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It should have been an easy task...

Verity Hastings has a little trick; she can find anything, no matter where it's hidden. It's a skill that's kept her safe and fed all the way from the orphanages and workhouses of her youth. But when she steals a mysterious item for a masked man, she knows the con is on her this time.

In order to protect herself from his associates, she can turn to only one person: Adrian Bishop, the sorcerer she stole the relic from.

Scarred recluse, Adrian Bishop, is rarely surprised anymore. But when a rather enticing little handful turns up on his doorstep claiming to be his mysterious thief, he doesn't know what to think. He needs the relic back, no matter the cost, and he's not above using Verity to find it. But as Verity begins to sneak under his guard, for the first time in years there's a ray of light in his dark world. He will do anything to protect her—anything—but can Verity ever love him once she learns the truth of his darkest secret?

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From Reader Review Hexbound for online ebook

Gwen (The Gwendolyn Reading Method) says

I really liked book 1 but this was a bit slow for me. It took me a month to finish and romance books do not take me a month to finish. I am interested enough to read the next book tho.

Julie (Jewls Book Blog) says

I was completely intrigued by the storyline! I haven't had a chance to read this first book yet, and from the pieces I gleaned in Hexbound, I've missed out on some world building and deeper explanations on the relics. That did not stop me from devouring this book though! Witty, strong, and sometimes sarcastic characterization melded into the magical aspects of the plot quite well and kept my attention engaged from beginning to end. And the romance was a sexy combo of innocence and a dash of vixen-just enough to keep things deliciously spicy. I'm really looking forward to what happens next!

Alice Wulf says

[The Heroine asked for the Hero's help and the Hero said something like 'my days will be yours if your nights are mine' which might be kind of hot except for the fact that *the Heroine was desperate, and literally had no other options, and HAD to say yes even if she didn't want to* (hide spoiler)]

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

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Book Riot Community says

A strong and sexy couple, fully developed world and a meaningful continuation of the story arc begun in the first book of the series: *Shadowbound* – Bec McMasters and *Hexbound* delivered in all areas. Set in an alternate London the series focuses on the HEAs of each of the three sons of the Prime Magician of the Empire. Book Two is the story of Adrian Bishop, one of the aforementioned sons, and Verity Hastings, a teleporting thief and unregistered magic user. Verity steals something left in Adrian's care, and when she's attacked in the dark (not in a good way) she offers to help him get it back. Steamy romance and flirtatious banter ensues. Characters from the first book are central to the plot of this one – so I'd recommend you read in sequence. I was desperate for some escapism in April and this was exactly what I was looking for.

— Tara Cheesman

from The Best Books We Read In April 2017: <http://bookriot.com/2017/05/01/riot-r...>

Sharon says

****I was provided a pre-publication copy of this book by the publisher for review purposes.****

"Just as an aside, I can teleport further than five feet, but a part of me wanted to get to know you a little better." His thief blew him a kiss. "Sometimes the thrill is in the chase."

Awww this book was sweet. I have to admit that in the beginning, I was not sure how I was going to feel about *Hexbound* because we barely got a glimpse of Adrian Bishop in the 1st book. Also, I really wanted this to be Sebastian's book *cough*. However, Adrian turned out to be a good, thoughtful character, and the plot and characters became more developed and interesting than the previous book.

Plot: In the last book, we barely got a grasp on the world and the concepts of magic, but this book definitely made the plot and **world-building more solid, more interesting**. This book officially made me invested in the storyline. We met the other group, the Hex Society, where the outlaws and exiles and troublemakers belonged. This was where our main heroine, Verity, was from. And the prologue started with her stealing the dangerous relic that could potentially disrupt their society if it was in the wrong hands. Who owned that relic? Adrian. So the plot really began, as Adrian had to enlist Verity's help to steal the relic back from the people she had stolen for before. I thought this was a very fun direction the storyline went in, especially because Adrian was an **assassin** and Verity was a **teleporter-thief** (mind you, they still ran in different circles), and they both used their combined strengths to get the relic back.

