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In her thirteenth life, Aven has settled into the now witchcraft-friendly Salem where she has found true happiness and friendship, maybe even love. Despite her contentment, the truth of Aven's existence haunts her. When she dies, her Spirit is forced from the Veil to live again in the body of a stranger.

Does the elusive white raven, who has shadowed Aven through each of her lives, hold the secret to her release--or is it the cause?

To make matters worse, an unrelenting, twisted evil from Aven's past lurks closely behind her. Sustained by his hatred of the witch, he won't give up until she's paid for what she did to him.

When the truth of Aven's connection to the white raven is revealed, it is more horrifying than she could ever have imagined.

Her freedom will come at a terrible price. And even then, will she truly be free?

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Beth says

The is not my normal genre to check out, but I love jumping out of the normal run of the mill, that normalcy box, easy to see the ending kind of reads. I tend to read mysteries ... but lately I've been reading lots of those Alpha male reads ...after a while ... it fun for me to check out new and totally different genres to break that mind and try something new ...if you are like me, you might enjoy ... Carrie did contact me for an honest review and thoughts ... In this book you will be transported into a totally different world full of magic, romance, mystery and lots of amazing wild so cool twists! I love the well developed characters and very unique well thought out plot. Carrie is a new author to me and I really look forward to reading more from her. Congrats Carrie on you debut novel, well done! Such a new fan. Thanks for the super awesome great read!! Who should read this book? Folks who will most definitely love and this read will be ones who like drama, fantasy and the super natural world ... Must read! (;

Carrie D. Miller says

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I enjoy books with bold plots and quirky perspectives and The White Raven by Carrie D. Miller offered more than that. In some strange way, the author had me thinking about Sita, the lead character in Christopher Pike's Thirst. Aven is living her thirteenth life, and she isn't sure how many more lives she will have to live. It could have been easier for her to keep on living one life after another, except that her past lives catch up with her. Shadowed by a white raven, Aven isn't sure if the raven has the key to her freedom or if she is the cause of the curse. Now she is settled in Salem, owns a shop, and explores the possibility of love. But then a shocking discovery disrupts everything. Can she survive the dark magic this time?

The narrative voice is captivating, and it comes across very strongly in the first person narrative. Written in the present tense, the author seems to have the unusual knack for drawing the reader irresistibly into the narrator's viewpoint. The writing is excellent and it features a lot of insightful descriptions that capture the emotions of the characters in the minutest detail. I love the strong plot, the originality of the story and the great characters. The conflict is masterfully handled and it isn't hard to love the characters, to feel their pain and frustration. The White Raven is a great story for fans of fantasy and anyone who loves reading about witches and magic. Carrie D. Miller was able to capture my heart throughout the entire story.

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Sam (Rescue Dog Mom, Writer, Hugger) says

This well-written and fast-paced story of witchcraft is filled with great characters, awesome magic, humor, romance, and lots of intense emotional action.

I really like Aven, the main character in this story. Her friends are more like family and her animal friends are extra special. I'm very happy for the wonderful romance she found with Cal. I'm also saddened about a devastating loss and about all the terrible pain and loss Aven has suffered throughout each of her lives. I believe there is more to be told of this story and hope the author is working on a sequel.

Sue Mydliak says

If you are really into Witch stories...get this one. It's also AWESOME! Another hard to put down book.

Mischenko says

See my interview with the author and my full review @ <https://readrantrockandroll.com/2017/...>

Aven is living the happiest life she's ever had, and she's had twelve others before. She lives with memories from her past lives and unfortunately her deaths too, including the remembrance of her murderer-Morris Stiles.

"This is the happiest I've ever been. I have been through so much pain and suffering in my previous lives, but here I feel like I've finally found a place where I belong and can thrive. When the recurring dread and despair that this life will end too soon creep into my mind, I pack them back down tightly. I've set aside all thoughts of my curse for now. I will make this a good life."

Aven's been cursed to continue living on Earth no matter how many times she dies. In this life, she's settled down in Salem and owns a little shop where she does readings and sells magickal items. She has Jo- her very close and supportive friend who accepts her for who she is and has true power herself, Cal- a man who's just come into the picture and might be just what Aven needs, and the white raven- who seems to follow her wherever she goes, but she cannot see it.

"He's always around you, you know," she says absently, looking off behind me again. "I know." I don't turn around; he won't be there. "But he never shows himself. This has been going on for several lifetimes. I think almost all of them." I can't remember a time when the bird wasn't there."

Everything seems to be perfect until suddenly something haunts Aven from her past. Will she overcome it? How will she ever break this curse of living over and over again?

This book is written well and I thought the character development was perfect. The characters are memorable and I must say, Aven ended up being my favorite character in the book. She's so strong-minded and doesn't let anything stop her from using her magick. She has a strong and important message to be who YOU want to be. I loved Maggie – her canine companion, Jo, and Sylvia as well. I cherished all the details, descriptions and imagery that really pull you in and make you feel like you're living the story. The author managed to add a little bit of everything here—romance, magick, jealousy, friendship, evil, and love. This is the perfect book to read this time of year, especially with all the magick and Halloween elements. I'm hoping there's going to be a sequel and I'll definitely be reading it if there is!

5*****

Debbie says

A great story featuring a witty, likable cast of strong women, magic, love, furred and feathered animal

companions and lots of unexpected plot twists...

Treat yourself to a great escape. Looking forward to her next book and more of Aven!

Christina says

When reading this book, I found myself transported. The world that Ms. Miller has built her story into brings you into a new world. This book is an amazing mix of all my favorite things, Magic, romance, mystery, and twists! I would say this book is a great read for the adult that longed to go off to a magical school as a child. Or watched three sisters on tv, do magical things. I have read this book 5 times now and each time I find something new that is my favorite part!

