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After a thousand years, Lady Alexin (Alex) Dumwalt breaks the spell around Seaward Isle, a ring of storms so powerful no one could leave the island. She joins the exodus of Elves, Dwarves, and mortals to Eledon, the World of the Elves on the other side of the entry point. But Alex faces a difficult decision. Her Water Elf grandmother expects her to stay in Eledon, but Alex was born and raised as a mortal. Her mixed blood, Elf and mortal, means that she must choose between staying in Eledon or following the other mortals who will soon leave for the mortal world through a special entry point created for them. What will she do?

## Spell Breaker Details

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### Misty says

Lady Alexin lifts the curse that causes the storms to keep the inhabitants of Seaward Isle prisoner for centuries. However while many are glad of the change it brings much strife to Alexin who is left standing between two different paths and wondering which is the better path for her. I personally really enjoyed this book because I liked how there were so many different fantasy elements like gods, elves, curses, and more. The book reminded me a bit of the lightning thief as they both have half-blood characters and gods. I have to say that if you enjoyed the lightning thief then you will really enjoy this book.

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### Preeti says

A crisp, clean, straight-forward story; a rich, strong plot; a mind-blowing concept on the lines of parallel worlds; a head-strong protagonist – gave me one of the most fascinating read which I enjoyed thoroughly. My expectations, after seeing the cover of the book, weren't too high. So, I was taken by a pleasant surprise when the story bound me with its twists and turns till the very end.

For me the plot was the most impressive. The story is based in a world which, I believe, is on a parallel dimension. The island where the protagonist lives has been surrounded by storm for a thousand years. People living on the Earth are thrown on this island, by the storm. Interestingly most of these come from different time frames. Once landed, they cannot go back. Those who try are killed by the storm barrier.

Alexin breaks the spell, thus helping the residents of the island to leave it and journey towards Eledon – the kingdom of elves. Reaching there, Alex gets involved in series of missions. As she goes through her life in Eledon, she finds herself in dilemma – to remain in the world of elves or return to the mortal world.

Characters drawn were appropriate to the story. The supporting casts were drawn with an objective of helping the protagonist in her adventures. Even though they had short roles to play, the characters were quite likable.

However, on the whole, I felt that the main character wasn't given much depth. As a reader, I felt that it would have been better if I could know more of her emotions and thoughts.

But even with this wishful thinking, I do understand the reason behind not doing so. Firstly, the point of view in which the whole book was written prevented in providing details of what could be going in the character's mind. Secondly, the author had casted Alex as a soldier. Displaying emotions on her face or delving too much in one's thoughts doesn't work as a personality trait for a good soldier . Alex was trained to do the task, not question it or ponder over it.

Throughout the story the focus was on the protagonist. The story just evolved around her. It was completely about her actions, consequences of her actions, her situation, and her missions. Except few, most of the scenes were related to Alex even if she wasn't present in them. It felt different because as a reader, I couldn't form opinions about any other character. Believe me, I totally liked this aspect for a change. Alex was actually the soul of the book.

The story-line was very eventful. Events occurring in the book were quite compelling. In the whole book, there were series of continuous events. Alex comes from one mission and immediately she is assigned another. Sometimes she has to travel, sometimes she has to track – I mean she was on the move regularly. It was so exciting for me as a reader.

The world-building was simple but distinct. Small but unique elements like magical entry-points, people belonging to different time frames, satellite signals, use of electronic devices in the fantasy world bewitched me completely.

The choice made by Alex and the place where she eventually lands couldn't have been better. The ending was absolute.

As such there was nothing which I can majorly talk about as a shortcoming except one small part. I couldn't apprehend the stand taken by the mortals living in Seaward Isle at the end of the book. That particular issue was dealt in a vague manner leaving me confused.

One who loves to read unique, simple tales with quirky little pieces – go for this book

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## **Mareena says**

After spending one thousand years stranded on Seaward Isle - exiled from their home world of Eledon, and trapped by a ring of relentless storms - the Elves have finally found a way to escape from the secluded island. Their escape is entirely due to the magical nature of a half-elfin sixteen-year-old girl. Lady Alexin Dumwalt - an orphaned half-elfin tracker and descendant of the Titans - has somehow managed to break through the ring of perpetually raging storms that surrounds the island. Despite her obvious delight at releasing the inhabitants of Seaward Isle - Alex is still reluctant to celebrate their freedom right away; as she can sense that whatever has imprisoned the inhabitants on the island, is determined to retaliate against them.

