



## Pooka in My Pantry

*R.L. Naquin*

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

# Pooka in My Pantry

*R.L. Naquin*

## **Pooka in My Pantry** R.L. Naquin

Zoey Donovan—empath, wedding planner, go-to girl for monsters with personal problems—has been marked twice for pickup by Death. On both occasions, Riley the smoking-hot reaper has refused to follow through. For his breach of protocol, Riley is now on probation. For her refusal to die on schedule, Zoey's right to live is challenged. She will have to undergo a life-or-death trial, but she won't know when or where it will happen...

Staying alive might not be so difficult if the Leprechaun Mafia hadn't strolled into town. Now every business owner with the slightest connection to the supernatural community is being threatened with the most appalling bad luck if they don't pay up. Mirrors are smashed, bodies are dropping, and Zoey's still got clients waiting for fabric samples.

With a little luck, she might be able to save everyone and still have time for a second attempt at a decent first date with her favorite reaper.

## **Pooka in My Pantry Details**

Date : Published March 25th 2013 by Carina Press (first published March 2013)

ISBN :

Author : R.L. Naquin

Format : Kindle Edition 236 pages

Genre : Fantasy, Urban Fantasy, Paranormal, Romance, Magic

 [Download Pooka in My Pantry ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Pooka in My Pantry ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Pooka in My Pantry R.L. Naquin**

---

## From Reader Review Pooka in My Pantry for online ebook

### Catty-cat says

Not as good as the first one and zoey constant self flagellation (yep EVERYTHING is your fault !!!) got quite old after a while.

Loved the leprechaun mafia and the gremlins though.

---

### Alana ~ The Book Pimp says

I've already purchased the 3rd audiobook, if that tells you anything. Totally did not end up how I thought it would. Quirky, funny, and just plain fun.

"Friends don't let friends get felt-up by the supernatural."

---

### Celine says

I learnt from this book that one truly does not want a pooka in their pantry. Those guys are nasty.

Zoey helps people and monsters alike - and her help is now needed more than ever. The Leprechaun Mafia is killing supernaturals, while Riley's boss is making life very difficult for Zoey. Will she survive the bad luck that seems to follow her everywhere?

The first Monster Haven book was a fun supernatural romp through a wacky urban fantasy world. It had some issues with plotting, not thoroughly mixing the storylines. Luckily, *Pooka in My Pantry* shows vast improvement in this area. The plotting was more consistent, and tension was sustained for a longer amount of time. I'm always glad to see an author improve, and Ms Naquin did overcome some issues that were prevalent in her debut novel.

Because of the happenings in *Pooka in My Pantry*, the tone of the novel is slightly more serious than the one in *Monster in My Closet*. Though it never gets truly dark, the atmosphere in this novel fits the subject matter. The stakes are raised for our main characters, as the people Zoey loves get in plenty of danger. It made for an engaging read, but for me the fun moments were too few and far in between. I was hoping for more laughs from this book, and less sadness.

That said, the Monster Haven world is still crazy, and I always enjoy seeing what kind of monsters the author comes up with now. The world is slowly expanding, more lore is being added, without it being overwhelming. I'm looking forward to see what comes next for Zoey, the reaper she's dating, and her closet monster.

---

### Atunah says

This is again a series where it's difficult for me to do reviews for. I have the same problem with the Kate Daniels series and Mercy Thompson. As the series goes on, there is just stuff happening that has to be read in

order and I hate spoiling. So I'll keep it to the characters.

Zoey, I still love you. She is just so cute. We are now really starting to see her grow into her role. The one she never asked for. She is making some decisions that are long reaching. Before, she would just basically go with the flow and deal with the monsters and how stuff was happening. It was more of a reaction to everything. Now she is starting to be more in a active role in her life. She wants answers, she is learning to say no and taking charge. Its really nice to see.

Its also nice to see her relationships grow and how she is realizing that all that crazy is now her family.

I also like that her friend and business partner is finally becoming more of a character and is not in the dark anymore. This gives the opportunity for them all to be working together. Kind of like the crew on the TV show "Grimm".

