book she and Aiden had a history, which was not really explained, but he had been wooing her for two years and she refused to give into him, but in this book it doesn't really seem like they should be together, and I don't think they will be anymore after Adrian's part in all this was revealed.

I found the writing in this book worlds better than the first, and I felt that Gwen had a stronger voice and was more grown up. There was such a sense of isolation for her at one point that I felt made her so much stronger, and it kind of gave you the feeling that all hell was about to break loose. The ending of the book was good setup for the sequel, but I hope that Gwen's trial does not take up too much of the next book. With the lead antagonist for the past two books gone I am interested to see what happens from here, especially in regards to brew, which I still think is a really original and great idea. I would touch on the fact that all the spelling and grammatical issues in this book were still present (as they really annoyed me in the first one), and although some people don't care, it just draws me out of a book when I have to read a sentence three times because a few of the words are in the wrong tense, or look like they have forgot to be taken out, or have no place in the sentence at all. I read this book on my e-reader, so the formatting was a lot better, as the paperback for the first book had numerous issues like that and it drove me insane. But these are editing problems, and I didn't have any issues with the story, the characters, or the concepts.

Novels On The Run says

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