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**If Buffy and Angel could have banged without him going all evil, then we would have had Wilomena Bastion.**

**Dragons suck, like literally suck the life out of you if you let them.** Trick is not to look them directly in the eyes, like ever. So, the day Wila finds herself staring into the most dangerous Draconi's pretty, emerald peepers, she knows she's royally fucked.

**No one said saving a bunch of kids from being served up as treats to the dragon liege was going to be easy.** Options are limited—immediate execution or servitude, and Wila prefers to have her head remain firmly on her shoulders.

**Now, the self-professed dark avenger must work to bring down a resistance of demons hell-bent on making life difficult for the dragon liege.** And, if that wasn't bad enough, her new position comes with a partner, the dragon liege's favoured demon enforcer; a creature of fire, fury and washboard abs who—let's face it—is just gonna cramp her style.

**With the help of a ghostly receptionist, a talking dog and the thing that lives in the basement, Wila will be forced to take on a most dangerous task.** It looks like some serious brooding is on the menu, because for the first time in forever, Wila isn't sure she's up to the job.

**A city filled with monsters needs a woman who can kick ass, and Wilomena Bastion is just the gal for the job.**

*A kick-ass Urban Fantasy with a slow burn Reverse Harem Romance.*

## City of Demons Details

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## From Reader Review City of Demons for online ebook

### Andrea Green says

Wow, Wow, Wow!!! After the Midnight books which were a fabulous series and probably Debbie's best work to date I wasn't expecting this new book to even compare in the slightest but how wrong I was!!!! An amazing new heroine with some wonderful and diverse Alpha males plus Debbie also makes you fall in love with the sub Characters. This new world is also interesting and different to all the other worlds that she has created in the past. This book manages to capture the imagination, everything is easily visualised, and you are drawn in to the storey very easily. The voice from the locked room along with the Hound adds mystery and there is a lot of action and suspense. I can't wait to see how this new storey grows and how the relationships blossom along the way. I couldn't put the book down once I had started and await the next instalment with much anticipation. I am definitely hooked and still can't believe that this set of books could be even better than her last series as I really didn't think that would be possible, but it seems that there is no end to Debbie Cassidy's genius imagination and writing skills.

Fans of C N Crawford, Annabel Chase, & Linsey Hall, would enjoy this series of books. Also, this is a must read for fans of series such as Lost Girl, Shadow Hunters, Twilight Saga and Angel.

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### Vicki says

This was the first book I have read by this author and I really, really enjoyed. It had hints of my favorite urban fantasy/paranormal TV shows like Buffy or Angel, which a kick-butt heroine and a collection of characters she works with to investigate and take down paranormal creatures or problems in her town. It has humor, action and a good reverse harem slow burn - it fulfills some of those fantasies of wishing some of our favorite TV heroines wouldn't have had to choose (again, Buffy or True Blood). I'm glad I'm late to the party because that means I can dive into book two right away.

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### Namera [The Literary Invertebrate] says

There was some really good stuff in this book, so let's dive straight into it.

*City of Demons* introduces us to one Wilomena Bastion, popularly known as Wila, who is - like EVERY SINGLE URBAN FANTASY HEROINE IN EXISTENCE - a private investigator. You can't really blame Debbie Cassidy for not reinventing the wheel here, though. There's a reason all the heroines in this genre are PIs: namely, it gives us some great drama, which we immediately get here when Wila volunteers to rescue a group of children from dragons who intend to eat them. Although she survives, she has to make a devil's bargain with the evil dragon queen to avoid being ripped into several million pieces. The tension is kept ratcheted high for most of the book and the pacing works well.

Wila is a great character. She's hilariously witty, reluctantly warm-hearted, and in general a very three-dimensional narrator. Her conversations with her sarcastic pet dog Trevor are LIFE. Her harem's pretty good too, although it is definitely a slow burn - nothing beyond teasing flirtation in this book. The men all have defined personalities and their own strengths and weaknesses.

My biggest gripe was that the world here is very confusing. Rifts? Black Walkers? Others? All these terms were just thrown at us with minimal explanation. Even having read most of the Chronicles of Midnight, this series' immediate predecessor, I was extremely confused. In the end I just gave up on trying to understand and went along for the ride.