It will also be interesting to follow the bigger story line that opened up in the last part of this installment. Very intrigued.

---

### **Elspeth says**

I love this series! You can also read mine, and MLE's reviews on our blog. I couldn't put this down, even on a work night I stayed up too late reading it. It was that good. Zoey is back again, and she is not a happy girl. Riley has been missing in action, a no show for their second, first date, and when he finally does call, he comes with trouble. A paper pusher bureaucrat with a bad luck spell, and a bad attitude. Now Zoey had enough in her hands with Maurice gone to see if he can patch things up with his wife, the leprechaun mafia in town, and a Pooka moving into her guest room with a penchant to walking around au natural. She really didn't need a bad luck spell on top of it all. Well with this all happening I just could not stop reading. I had to know what was going to happen next. So this was a great second book, and after the ending I can't wait for the next installment. Naquin does a very good job on leaving you wanting more, but not to the point where you want to chuck your book slash kindle across the room.

---

### **Cheryl Landmark says**

Review to come soon.

---

### **Romance and Fantasy for Cosmopolitan Girls says**

Romance and Fantasy for Cosmopolitan Girls

Il secondo libro della serie Monster Paradise, non può essere considerato uno stand alone. Vi consiglio quindi, nel caso non aveste letto il romanzo precedente, di leggere la nostra recensione per evitare che gli inevitabili spoiler vi rovinino la scoperta di questo romanzo.

Ritroviamo Zoey, la simpatica wedding planner, che sta prendendo il suo tempo per accettare la nuova concezione sua della vita: è un'empatica, vive con Maurice, il mostro dell'armadio, ed sta frequentando Riley, un mietitore d'anime. La sua casa è diventata un luogo di rifugio tra i Nascosti, creature

soprannaturali, e lei non può evitare di restarne coinvolta ed aiutarli per qualsiasi problema abbiano da risolvere.

Alla fine del primo capitolo, la vita di Zoey è stata salvata da Riley il quale è andato contro gli ordini che gli erano stati impartiti, ossia prendere l'anima della ragazza, invece l'ha aiutata a sconfiggere il demone e le ha permesso di vivere. Adesso il Regale Ordine dei Cupi Mietitori ha aperto un'indagine sul suo operato e siccome si sospetta che Zoey sia un Aegis, potrebbero lasciar correre, altrimenti la nostra amica verrà giustiziata.

Aegis è un personaggio molto raro, si tratta di un essere umano con un dono eccezionale soprannaturale che attrae a sé i Nascosti. Sono praticamente estinti e se si confermasse che Zoey lo sia a tutti gli effetti, allora la sua vita diventerebbe più che preziosa agli occhi dell'Ordine. Si prende una settimana di tempo per compiere le verifiche del caso, dopodiché il fato di Zoey verrà deciso.

Questa volta la protagonista dovrà vedersela con dei leprecauni mafiosi, un puka dispettoso porta sfortuna e dei simpatici gremlins. Tra un matrimonio e l'altro, nuovi mostri e ulteriori problemi, impara a conoscere se stessa e come sia complicato il mondo dal quale ormai non potrà più sottrarsi.

Il titolo del romanzo fa pensare che il Puka sia la chiave di volta della trama... in realtà arriva a metà svolgimento e il suo contributo è pressoché inesistente. A parte qualche battuta divertente, è un combina guai e il suo scopo non è stato chiarito fino in fondo, se fate eccezione ad un periodo lunghissimo dove si cerca di spiegare come funziona il rapporto fortuna/sfortuna come un'espressione algebrica. AIUTO!!!!

Ricco di personaggi, trama complessa e non sempre chiara, ho avuto grande difficoltà a concludere questo romanzo e una volta giunta alla fine...mi imbatto in una simpatica apertura per il terzo volume. Ammetto di aver capito poco di questa storia, sicuramente è un problema personale, forse non mi entusiasma abbastanza...eppure non sono estranea ai fantasy...per il resto è scritto bene e i dialoghi sono molto divertenti. La caratteristica che più adoro della scrittrice è il suo uso tutto personale di usare delle similitudini impossibili per descrivere le emozioni.

