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Spell Slinger (Wayward Magic Book 1)



Synopsis

New York Times & USA Today bestselling author, K.N. Lee presents the paranormal world of *Wayward Magic*, a fantasy romance series fans are comparing to anime meets epic-fantasy. Yara Ortuso always knew she'd follow in her father's footsteps as a Spell Slinger--until her mother sold her off as a concubine to a lord, after a forbidden romance. Yara would have served her time as a wife to keep her family safe, but when King Loric sets a decree to abolish magic, she has no choice but to make plans for her escape. Her best friend--a crow shifter named Hero is just what she needs. Yara vows to end the reign of murder and tyranny. But when the skeleton key transports Yara to a distant future, she must adapt to this new world. A mysterious prince with his own secret motives might stand between Yara and her quest for vengeance. The future is an alluring and mysterious place, where the effects of a world without magic is apparent by the rise in supernatural activity--and King Loric still lives. Follow Yara's epic journey in this futuristic fast-paced steampunk adventure perfect for fans of Gail Carriger and Brandon Sanderson! Praise for *Spell Slinger*: "Great and entertaining read." Kole Reads "The details are intricately written and interwoven so expertly. You never know what direction the story is going to go until it takes you there." -Kristin, Reviewer "The creativity of this writer just flows throughout the pages!" Patti Hays- Reviewer "Spell Slinger was riveting!! I absolutely fell in love with Yara, Hero, Asher, and Eric!" Heather- Reviewer

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Customer Reviews

4.5 for me. I really enjoyed this short and fun read, but because I didn't really get the FEELS unless a certain non-MC was mentioned, I gave this a four. The ending bumped it up to a .5, it was that good and surprising. And it gave me more feels than this whole thing gave me, to be honest. I wish it was longer lol so it could be more elaborate and have more time to give me the reading experience I know it can. The reason this isn't five stars is because of the minor technicalities. Otherwise, this was a great and entertaining read.

Yara is incredibly powerful, daughter of a spell-slinger and a meta (in this instance a ghost, though meta covers many different creatures). We enter the story as she's escaping from a life she was forced into - one of many wives to a wealthy man. With the help of her best friend, a raven shape shifter, and a former lover, she starts on a quest to kill the king, whose reign involves killing off all spell slingers, the last gateway holding the meta's back from destroying the world. But when she comes across a skeleton key, it sends her far into the future, where the king still reigns and meta's are on the verge of taking over the world. Her path takes her into the presence of one of the king's sons, igniting a passion she thought she no longer had. This story has fantasy, time travel, and superhero elements to it that make it quite delightful. This one is a bit of a tough review. The writing is solid. The world is incredibly interesting. The characters are decent. The problem I had with the book is that there were some inconsistencies and stuff that didn't get fully explained. For instance, Yara gets slung into the far future by a skeleton key, but it's never explained why. She was on her way to try to kill the king when she got slung to the future, and there her quest basically continued, although minus her partners in the first portion of the book. One of the characters is a turncoat, and Yara seems to know when it gets revealed, but there's nothing to indicate that beforehand, so it seemed a little out of left field. Also, the turncoat could have outed her to the king at any moment, but she never did, and the motivation is unclear. Despite an immense amount of struggle, Yara, the main character, seems to move through each with surprising ease. She's super cool and interesting, but would have been more interesting with a little more struggle. So I gave this review four stars. I wanted to give it five, but just couldn't due to the little inconsistencies that unraveled the story every time I stopped to think about it.

WOW This was an awesome read just like I have come to expect from Ms Lee and she doesn't disappoint. A great read with a BAD Kick Butte and Don't Take Prisoners GIRL who doesn't play. Love it and love her. Yara has faced all kinds of horrible things done against her because she is a woman but against all odds she ends up doing big things. I love the intrigue and action and oh man the twists that are thrown in right along with it. A strong story, great characters, and some real spine tingling, stop breathing, silent scream of NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO, an aw man, a no way and it was worth it all!! Well done and a great addition to the Skeleton Key Series.

I so wanted more. I know it is a novella but K.N. Lee is outstanding and this is no exception. I just wanted to see the story go on a little longer because it was fabulous. Now, don't get me wrong it wasn't super short that you just had to say really is that all but still it is superb. I loved the characters in the story. Yara was outstanding put together and makes you wish you were her. LOL. The story was superb and hands down great. I have read a couple of the Skeleton Key books and loved how they are put together. Fabulous job K.N. Lee. Keep up the great work with your books. Yara and Evan have wonderful chemistry and you can feel the love that was put in creating them and the book. This is a must read.

This book is enjoyable and the concept of the book was strong. Having read KN Lee's books before, I didn't find it quite as "tight" as some of her other books, leaving a bit too much to the reader's imagination with minor inconsistencies and unexplained "things." How/why did the key throw her into the future? Where were the signs indicating the rat in the group? Being faced with numerous [dangerous] situations which should have been challenging, yet she breezes through with little effort. Tighter editing (proofing, etc.) would have taken care of most of these minor issues (along with the errors). Again, this book was enjoyable and the possibilities are definitely there for this talented author.

Spell Slinger is a quick and enjoyable read. It is well-written with vivid imagery that allowed me to get lost in the story. It offers drama, action, and romance with a hint of intrigue that kept me thoroughly entertained. I adored Yara's strength and vulnerability, which had me invested in her happiness. I appreciated the progression of her relationship with Evan, as well as the various twists and turns that kept things interesting. Definitely worth the read.

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