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Daughters of Hecate ~ Prequel

Everyone has to start somewhere, unfortunately for me, my story starts in England, and a witchfinder has come to town. Usually when accusations of witchcraft fly around, the accused are just regular women, but sometimes they get it right... and this time we can't run away.

They've taken everything away from me, and now I'm all alone with nothing but my memories to keep me company, and my thirst for revenge to keep me warm.

Witchmark is a prequel novella in the "Daughters of Hecate" series. Follow Ophelia Turner's quest for revenge through modern day New York City in "Sticks & Stones."

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Book 1 ~ Sticks & Stones (published October 31st 2017)

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## Witchmark Details

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## From Reader Review Witchmark for online ebook

### angela says

7/25/2018 WITCHMARK DAUGHTERS OF HECATE ~ PREQUEL by MEREDITH MEDINA 5 stars.  
(Ophelia)

A quick prequel that is a great short story that left me wanting more. It's sad what this little girl Hannah, goes through. It's something most adults would struggle with and have everlasting effects. Although, she is very much having a hard time, she seems to be a good girl that just wants to get by and feel safe. If the other books are half this good, it'll be a treat to read.

I received this ARC from the Author, the review is my own opinion.

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### Amanda Williams says

This was an absolutely incredible start to a series. I could not imagine what was going to happen in my wildest dreams. The author is not only a fabulous author who has created a fantastic story they are also an artist as the descriptions of the characters and the world that they have built are truly remarkable!!

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### Barb VanderWel says

I love this & I can't wait for more.  
I will be also leaving a review on Goodreads @ Amazon.  
And letting everyone know about it.  
So i gave it a 5 Stars.

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### Kelsey says

#### I was hooked

I loved it, but it was very short. :p I was instantly hooked, but it ended abruptly. Excited for the next one, though!

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### Melissa Levine says

This was a free short story I found on Amazon. When will I learn? Just because the story is free doesn't mean it's going to be good. While I love paranormal/supernatural stories, this one didn't have anything new to it. There was no originality at least not that I came across. The fact the author chose to use names of people that were alive back in the Salem witch trial days, well that didn't help her originality case.

I couldn't help but notice all the high ratings on Goodreads by other reviewers. Usually, I'll get a book based

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on good reviews, hence, I went with this one. I don't get it. Was this the first witch-related story they read before? Either way, the series itself might be a good one (as the ratings suggest), but there was nothing about this novella that made me want to continue with the series.

Questions/Comments:

Right on the first page, I came across the first issue. The author liked to repeat herself.

For example:

"She was a healer, a MIDWIFE, a comforter and confidante who also happened to bring babies into the world." It was already stated that she was a midwife, so unless the reader doesn't know what that means, there was no need to basically explain it.

Or the very next sentence:

"Turner women had been midwives and healers for as long as anyone could remember...My grandmother had been a healer, and her mother before her." Again, unless the reader decided to skip the first sentence above, they would already know/assume that.

There were several grammatical errors throughout this short story as well. Usually involving a forgotten word, a word that shouldn't have been included, or simply using the wrong word.

Given the time period and the fact witches were being killed, how did Ophelia mother not care if those in their town knew she was sleeping with a married man? Especially when said married man's wife has an important father in town? That made no sense to me.

Mrs. Askew figured that Ophelia had a "plain and common" name. So she decided to call her Sarah Smith? I know Sarah was a very common name back then, I'd assume Smith was as well. Again, no sense there.

Whereas the author had previously liked to restate the obvious, here's an example of her contradicting herself. One moment Ophelia states that "The journey was a long one," then on the next page, "The voyage passed quicker than I had expected."

When Ophelia sees Ann tied to her bed, why did it seem like she only had one arm tied? "...one arm secured to the bedpost with a length of fabric." Where was her other arm?