Nevertheless, Alex is absolutely delighted to have found an escape from Seaward Isle - for all those who want to leave, at least. Although, she herself has a certain amount of ambivalence towards the situation. Despite her personal misgivings, she joins the exodus of Elves, Dwarves, and mortals who stream through the entry point into the land of Eledon. According to the Elves - once they return home - a second entry point will be created to allow the mortals to go back to their own realms.

Although she was born and raised on Seaward Island, Alex has only recently connected with the elfin side of her family. With the recent discovery of an entry point between Seaward Isle and Eledon, Alex is faced with an extraordinarily difficult decision. Her grandmother Lestin - a Water Elf and a high-ranking member of the House of Oceanus - expects Alex to live with her in Eledon; forsaking her tracker's lifestyle, and fully accepting her new place within the House of Oceanus. However, Alex was born and raised as a mortal, so she is not quite sure how her arrival in Eledon will be received.

Apparently, the price that must be paid for success is terribly steep. Alex wasn't entirely certain how the Elves of Eledon would treat her, but she never believed they would actually attempt to ostracize her. Despite having elfin relatives, Alex still notices that her recent arrival to Eledon is met with equal parts suspicion and hostility. Yet, she will soon be faced with an extraordinary dilemma: either to stay with her family in Eledon or to strike out on her own into the mortal world.

It is her mixed blood - Elf and mortal - that forces Alex to make such a tough choice. She must make her choice soon; yet whatever she decides to do next can never be reversed. Apparently, the special entry point

that was created for the mortals will only remain open for a short period of time. So, what will Alex do?

I must admit that reading this book took much longer than I expected. However, this was entirely due to my own leisurely pace of reading, and nothing else. I was delighted to be able to reacquaint myself with many of the same characters that I had met in The Seaward Isle Saga. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and am looking forward to reading further books in the series. I give Spell Breaker by Joni Parker a definite A+!

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### **Joni Parker says**

I enjoyed writing this book and read it many, many times.

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### **Ashley Dawn says**

I got completely caught up in this book. Alex is the first in years to be able to break the storms that have kept everyone on the Seaward Isle for thousands of years. With that a mass escape is plotted and Alex is the focal point. She is half elf and half human, and used to the mortal side not the elf. There are a lot of characters to keep straight but it is a good first book in the series. The isle isn't on any maps and there is a time discrepancy that intrigued me completely.

There is a lot in the book and the dilemma Alex faces is going on as an elf and living in Eledon with her grandmother and more of the elven kind or going to the mortal world. Alex was born on the Seaward Isle so she has never known either world. Good book and great start to a promising series. I cannot wait to read the next one.

It was a solid 4/5 for me.

Thank you to the author for the review copies of these books (via PUYB). I received this book in exchange for an honest review and the opinions stated above are 100% mine.

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### **Estelle Haward says**

The Spell Breaker tells the story of Alex, half human half magic, who finds herself the only person capable of rescuing an assortment of humans, elves, kings and princes from a stranded island off the grid of time. The characters are an interesting mix of old, new, unknown and known peoples. The story takes us into the land of the elves where greed and danger challenges everything Alex has learned and learn along the way. The quest to rush the humans back to known earth tears Alex in half...does she follow her human calling or does she stay in the land of magic an eternal being, going through the cycles of rising and decay eternally. I loved the story but found the writing a bit stilted at places and the jumping between worlds and happenings can be quite confusing. Even with this said, The Spell Breaker is a delightful read and draws you into the story racing to the end to see what will happen. The well-developed characters, whimsical traits of the elves and other magical eternal creatures will leave you giggling and gasping. The contrast between the magical peoples and the very human natures of the peoples trying to survive in new and old worlds are great. All in all a story well worth reading. I would be looking forward to the next book in the Chronicles of Eledon series.