Verity: I **ADOREEE** Verity. She was flirtatious, bold, and sneaky in the beginning, and as the story progressed, we saw more sides to her. She was the **perfect heroine** for this book in my opinion because she had that perfect mixture of strength and sweetness. A lot of books, in my opinion, had "strong heroines" who turned out to be hot-blooded and unreasonable and somewhat unlikable. However, for Verity, she was strong, but she knew when she had to hold back, when to pick and choose her battles. She was wise and reasonable, and used what strengths and skills she had to her advantage. I applauded her for that, and there was never a moment where I did not like her. In addition, I appreciated seeing some of her vulnerability. She had a hard time trusting people, especially because she grew up in a place where she had to watch out for herself and survive on her own. I liked seeing her learning to reach out to others, and being a part of a new "family." Another thing I really loved about her was that she **genuinely** craved knowledge, wanting to know

more about different types of magic and Adrian's magic society. She grew up with not many opportunities, but Adrian gave her the chance to learn, to be free, and to experience more.

"I'm not afraid of the dark times. I can survive them, Bishop. I can survive anything. But I need these small moments to get through them."

Adrian: I liked him too. He was an assassin, so obviously he had some darkness in him, but ironically, he was also really kind, understanding, and sweet. He was an odd combination of **deadly assassin and modest gentleman**. I had no idea how McMaster made this work, but SHE DID. He helped Verity out, defended her honor, and gave her a chance to step into a new world. I loved him for being so respectful, but also cutely shy and insecure at times. Furthermore, he had a lot of demons and issues to tackle throughout the book, so his character storyline was intriguing, and you cannot help but root for him to find his way.

Romance: The romance was sweet. There was insta-lust, but the characters did not really act on it until later on in the book. Unlike the previous book, there was a better development on the relationship, and I loved seeing the interactions and escalating connection between the two. It was a nice, slow, but **gradual build-up**, and it was cute to see them tease and flirt with each other, and also talk to each other and help each other. In addition, I appreciated that he learned to respect her freedom and her own strength because he knew she could hold her own in a fight. Overall, I found Adrian and Verity to be cute and sweet.

NOTE: There was sexual content in this book.

Final Thoughts: I barely gave you a glimpse at what this book had to offer. There would be other lovable characters (like Agatha, the old, powerful smart-mouth), and we got to see how the couple from the previous book was doing. There were snippets in Sebastian's life that would break your heart, like how it did in the first book as well. I gave this **3.5 stars (rounded up to 4)** because it had an intriguing plotline, a likable heroine, an interesting hero, and a sweet romance, but still it was not my favorite. Newcomers should start at the first book, and people who already read the first book would definitely like this one. Furthermore, I liked where this book ended, setting up the stage for the next book for the final brother, Sebastian (**YESSSSS**).

Things that you might want to know (**WARNING: Spoilers below**)

- Happy/satisfying ending? (view spoiler)
- Cheating? Love triangle? Angst level? (view spoiler)
- Tear-jerker? (view spoiler)
- What age range would be appropriate to read this? (view spoiler)
- Did any good character die? (view spoiler)
- Anything that irked you? (view spoiler)
- Any other questions – feel free to ask. :)

Glory says

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there's no other way to say it so I'm just gonna do it... :) when she broke into his house to steal that very important magical relic I mentioned earlier... :) I know, not the very best first meeting... :) and it gets better and better from there :) I don't want to spoil you every little detail about their journey together, because one of the things I love in Bec McMaster's books are those totally surprising twists and turns, so instead of that, I will say that all that banter and interactions between Adrian and Verity were absolutely, without a doubt, my favourite part of the book :) I actually have a pretty good quote that shows one of the conversations between them closer to the beginning of the story :) normally if I have quotes, I put them at the end of my review, but I sort of... marked this one and then... well... I totally got sucked into the story and that is the only one I have so I decided why not just put it here :) so here it is for you guys:

"Miss Hawkins's pretty green eyes narrowed. 'Who could not like me?'

'Oh, I've a person or two in mind.'

The sudden smile she graced him with made him uncomfortable. 'That's because you've barely had a chance to get to know me. I'll grow on you, Bishop.'

'Like ivy, no doubt.'