Blog - The Literary Invertebrate

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### **Bec says**

This story really needs more fleshing out and the heroine is not real bright...

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### **Tiera McMillian says**

3.5. This book was really entertaining. So many times you find a snarky bad A heroine and she spends a lot of time inner monologuing or something that causes an almost split personality. Not here though what you see is what you get! Just the blurb itself had me tickled so I knew there would be some humor involved and this book surely delivers.

I believe we have really only skimmed the surface of what is happening here. Not much backstory about the world. It seems we are in an alternate dimension of sorts for magical creatures, humans themselves having their own dimension and more exist. As far as I can gather there are main races of magical beings and then there are the neph she mentions they are descended from "black wings" or fallen angels, so the shortened name makes sense, however they seem to be at the bottom of society. But there really isn't much more info on how we have arrived at this point.

Willa gets herself in some deep doodoo right off the bat, and though she handles herself pretty well I'm still unsure exactly what kind of supernatural she is. One things for certain she doesn't take any crap from anyone, and has no filter! Definitely gonna hang with this series for a bit and see what's happening!

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### **Gaby★Me Myshelf and I★ says**

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There's a lot to process here.

Based in the same world as the Chronicles of Midnight, Arcana is a city with only paranormal residents. Its not necessary to have read CoM though as it is a completely separate series and city (it will only give you a

leg up on the history of the nephs and black wings etc)

Wila is a classic UF Heroine

- ✓Snarky attitude with no filter between brain and mouth
- ✓Private investigator who works alone (or thinks she does but in reality relies on her contacts and friendly house Ghost/taking dog)
- ✓Orphan who doesn't know her true lineage
- ✓Weaponry with a mind of its own.
- ✓Leather and lots of it

**If that's your idea of heaven then you will really enjoy this**

We've seen this recipe done before (*ok maybe not the talking Pomeranian*) but it still works for UF and Wilma is a great character

*added bonus she like her tea of out of a china cup - now that's a Heroine I can get behind she obviously has sense*

However she isn't as kickass as she thinks she is and ends up being saved by the males more often than I'd like. Her main superpower seems to be the ability to have a witty comeback and get herself into trouble at every turn.

Freeing a group of orphans from the local Dragons lair has ended up with her working for the evil Dragon queen and shackled with a hot *Shedim* as a partner to locate some rouge *Shedim* for the Queen.

The romance is slow burn *much to my frustration* and Wila seems to live in a world where all the guys are hot and she is the only female around. I count 7 to 8 potential harem members by the end of the book! Some have a great big question mark over them and I'm looking forward to seeing what happens with them. They all have potential and Alpha tendencies

**Not least being the set of twin trolls, yes I said twin trolls!**

Once you get past the info dumping in the first 20% its a great read and I'm looking forward to more. I would like a little more ass-kicking in the next book from Wila and some of the relationships to solidify but a great start

*ARC received*

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**Stacy says**

CITY OF DEMONS was a great start to a new series by Debbie Cassidy.

I love a strong, snarky protagonist and Wila fit the bill. There is a lot of mystery surrounding her, but I had no issue with liking her. I enjoyed her job as an investigator and I enjoyed learning about her housemates. I'm very interested to learn more about Wila as she learns more about herself.

When the author says this is slow burn reverse harem romance, she isn't exaggerating. It was so slow it's frustrating. There is a lot of romantic tension all over the place and no action. It might be torture waiting, but I'm hopeful that it will be great when it does. I also hope that there isn't a crap load of men in the harem because there are a lot of possibilities and it might be a bit much if they all end up in her bed.

With the little information we got, I enjoyed the world so far. There seems to be a lot to it with a lot of players involved. It will take a bit to really understand it all, but I look forward to learning more with book two.

\* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Marguerite (Lady RH) ❁ says**

#### **Rating: 4 stars**

I received an ARC from the awesome Debbie Cassidy and read it almost right away. Unfortunately I didn't have much connexion for a while, as you most know i was away on a backpacking trip and i deeply apologize to the author to not have posted any rating or review earlier.

