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Influential Magic: Crescent City Fae, Book 1



Synopsis

It's tough being a faery in New Orleans, a city fraught with vampires...especially when their very existence drains your life force. Willow Rhoswen, owner of The Fated Cupcake and part-time vampire hunter for the Void is having a rough week. Four years after her twin brother's mysterious death, Willow's life is threatened and the director saddles her with a new partner - her ex-boyfriend, David. To her horror, he's turned vamp, which causes her physical pain whenever she touches him...and any other specimen of the undead. In order to save Willow's life, David agrees to turn double agent against the most powerful vampire organization in New Orleans. Or so he says. And she's convinced they know something about her brother's death. Unsure where David's loyalties lie, she turns to Talisen, her childhood crush, to help her solve the mystery. Caught between two gorgeous men and a director who'll stop at nothing to control Willow's gifts, she'll have to follow her instincts and learn who to trust. Otherwise, she risks losing more than just her life.

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Customer Reviews

Welcome to New Orleans, the early adopter of all things new and different in the United States (Remember Jazz?). In a reimagined world where the paranormal are no longer in the closet, Willow has a successful bakery that sells 'enhanced' treats that she uses her fae talents as a life-force faerie to bring desired results. Her second, and most dangerous job is as an agent for the Arcane, the governmental entity charged with maintaining order and keeping paranormals in check. Her challenge? She is able to sense vampires in the area, making her the ideal partner for her

roommate, the witch vampire hunter Phoebe, also Willow's best friend. Add in some vampires, good and bad, a love triangle, an evil faerie Aunt and a genealogical link that will threaten Willow's life as it killed her twin brother Beau, and you have the makings of a rollicking good ride. With multiple interwoven stories that start off a bit confusing and quickly draw you in to take sides with different characters, this is the start of what I expect will be one of my favorite series. It isn't marked as a YA read, but is appropriate for YA readers of 16 or better - and they will appreciate it as much as I did. Oh - and I almost forgot to mention, Willow has a shifter sidekick, Link. Masquerading as an ordinary 20 lb Shih-Tzu, he can shift into LARGE wolf form when Willow is agitated or needs protecting. If that isn't perfect typecasting for a small breed dog with great aspirations, I don't know what is! Deanna Chase has created characters and placed them in the steam heat of New Orleans, both shine in this story.

Influential Magic Crescent City Fae " Book One by Deanna Chase Review by d c mallory4 out of 5 stars Have you ever wondered how the world would be if the supernatural species were out of the closet? Have you wondered how they would police their own kind, since they would obviously be more than the human police could handle? And how would all the different species interact with one another? In this book, Influential Magic, which is the first book in a new series called Crescent City Fae, Deanna Chase gives us her views on this subject. This book is not young adult, but I would think it could be read by anyone sixteen years and older. It is in the Urban Fantasy genre. I was first introduced to Deanna Chase and her writing through the Jade Calhoun series. While both of these series deal with supernatural creatures in New Orleans, this book's main topic are the Fae. While I enjoy the Jade Calhoun series, I believe the Crescent City Fae will be the better series of the two. With the supernaturals falling under an entity known as the "Arcane," and the Vampires holding the upper hand of all the races, there is friction created right off the bat. Throw in a Fae woman who was gifted above her fellows in senses dealing with the Arcane, an old murder dealing with her twin brother, and a twisted plot filled with betrayal and deceit from all parties involved, and you have Influential Magic. And, of course, we must not leave out the form-shifting Shih Tzu. There were several different goals in this book that the author had to try to successfully meet.

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