'Well,' she murmured under her breath as she pressed close to his side, 'I didn't realize you wanted me to get that close to you. Perhaps if you smiled a little more, I might consider wrapping myself all over you. Like ivy, as you say. You do have pretty eyes, after all.'"

And I swear to you guys that this is just a tiny glimpse into all the awesomeness that awaits you in this story :) there is of course much more to both of them, they each hide secrets, but since I have that no-spoilers rule and all, I won't say anything else :) I will let you discover all of that on your own... trust me, it's soooo much better this way ;)

Besides our phenomenal main couple, we have of course a bunch of secondary characters as well :) there's Ianthe and Lucien, couple from the first book... and I have to say that I enjoyed them much more now that all of their *stuff* is resolved :) and of course we cannot forget about my absolutely favourite pair of characters... the main couple from the third book :) and no, I won't say their names... it can be counted as a spoiler, especially if you haven't read the first book, sooooo... but I can say, that I am absolutely in love with both of them... AND I have no idea how Bec McMaster will end that particular story... I mean, I trust her that she will give them an amazing and beautiful ending, but... how will she get there? I have no idea whatsoever :) but I learned to just stop predicting what's gonna happen next in her books a long time ago... she always does something that shocks me and blows my mind :) there were of course a few more that I would love to name here, but... you know... too spoilery :) #SorryNotSorry ;)

As much as I enjoyed that first book, the sequel is definitely much better :) or at least it feels like that to me, because I loved the main couple more in this installment :) it's connected to my personal preferences as a reader, and that first story just... let's just say that this one is exactly the type I love to read about :) the interactions between Verity and Bishop... or just Verity and other people were soooo entertaining :) I loved her from the start and to see how the journey she's on progresses throughout this story was fantastic :) but the romance is not the only great part of this book :) we also get to know much more about the world and all of the rules, and how different people learn to live in it... I know I'm being vague, but I don't want to ruin certain surprises along the way :) I highly recommend this author, because her writing style is absolutely amazing... even if I'm not the biggest fan of a certain character or event taking place in the story, her books are always gems when it comes to the quality of writing... I am hooked from the beginning to the very end, never knowing what exactly gonna happen on the next page... it is an uncanny ability to be able to pull a reader inside your story like that, and Bec McMaster does it every single time... :) I cannot wait to see what she has prepared for us next, so if you are looking for a great read, then definitely give this series of hers a try... or any other stories she wrote :) trust me, there is no wrong choice here :)

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Sunny says

Everything I love about Hexbound is exactly what I struggled with in Shadowbound. I struggled with the very detailed and intense world-building in book one. Now that the hard part is over, I love, love, the society created by Bec McMasters.

Magic users are in a tenuous position in the land. The Queen allow magic to exist because they provide a valuable service to her government. However, there is a growing anti-magic element gaining popularity seeking to rid their world of this "abomination."

Meanwhile there is a power struggle within the magical world as well revolving around the Prime, the leader of the magical realm. It involves his sons, the three spiritual objects of enormous power, and a villain very close to the family. Hexbound features the story of the second son, Adrian Bishop. Adrian belongs to an elite group of assassins who work directly for the Prime. Although, he knows he has an affinity for the role, it steals a little of his soul each time he completes an assignment. Verity Hastings grows up in one the poorest parts of surviving with a gang of criminals. Verity has a special and unique gift that makes her a highly successful thief. She is coerced into stealing one of the magical objects currently being protected by Adrian.

The overarching storyline is so wonderfully creative. The narrative is layered, nuanced and wonderfully complicated. By focusing the main storyline around a singular family, each book weaves another part of the narrative together, connecting it seamlessly with the last. I find myself completely invested in the characters and look forward to the next moment I could read another chapter. It's a page turner.

Mei says

I love the worlds Ms. McMater creates and I like this one too! :)

I thik this one was better than the first one that have some minor things I found irksome, probably due to the fact that it had to establish the new series.

What I liked more than anything here is Verity, the heroine! She's excellent with just the right mix of naivete and sexy playfulness! I enjoyed how she pushed Adrian out of his confort zone with her unexpected actions and words! It was hilarious to see how he reacted! But, then, his reaction became very human when it was revealed (view spoiler)!!!