City of Demons was a really good start to this new series and once again, I was pulled in the universe and by the characters.

Debbie Cassidy has the utmost strength of creating incredibly charismatic characters. The story could be awful, badly written or plain nonsense it would not matter; the characters make you want to read more and just never see the end of the book.

Fortunately, everything else is greatly enjoyable. There is world building, action, mystery and everything you want to have in a book.

I didn't get enough of her last series, the Chronicles of Midnight, which I seriously adored. The Chronicles of Arcana are definitely my currently most looking forward series.

*Thank you Debbie Cassidy for providing me this ARC and very sorry again for the delay~*

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### **Maraya21 (The Reading Dragon) says**

❁ Read for the Unleash The Mods™ Challenge (UTM™) over at Fallen Into Tijan Books -- *Pick: Maraya / Month: October 2018* ❁

#### **4.5 Stars**

**GOD.**

**DAYMN.**

Damn straight this was fucking amazing!

I loved Willa so much! Second Willa I encounter and absolutely love.

The story is super well written: straightforward and simple. Characters are awesome, not censored within an inch of its life swearing ('nuff said). Action & sarcasm & awesomeness.

I am rambling this was so good!

I was like

While

And then

Get the fuck out of my way, I **#NEED** Book #2 STAT!

••• *Pre-Review Thingy* •••

I knew I needed this after the first sentence. Needy McNeedrson agreed with me.

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**Allons-y says**

Super fun read.

I really enjoyed the world building, the descriptions are not overwhelming but they are detailed.

So glad I picked this one up!  
I was on the edge of my seat.  
Reading the next one right away!

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### **Alicia Schultz says**

#### **Fantastic, funny, and excellent read.**

This is an excellent read. We have a kick ass main character, Wila who in my mind is a kind of female John Constantine, but like.. if Constantine was a PI, and female, and was a nephelim. So .. not quite the same, but .. the snark, and the long suffering, and the snark. She's funny and sassy and kick ass but with a softer side. I really liked Wila. And she's surrounded by an awesome cast of characters, including her film-noir PI partner-cursed-into-the-body-of-a-dog named Trevor, her resident ghost/spirit who acts as their chef/historian named Gilbert and the shop-owner/peddler of magical stuffs who she pays in blood, not coin, named Barnaby. Oh, and her quasi-sentient crossbow named Killion. I mean, how awesome is that?? And where can I get me one of those?

Then there are the troll brothers, the dragon prince, the Shedim and the Arcana mage (such a lucky girl, this Wila, let me tell you!) and this book just goes from strength to strength. It's a really enjoyable read where the characters are extremely well defined, the personalities blend and clash in very organic and believable ways, and the plot expands naturally. The action scenes are dramatic and realistic without feeling glossed over or overwrought. In short, it's a perfect read and I'm pre-ordering book 2 and 3 as we speak.

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### **Rhiannon Chillingworth says**

I was lucky enough to do a Beta read of this and I absolutely loved it. I was a huge fan of the author's previous Chronicles of Midnight series and I think I'm going to like this even more.

One of the things I loved the most about CoM is what a great Urban Fantasy series it was, as UF is my first love and favourite genre. Well City of Demons is even more UF than CoM.

If you love UF, but want a slow burn Reverse Harem as a delicious side dish, then I can't see how you'll not enjoy this.

Willamina is tough and snarky, but doesn't take herself too seriously, and I found myself enjoying her character straight away. Her living situation is hilarious as well, considering she lives with a ghost, a talking dog (which was once a human) and a mystery Voice under the stairs, who came with the house and she's too afraid to let out, despite him being her sounding board and someone she goes to to vent and for advice. I have big hopes for him and it's hilarious that the Voice is one of my favourite favourite characters.

The male characters are varied and distinct from one another. You have a Shazim (sort of a demon, who looks human when he wants), a dragon Prince, a sorcerer and Troll twins (although sadly one of them seemed to be strictly platonic).

The world is linked to CoM, but it's not necessary to have read the series to understand it. There are pockets of magic around the world and only Neph's (supernatural creatures) can live in them. Part of these are ruled by the dragon shifters and part by the Arcana, which is basically the sorcerers and witches.