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## **Melanie S says**

### **Ophelia Turner is someone I really want to know**

My thanks to Candid Book Reviews for the ARC, and this review is voluntary, independent, and uncompensated. Meredith Medina is a new-to-me author, and I'm most grateful for the introduction. Witchmark is the prequel to the Daughters of Hecate series, which makes it kind like a book with an ulterior motive - to get you hooked on reading the series. Author Medina is to be complimented on making it much more. It's a creative opportunity to expand/explain backstory, and Medina also uses it to introduce her series protagonist, Ophelia Turner. Ophelia is a true witch, a daughter of Hecate, whose long life began back in the 1690s. The blurb is an excellent description of the plot, so I needn't go into that. What's so enticing about this story is the storyteller's voice. Medina lets Ophelia narrate her own story - calmly letting the dramas of

horrific events, close calls, and supernatural interventions stand for themselves. She comes across as modern urban 20-something with an old old soul and a gutsy attitude about her life. She's a character i definitely want more of. So, well done, Ms. Medina; mission accomplished. Five stars, and I definitely want to read the whole Daughters of Hecate series!

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### **Leo, Lori Blyler says**

#### **Short back story**

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### **Kaye says**

READY FOR AN ADVENTURE???

Care to take a wild ride. Hop on! Wonderfully written, fast paced, easy to follow, smooth flowing read that captivated me from the start. With all its twists, turns and surprises, I was frozen to my seat. The scenes so realistic with all the details and description it was believable. A fantastic storyline that grabs your attention and holds it. The characters are so life like and true to form I really loved the way Meredith added color to her work. It was at times a nail biting frenzy with all the danger surrounding the main character. Meredith did an awesome job bringing this read to life.

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### **Cortnie says**

This is a quick introduction to what is an amazing series. It isn't a prequel you can skip, however, because even though it is short it has a lot of info that will explain things to come.

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### **Rachel Carrington says**

A captivating novella that starts the Daughters of Hecate series, Witchmark caught me from the first page. It's short so I read it one day, but it made me want to continue reading the series. I felt the sorrow from the 9-year-old main character as she ran before she was captured by the witchhunters, forced to leave knowing her family wouldn't be waiting for her when she returned. Meredith perfectly captured the feeling of the time when witches were outcasts, and the novella even had my heart pounding a few times. Do yourself a favor and pick up this quick read! I guarantee you'll want to continue reading!

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### **Barbara says**

A nice little read that can be done in one sitting. People with power have never been easy with those who are different.

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## **Sandra Wright says**

Follow the life of nine year old daughter of Hecate, Ophelia, a genuine witch, in the era of the Salem witch hunt. Though short this is an exciting and heart wrenching tale that spans two continents!

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## **Amber says**

This is a great start to a new series. A young witch on the run from a witch executioner brings this short story to life; filled with survival and suspense I wasn't able to put this book down.

I decided to go ahead and read this novella to decide if I would purchase the other 2 books in the series, and I was not disappointed and immediatly purchased the next 2 books.

This is one of those short stories that does a great job of building a back story to the upcoming books to give an understanding of where the story all started. Despite this being only 5 chapters long I was surprised by just how well written this back story was. It gives the perfect amount of detail and action all in one and yet doesn't feel rushed at all.

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## **Levia says**

### **Slight grammatical errors**

This was a heartbreaking story of the characters origin and background. I'm glad I read it first. There were some slight grammatical errors in the book that I noticed but not the worst. It was just noticeable.

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## **Beverly Laude says**

Ophelia Turner is a young girl in England who happens to be a witch. She has the Witchmark which marks her as a Daughter of Hecate. When her entire family is accused as witches and burned at the stake, Ophelia runs for her life.

She ends up on a ship bound for America and is taken in by a woman named Mrs. Askew, who gives her the name of Sarah Smith. Although the ship is ultimately going to NYC, it first makes a stop in Salem. It just happens that this is during the height of the Salem witch hysteria and Ophelia again sees the witchfinder that killed her family.

This story is obviously the lead-in to a series about Ophelia/Sarah. I found it to be fairly enjoyable, but there were some glaring grammatical and punctuation errors that detracted from the book. There wasn't really anything new in the book as far as the history of the witch hunts, but I liked the perspective of a nine-year old girl on the whole thing.

I enjoyed the story enough that I plan to read more in the series. I just hope that the author has a better editor for the above mentioned errors.

