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He kidnapped three women and held them in his basement.

He thought they couldn't fight back.

He was wrong...

Snatched from the street near her home, Holly Carter is taken to a rural house and thrown down into a stone basement. She meets two other women who have also been kidnapped, and soon Holly learns about the horrific rituals that take place in the house. Eventually, she's called upstairs to take her place in the ice bath.

Over time, however, Holly learns about a mysterious power that exists in the basement, and which the three women can use as they struggle to escape. When they finally manage to get through the metal door, however, the women have no idea that their fight for freedom is going to stretch out for more than a decade, or that it will culminate in a final, devastating demonstration of their new-found powers.

American Coven Details

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Kittykorn says

I LOVE LOVE LOVE this book!

jennifer garcia says

Interesting Concept

Wow. This novel has an unique concept. Three women are kept in a basement but discover a power that links them. Using that power, they manage to escape but 15 years later are drawn back to the evil that dwells there. Unfortunately, there are many instances of the author switching names and I grew tired of the question "you talk like the house is alive?" That answer is a given!

Michael Brookes says

Apparently this is a collection of eight books, I'm glad I read it as a single collection as I think it would have been frustrating to have read it in smaller sections and that's the mark of a good story. The story follows two main threads, the first fifteen years in the past. This thread follows three young women who have been kidnapped and kept in a locked basement.

The second is set in the present and events are unfolding which mirror those of the previous thread. Both parts are well written and intertwine with each other. It can be tricky to pull off combining different timelines, especially in a way that builds like this one does.

Even more impressive is that the modern thread is told in the present tense. I often find it off putting reading in the present tense, but here it is an effective technique. To complete the hat trick we have constantly shifting perspectives between the chapters. Here it betrays the serial nature of its original format as on occasion the shift is jarring. For the most part it adds to the story though.

My one major complaint about the book is that it doesn't really delve into the mystery at the heart of the tale. There is a truth in there to be sure, as the story wrapped around it is superbly crafted. As well as this the book suffers from one of my pet peeves and that is padding. I really don't enjoy reaching the end of a story with another 15% remaining on the Kindle. If I want to read more then I'll buy another book!

Those points aside this is a good read, the writing is solid, the pacing is good and if you enjoy a horror story with a supernatural bent then this is well worth checking out.

Keira Rawden says

Read this in one sitting. Loved it. Great idea which was pretty spooky.

Heather Wren says

I have always enjoyed Amy Cross, since I was introduced to The Last Vampire. I have yet to find anything negative to say about her books and know I will never be disappointed when I'm reading one!

Susan Miller says

I liked the darkness of the story, but the evil being seemed too vague. The evil presence should have had more communication in the women's heads. The Thin Faced man in the shadow was a better character for being a creepy entity that haunts the women at different times during the story. But I really liked that the 3 women banded together in a coven to find a way to beat the evil being and save themselves.

Doris Marcantel says

Loved it!

Absolutely wonderful book. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I can't wait to read more awesome books written by this author!

Valerie (Howler_Puff) says

Actual rating is 2.5 stars.

Spoilers ahead.

This kind of felt like a cheesy horror flick, which happens to be my favorite. This just didn't work for me. The ending felt too rushed and didn't explain much. It would have been nice if it went into more detail about the bone scrapping. I'm assuming that's what the "evil" ate, but it was never actually confirmed. I was hoping for more of a creepy, scary, horror factor and this didn't give me that. I will say that the very last image we have of Elizabeth has stuck with me all night.

Angharad Truelove says

Gripping from the first page to the last. Spooky without unnecessary gore, this well written thriller has reignited my interest in the genre (having over indulged in Stephen King/James Herbert/Shawn Hudson in my adolescence). The plot is simple but well executed, giving you just enough information at every page turn. A well deserved 5 stars from me

Sean McCoy says

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Good story. Well developed characters. Wasn't the first story i read from this author but is the best so far.

Beverley Spiller says

enjoyed it quite an abrupt ending i thought but still tense and gripping

Brandy says

I am usually not picky about editing, but this book has so many errors, that it made me wonder if they changed the characters names along the way. I seriously do not understand how someone could not have done a heads up to the author & fixed all the errors. There are current day & flashbacks & it gets a bit confusing, but even more so when the wrong character's name is used.

Aside from editing errors, this is a good book. I'm only giving it 3 stars as a few of the tools the author uses in flashbacks seemed like she was just doing a copy/paste of a previous character's thoughts. I'm not wanting to spoil it, so I am not going to say exactly what I mean, but if you read it, you will notice it. It is a scarey good read. I'd give it more stars if there had been more background on the characters & a bit more time to get things going. I realize it's a long book already, but I am always willing to read more to be more immersed in the story. The time frame just seemed too short for what happened in the most intense parts.

All of that aside, I would still recommend this as a great book. I liked the idea. I liked the different characters. I am wondering if there is more to this story in another book by the same author, as there could have been so much more. I got this book in a set of 5 eBooks for \$5 & it was a great deal. I will be reading & rating/reviewing as I go.

Julie Donovan says

Really enjoyed

This book was read fast, well written and I am enjoying this author. There are minor editing errors, but does not ruin the story.

Amy McMullen says

Excellent!!! Couldnt put it down!

Mrs. BATS says

This book stuck with me for weeks after I finished it. Absolutely loved it.