Se leggerò il capitolo conclusivo? Forse no...ma mai dire mai!!!

---

### **Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says**

It is completely crazy after only two books, these characters already hold a place in my heart. They are just that fun and lovable. Heck, this series is just that fun and lovable.

I can't believe I waited so long to start them, especially knowing how fun they are. They have the right amount of humor, drama, and romance, not to mention action, to completely keep me entertained and turning the pages. Plus the mish mesh of supernatural creatures, some very uncommon and ones I haven't heard of before, puts a whole new spin on the fantasy genre and really makes this series stand out. Every book there is something new, something better, something nastier, and just something more and I am seriously loving it.

---

### **Federica Laviano says**

Pensate che i gatti neri, gli specchi infranti, il sale versato non portino sfortuna? Questo perché non avete mai fatto arrabbiare un leprecauno... E se poi insieme a questi nanetti incazzosi, ci mettete un puka maleducato e disordinato e una caccola di troll che non è mai dove dovrebbe essere tranne quando non dovrebbe esserci,

beh... che altro potete aspettarvi se non un completo disastro? Ma Zoey è tosta e non si arrende di fronte alla sfortuna. Anche se è veramente uno tsunami di sfiga, quello che la colpisce...

---

### **Toria Bedell says**

Very good book and series! Can't wait for book 3.

---

### **Sarah says**

Zoey may have fought off an incubus with the help of her friends but now she's drawn the attention of an even bigger enemy. With the Leprechaun Mafia in town Zoey soon finds herself suffering from a bad luck curse but they aren't just going after her, they are also targeting her friends and other Hidden members of the town and Zoey isn't going to let that stand. While fighting off the Mafia she's also worrying about Riley who is on probation since he saved her life on the two occasions he was supposed to take her soul. Riley's boss seems to be taking an unusual amount of interest in Zoey's affairs too which is making her extremely uncomfortable and adding to the danger she faces. How is Zoey supposed to put a stop to the Leprechauns when the Board of Hidden Affairs are on her case too?

When the first page of a book contains the sentence "*But no amount of flexibility prepared me to assist in the live birth of a sea serpent in my own back yard.*" you know you're going to be in for a fun read. **Pooka in My Pantry** is full of humour from the beginning and it had me giggling the whole way through. I can't tell you how much fun this series is to read and I absolutely love all of the characters we have been introduced to. Zoey is clumsy at the best of times but under a bad luck curse she is positively lethal to herself and anyone else who happens to be in her vicinity, literally nobody is safe when she's in a room with them which leads to some incredibly funny accidents.

Just when she was starting to develop feelings for Riley he disappeared on her without a word so when he comes back she's not sure whether to be pissed that he left or happy that he's come back safely. It doesn't help that now he's on probation he has a supervisor constantly shadowing his every movement, even when the two try to get some alone time to talk. What's really weird is that his boss seems just as interested in Zoey as he is in what Riley is doing and she is beyond angry when he starts threatening her. Zoey isn't the kind of girl who takes things sitting down though so they'd best watch out. I have to say I'm really enjoying the way Zoey and Riley's relationship is developing, **R.L. Naquin** is taking her time building the romance so that it feels realistic and I think they're great together.

It's not often that the side characters are as memorable as they are in this series, I love Maurice the closet monster but I also really like Zoey's human friends Sara and Andrew and you can't forget the brownie family that Zoey took in and has kind of adopted as her own. Each character brings something new to the story and I'm glad we get to know them all a little better in every book. I'm just so glad that I discovered this series, I haven't read about a bunch of such fun and quirky characters for a long time and I can't wait to dive back in and follow more of their adventures.

---

### **roxtao says**

If last year, when I was reading the first novel in this series I was still unsure if I should dare to name it like this, now – after a sequel and a short story, I can say without doubt that A Monster Haven Story series is one of the best stories I've ever read!