Very beautifully written and you can feel every moment!

Charity (On My Kindle BR) says

I received a free copy of this book with the option of leaving an honest review.

The White Raven is an amazing story of love, friendship, magic, and the price of magic!

Aven is an atypical protagonist and I instantly liked her. She has led several rough lives and has used her magic to harm in self-defense or to mete out justice to those who have harmed her. In other words, Miller created a realistic character whose use of magic rings true to how an average person would react to the challenges Aven faced. In fact, all of the characters in the book were incredibly realistic; from Aven's love interest to the petty, scheming shop owner who was jealous of Aven.

The plot and premise are imbued with emotion and magic. I was pulled into the story and found it difficult to put down. I was captivated by the complexity and detail of Aven's history and the magic. Miller either has firsthand knowledge of rituals and charms, or she did extensive research; either way, this knowledge adds another layer of richness and authenticity to an already moving novel.

If you enjoy magical novels filled with love, sadness, hope, tragedy, and humor, I recommend you give The White Raven a try.

Evan Fort says

I really enjoyed reading this book - once I started, it was really hard to stop. I loved the characters and how they interact with each other. Cannot wait to read the sequel!

Zahra Hudelot says

The White Raven is such a wonderful debut novel. It's an excellent escape into fantasy. The characters are whole and lovable. The story continues to evolve throughout while maintaining a pace that is exciting

without being too hectic. It's witchy, fun, exciting, and well-considered. It is certainly hard to put down, and I am happy to recommend it.

Amber Barnes says

Carrie Miller's debut novel *The White Raven* is truly a magickal experience and journey. It is rare for a book to bring to me tears, but several times while reading, tears fell. The characters are full of heart, well rounded and feel like you have known them for years. They truly come alive in the book as I accompanied them through the adventures. It was a struggle to set the book down when real life was calling and I was sad when I finished the book wanting to continue the journey a little bit more.

I hope Carrie continues writing in the world of Aven and letting us readers experience more into her magickal daily life. I absolutely fell in love with the *White Raven* and I am betting you will too.

ginger rodriguez says

Amazing!

My first time reading something of this genre in first person, and I loved it. I loved the balance of characters, flashbacks, mythical aspects, and reality. So well written, and easy to delve into! Can't wait to read more!!

Marion Hill says

I never thought I would like reading a book about witches. Well, that's the power of reading. You can end up liking something unexpected.

The White Raven by Carrie D. Miller is the story of Aven Dovenelle. Finally in her thirteenth life, she has found stability and happiness in the now witchcraft-friendly Salem, Massachusetts, where she has opened her own shop. But something threatens Aven's stability and happiness by the presence of a dark magic connected to one of her past lives and a elusive white raven who has appeared throughout each life. Those elements from Aven's past continues to haunt her until she finally confronts it in an intriguing display of supernatural power.

Miller creates an engaging protagonist in Aven and the supporting characters like her lover Cal, and best friend, Jo (who is also a witch). The story is about of power of love (in both romance and friendships) and what does living a good life mean. *The White Raven* has the potential to be an ongoing series but works well as a standalone. I read this novel in two settings and that's a good sign for being one of my favorite reads in 2018. Recommended for fans of urban fantasy and paranormal romance.

Natalie says

Where to start? So I've always had a soft spot for books featuring witches, especially if they're in a

contemporary setting, all stemming from my love of Cate Tiernan's Sweep series as a teenager. However, there actually isn't a huge selection in this category. Lots feature witches in entirely fictional settings, or are high fantasy, or are set in the past or alternate history, or are YA (not that I don't like it, just sometimes want something with adults) but not a ton in the modern day.

Anyway, I was browsing Amazon for magic-y books and came across this one. I'll admit, the striking cover caught my attention first. However, the summary sounded intriguing so I took the chance and dove right in. Thank goodness I did!

The writing is superb. It's fluid and captivating. I'm very impressed that this is a debut novel! I read over half of the book the first go. The author is also great at creating settings without that info-dump approach too many writers get trapped into. I feel like I can really 'see' and feel the inside of Aven's shop and home. The author's writing style feels similar to Ilona Andrew's or Anne Bishop's for fellow urban-fantasy lovers.

The approach to magic feels fresh and the mystery of the white raven is really fascinating. I also like that while there is some romance in the book that it is not the main focus of the novel. It's about Aven and her story and her magic, which I always appreciate, because while relationships are bound to occur that doesn't mean it has to take over a woman's life. The characters in the book are overall well rounded and each have their own story to tell. While the tale is centered around Aven, you come to like and care about many of the supporting characters just as much. I appreciate that there are multiple strong female characters that share bonds and more than pass the Bechdel test.

While this novel could stand on it's own, I hope there will be sequels because there is definitely more story that could be told. I can't wait to see where Miller will take this series and will be on the lookout for any other books she releases, because she has already made me an instant fan.

If you're looking for a compelling new fantasy, with strong female characters, and evocative writing - you're going to need to pick up The White Raven!

Spinning Jenny BB says

(4.5 stars)

Carrie D. Miller weaves a lovely tale of fantasy and the violent power of hatred.

She has a great flow to her writing, and I'm feeling just shy of "5 stars" because I felt a tad jolted out of that flow with a few scenes towards the end. Basically when she changed from Aven's POV to those of very minor characters.

I'm usually not a Wiccan-fantasy type of gal, but Miller draws you into Aven's world quite easily, and leaves you feeling pleasantly full. I think there's room for more from this cast, but it's also a great stand-alone.