I think some of my firends here would love that! LOL

Adrian was inetersting in his own right! A very dark, very mysterious, very still man, but when taken out of his confort zone a loyal and loving too! That he's sexy is not a fault too! ;)

Here the search for the stolen artifacts continues and the mysterious prophesy continues to hound the three brothers and all the other people around them!

I liked very much that these books are closely linked to one another. Even if each book is dedicated to a brother and his love interest, they all follow the same story!

I'm looking forward to Sebastian's story! :)

Kylie Griffin says

Oh my! Can I give this more than 5 stars?

REVIEW

McMaster doesn't disappoint with this latest installment in the Dark Arts series. I've been looking forward to reading about Adrian Bishop since Shadowbound.

There was so much to love about this book, a lot of tangled plot threads and details (obviously foreshadowing future events in other books) but my favourite was how both Bishop and Verity resonated with me as a reader.

They really appealed, they were both strong and vulnerable, and they grew in spades throughout the book. I didn't like one more than the other and, as a reader, that was really satisfying. I love to get tangled with both characters and their journey in the story.

The villains were three-dimensional – plenty of reason and justification for why they acted like they did – but I still hated them for what they did to other characters.

The introduction of the Hex was another layer to this world and added more depth to what is already a world rich in detail. I really liked getting to know a bit about them.

The epilogue was a real twang on the heart with how Sebastian was handled, especially when he realised revenge sucked and he'd made a huge mistake giving into the demon.

Another great read in this series, and I look forward to the next.

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Fathima says

Oh boy ... book 3 better get here as fast as it can coz things are about to go down ! And yassssss to finally getting Cleo and Sebastian's story !!! Also , there were certain things that I was not expecting ... :(

Ami says

"You are my hope. You are my everything. I love you, Verity, and I will spend the rest of my life proving that to you."

Boy, do I love McMaster's heroines! They're awesome... and Verity joins that list. Reading about how she outrageously flirting and taunting Adrian, the virgin assassin has been a blast!

Right from the very beginning, when Verity was able to outwit Adrian and stole the chalice, she won my heart. I thought she was incredible. When she asked Adrien for help, it didn't make her a damsel in distress in any way. I loved that Verity held her own, even facing one of the most dangerous assassins.

Adrian was a good hero too -- but this was a case where the heroine hogged all the spotlight for me. Couldn't get enough of Verity.

I still wasn't completely immersed with the world, though. Sure the whole demon and Morgana trying to break Drake as Prime was interesting, but it didn't grab me as much as the *London Steampunk* conspiracy or the danger of the *Burned Lands*. Having said that, I would NOT miss the next book when the final showdown happened.

I just have to wait until next year until Sebastian and Cleo's story. Urgh.

Marta Cox says

Ok confession time, I loved the authors original London Steampunk series and have just started reading her spin off Blue Blood Conspiracy series but hadn't realised that this series was also in existence! Yes this seems to be a trilogy that starts with Shadow Bound and is found under the title Dark Arts series . Phew, so having got that out of the way what did I think?

Clearly each of these books features one of the three brothers who also happens to be a powerful Sorcerer. Sharing the same powerful father they fight an evil that threatens the very fabric of society. This book focuses on Adrian , a man so tightly connected to death magic that he cannot ever allow himself to truly let go. Yet into his life comes the confident thief Verity, who not only steals something incredibly powerful from him but challenges him in oh so many ways. Together they embark on reacquiring the missing Chalice but their hunt takes them into the underbelly of London and deeper still until it's all too obvious that an evil plan is about to come to fruition !

As usual I devoured this story and quickly found myself enmeshed in the world the author has created. Perhaps a little less like the usual steampunk stories around as its more a story of magic and not about fabulous mechanical creations but nevertheless another strong story. Yes I've missed out slightly on the initial setting up as it were but I found it very easy to follow with its mixture of intrigue, action, vile bad

guys and of course romance. If you enjoy slightly stiff, honourable male leads partnered with feisty, bold heroines then this book is a winner . Plus as it ends it sets up all the deliciousness that's to come from the next book and I for one cannot wait.

I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this book