I think this time, it's not the action that grew my enthusiasm to maximum limits. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that the action is not fascinating or that the plot is weak. On the contrary! But there are other reasons why these books impressed me this much. First, it's the fact that reading this sequel I remembered that for years I believed that there is a parallel universe populated by every magical being we imagine and every crazy idea we have. It seemed impossible that all those creatures born in our mind and all those imaginary friends we create when we are children could only live in our imagination. No, they surely have their own world where they appear and live since the first moment we create them. It has to be like this, otherwise the universe would be extremely sad, boring and uninteresting. And the community of supernatural beings described by the author in A Monster Haven Story reminded me of that world of incredible creatures. There's something so natural in their existence, so casual and normal that when you start reading the story, you get back a part of the soul you had as a child and thought it was lost forever.

The second thing that fascinated me is the way the author builds the characters, their emotions, the feelings that grow from their interactions and the relations created between them. I think that not even when I was reading love stories full of romance and depth, the affection, care and tenderness weren't flowing from those books the way they are flowing from the novels written by R.L. Naquin. During so many moments, you are completely „wrapped” in emotions that are surprisingly tender and real. And the author is able to offer you all these things without even mentioning them directly. She doesn't need to express clearly every emotion, she only engages her readers with simple actions, tiny gestures or some common replies.

This sequel, Pooka in My Pantry was flawless! Even if I really, really wished to devour it in just a few hours, I actually read it as slow as I could (probably no more than 40 or 50 pages per day), only to prolong the happiness. And it really was a perfect story! I have to confess, during a few chapters, I was terrified. Because my favorite character... leaves! He has some problems to solve and he disappears, without mentioning exactly how many days/chapters he'll be missing. And if we're talking about Maurice, I have to mention something that surprised me. Probably every reader falls in love with a character by time to time. Of course, during so many years of reading, I had time to add about five characters that are clearly book crushes. Not only that they were at the time I was reading those books, but they remained like this over the years. Maurice is not a crush. Not in the same way. But as I was reading Pooka in My Pantry I discovered that never, not even when I was falling in love with a character I didn't wish more than I wish now to move a character from a book into reality! Or to move myself in the world described in the book.

But Maurice is not the only perfect character. The secondary characters also have wonderful portraits and the final feeling is that you'd do anything just to switch places with – or at least to be near – Zoey. The plot is surprising and most of the time, you have no idea what's going to happen next. Any assumptions you might have are quickly destroyed. Every time you think you know what's the next move, a new character appears or a new event takes place and breaks your guess. The mystery keeps growing and the solving seems to be more and more complicated. And the ending is amazing! Stepping a little in a steampunk area through the secrets discovered by the heroine, the last chapters offer a new perspective over the series and make you daydream about the next sequel. I also loved the fact that although this time the problems are more complicated and everything is happening at a higher level, the situation for Zoey is somehow more optimistic. She doesn't have just a personal fight, she is now a key element in a major war. And this time, she has a great safety net: a group of dear and loyal friends that will stay near her in any situation, a love that is now free to grow without any macabre events and a whole community of supernatural beings that will surely help her when the time will come.

I won't write any “Pros” and “Cons”. Because the whole book was so delicious and fascinating that I should mention every single element that was used to build this story. Moreover, there really weren't any aspects

that could be considered a "Con".

The last thing that I have to tell you is that this kind of books is the one that transform reading from a pleasure to real need: the books that make you dream the way you haven't dreamed in years, since you were a child and the impossible only needed a spark in order to become possible; the books that are changing your feelings in a second; the books that delete the reality surrounding you, replacing it with the magical scenes from the story; the books that make you wish with all your heart to become one of the characters inside; the stories that become almost personal, intimate, because they influence you more than other books did during whole years. I can count on my fingers the novels that got in this category and will forever remain stuck in my heart. A Monster Haven Story is clearly one of these books, so it's obvious why I recommend it.

---

## Anne Odom says

The tone of this second book seemed to be more consistent with the Bad Things that happen in it -- as opposed to the first one that came across all light and fluffy, even though it was full of serial rape and murder.