If you enjoyed the author's previous series, or are an UF fan, then you can't go wrong here!

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## Jess says

### Faith not Buffy

Paranormal Reverse Harem. Slow burn. There is just some intense looks and heavy attraction in books one, and based on the predecessor companion series you are going to have to wait until about book three until anything happens and when it does happen it won't be overly descriptive, so if that is the only reason you read these or you hate paranormal or you find the MC being with more than one guy creepy this isn't a series for you. (sorry, I'm getting tired of checking reviews to see if I will like a book and the review is 1 or 2 stars with the comment I hate this kind of book. Great for you. That review isn't helpful).

So before we start, yes this is a spin off series. So far there isn't any character overlap, but you should read Cassidy's Midnight series which focuses on Serenity Harker before you dive into this one.

As for Will, the female main character here, she definitely isn't a daughter of Buffy's, she is good, but too hard. She is much more Faith before Faith went evil. Maybe a child of Faith and Riley, you know if Faith hadn't gone evil and died and Riley didn't become a have your blood sucked addict. There is a little bit of an apocalyptic feel to this one. I'm still not sure what country the story is set in, I'm guessing the UK because of the tea and biscuits and the fact the author is from the UK. I wish in this series Cassidy had given us what city everyone was living in. In the Midnight series not having that info made sense even if it still caused some frustration. I'm trying to get a mental picture of this place. I know it's big enough to have a subway, so maybe London sized? I'm not sure. How big is it? How many people are there? Are North, South, East, and West small neighborhoods just a few blocks in area or are they massive areas containing hundreds of thousands of nepts? I'm trying to paint a mental picture of this world and I just don't have enough info. I liked the guys so far, I like how everyone is coming together and I'm not sure who will make the group yet. Also, after reading Midnight I'm hesitant to get attached to everyone. There is definitely a lot of mystery and a lot of unanswered questions, and it's nice not to be able to guess everything immediately. That's not to say there aren't some tropes employed here and there, but those things are standard for their genres for a reason. And it doesn't end on a cliffhanger, so while you want to continue on and get more answers you aren't left in a place of emotional turmoil as you wait for the next book or the time to read it.

All in all, if the description sounds like your kind of book you will probably like this, but make sure you read the midnight series first.

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## Lene Blackthorn says

Sometimes it might be better to listen to your logic and not take a job that sounds insane.

And sometimes you just throw all logic out of the window because innocent lives are at stake.

Wila is kind of a private supernatural investigator and demon hunter, independent of the structure employing other similar hunters. When one day an important man approaches her with desperate request to go on insane mission into Draconi territory, she hesitates - he is an Arcana, has powers, and reputation at stake. She wants the money, and feels obliged to help the children also for personal reasons. But accepting it bring her to life and death situation that might change her fate, and definitely changes her way of life. With powerful men and representants of all important supernatural races on her side, facing equally dangerous and important enemies, Wila is thrown into the middle of a war which covers way too many secrets.

I fell in love with this book almost immediately. Wila with her foul language, kickass attitude, and quick thinking is a heroine I can definitely admire and connect with, and I was eager to follow her on her journey even when I had to work. The world building is fabulous with all the creatures and enchanted weapons and special abilities. The plot develops fast and promises much more to bring in the future. There is a lot of action and much tension, even when it comes to potential love interests. Relationships develop slowly and naturally, are not rushed though a bit escalated thanks to the events twisting the story happening in quick succession. I would love to read more immediately.

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### **Celeste says**

So I know I've read this book before but either I've forgotten to mark it as read or GR is playing mind games with me. Either way I found that while I've read the first and possibly second book in this series I most certainly haven't read the third and fourth. So it was a good thing I did so now because let me tell you this series is worth it.

Wilomena Bastion is refreshingly sarcastic with a potty mouth to boot and funny as hell. The world building is interesting what with dragons called the Draconi and the Shedim who as far as I can tell are djinn like and of course the nephlims, ghosts and talking abominations.

Now reverse harem is totally my jam and I love a slow burn and there isn't any insta love going on here so this is definitely going on a short list of RH favorites.

Now I just need to find another slow burn UBF RH series to help with my withdrawals.

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