### WHAT I LIKED

-----

- The leprechaun mafia - I felt they were a really great set of villains
- How bad luck was made deadly - some darkly creative scenarios there
- The pooka - another good "love to hate" character
- The reaper continues to grow on me
- Lucky boogers

### WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE

-----

- I'm assuming that you've read the first book. If you haven't, you might want to stop, because this is going to be a spoiler for the first book. Zoey's best friend Sara was repeatedly raped by an incubus over many days during the last book. Because it was all supernatural-related, Sara didn't remember anything about what had happened. Zoey decides NOT TO TELL HER. This really threw me for a loop. The book's explanation is that it's better for her to go on as if nothing happened, so she wouldn't be traumatized -- but no one ever covers whether incubus sex has risk of disease or impregnation, and I kind of believe everyone should get to know if someone else has been INSIDE their body.

- This is a spoiler for this book, but I feel like it's close enough to a trigger to include it. Sara finally learns what's really going on with Zoey, and MAURICE tells Sara what happened with the incubus. We know this because Sara approaches Zoey and says "Maurice tells me I slept with an incubus." Zoey agrees/nods or something. What she DOESN'T do is correct Sara and say "Uh, no, you were raped. It was totally nonconsensual".

I was kind of horrified about how the serial rape was handled in the first book. I picked this book up because I wanted to see how the author handled it as the characters developed. I'm still pretty horrified, though I will confess I did read the third book, too, hoping against hope that this situation would be handled better. I've got a review over on that one, too.

---

## **Puddlyduck says**

Even though there were less of Zoey's 'house guests', I enjoyed it even more than the first in this series. The ending of this book has set up an intriguing storyline for the next in the series!

---

## **chucklethescot says**

If Zoey thought the incubus problems were bad, then her new set of problems are going to be worse. Riley is on probation for saving her and Zoey is being investigated and tested to see if she is useful to the Powers that Be. If she is, she will be forced to work for them like her missing mother, if not she will be killed. The Leprechaun Mafia are in town demanding protection money from Zoey and her friends or death will follow, Maurice leaves to try and save his marriage and a bad luck pooka moves in and throws her life into utter chaos.

Zoey is tested by being given bad luck to endure so the arrival of Silas the Pooka multiplies it. Suddenly Zoey can't walk to her car without an accident happening. There is a lot of pure slapstick fun as Zoey becomes the most accident prone person in the world. Her date on the cruise ship with Riley is very funny-spied on by the obnoxious Art and his clicking pen, followed by her bad luck Pooka and ending up in the mess from hell. I don't want to spoil it for readers but the whole scene is funny and totally over the top which appealed to my sense of humour. Sara has to come and stay with Zoey when bad luck starts rubbing off on her which leads to a lot of crazy things happening at the house with Maurice trying to keep things tidy without being seen. Iris of course is a bit more difficult to hide...

Don't panic if you are fans of Maurice because there is plenty of Maurice in the book to enjoy. He is even more concerned about everything that is happening to Zoey and proves himself to be a loyal friend as always. I still don't really feel the chemistry between Zoey and Riley but I do quite like him as a character so it doesn't affect my opinion of the book. I hated Silas to start with but he did grow on me as time went on. I also liked the gremlins who reminded me of Smeagol in Lord of the Rings, and the very cool Frannie. We see plenty of Sara, Andrew, Iris and co as well which is good. The Mafia make good bad guys and there is something that I really hated them for doing, something that made me cry like a blubbering wreck for several pages and curse the author many times . It was HORRIBLE and SAD!!!

There is plenty going on in this book. There are lots of things to laugh at, sad gut wrenching moments, tons of action, Zoey getting into lots of accidents and problems and a mystery to solve. It was interesting to delve into a bit of Zoey's past with a few hints about what happened to her mother, which seems to be explored more in the next full length book.

I'm enjoying this series and I'm now reading book 3 but I do have a slight concern about the next book involving a road trip for Zoey and Riley. If Maurice is missing, half the fun is gone!!!

---