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The Alexanders have always kept their secrets hidden...

When sixteen-year-old Jace Alexander moves to the small town of Oaktree, Georgia, he attracts the attention of every girl in school. Shy, introverted Alisa Cole immediately casts Jace in the leading role of her latest fantasy, but she assumes he'll never return her interest. After she saves Jace from a Hunter, everything changes. Her accidental discovery of Jace's secret propels her into a world of magic and danger. Alisa's newfound courage is put to the test when Jace introduces her to his intimidating older brother, Bryce, and she decides she would rather battle a Hunter than endure another moment under Bryce's intense scrutiny.

Jace and Bryce aren't the only ones with secrets...

Rachel Stevens is the girl who has it all. She's beautiful, popular, and in possession of an ancient power which endangers not only her, but those sent to protect her. Jace is drawn to Rachel—and he isn't the only one. The Demon Re'Vel will do anything to claim her—even if it means waging a war with the entire Alexander family. As layers of secrets are peeled away, revealing the truth of her heritage and her family's betrayal, Rachel struggles to resist an immortal suitor who stalks her in her dreams. With the Alexanders fighting to protect her, can Rachel escape the power of the Demon and his Claiming Words?

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Jamie says

To start, let me say that I did like this book, but I didn't love it. The writing, the plot, and three-dimensional characters were all there. Yet, this book was a tough read for me to get through and it's hard to pin down exactly why. I think the main reason was the split point of view. It's almost like watching Finding Nemo... you care about Nemo in the tank (at the dentist's office) but you really want to get back to Dory and laughing your head off.

In The Claiming Words, I really liked Alisa's point of view and I could relate to her the most. Rachel, on the other hand, annoyed me more than anything else. This unfortunately caused me to skim over her sections of the book which really is a shame because she had a much more interesting plot line than Alisa. Rachel's worlds really delved into the mystery of witches, hunters, demons and all things magic. She faced some of the more interesting plot twists and definitely had more active plot movement than Alisa. But like I said earlier... I just didn't like her that much. She kind of has some weird personality shifts throughout the book that had me questioning whether or not she would be a "good" guy or not.

Alisa's story was much more interesting to me for some reason. I felt for her as she continued to be the ordinary among the extraordinary. I liked her character growth from beginning to end. And without giving away too much, I preferred her guy to the other option. But to add on that, I did feel like her relationship got serious REALLY fast... two conversations and a few emails later and we were already seeing those three little words in print. Maybe because I liked her and her guy, I wanted to see that develop more slowly... that way I could feel her feelings with her and enjoy that budding romance.

So to sum it up, the story is interesting and worth reading. I just wish the author had arranged the book differently. Also, some additional world building would have helped. It was hard to believe these people were magical when... they just seemed so ordinary for the most part.

Meganm922 says

I enjoyed The Claiming Words quite a bit. The story was fascinating and I thought it was interesting to have the points of view of Alisa and Rachel when neither were quite close to each other. I suppose I'm used to dual narratives involved love interests or friends and it was different to see Alisa's and Rachel's story overlap one another the way they did. Both characters were completely different and held a tiny bit of animosity towards each other in the beginning.

The Claiming Words was a story about witches and demons and magic. The Alexander family were witches and they fought off Hunters and Demons frequently. Alisa became a part of the family because of her courage and strength and Rachel was eventually part of the family later on because of another, more unique situation.

I loved the conflict in the novel, thought it took awhile for Rachel's character to grow on me because I connected to Alisa early on in the book. I loved Alisa because she was shy and unsure of herself, but possessed strength she didn't even know about and eventually grew into herself. I always appreciate

character growth like that and I loved her. Rachel was the kind of girl who was sure of herself, but as she found out more about herself, she ended up being the one who was weaker. It was interesting to see the characters sort of trade places as far as self esteem went because of the conflicts in their lives.

Without giving much away, I loved Jace and Bryce and I loved how the romance between all of the characters worked out because it was exactly how I wanted it to be. I love when a YA romance focuses on how being in love with the right person makes you a better you and *The Claiming Words* definitely had that. Alisa just shined and it was such a contrast from her early on in the novel. I thought it was absolutely wonderful.

There were a few errors in my copy. For some reason, I had some formatting errors that spaced everything far apart and switched up the order of some lines. For example, my copy read in this order occasionally and I had to backtrack and fit the lines together:

123

789

456

I'm not sure if this was just an error in converting it to read on my Kindle or not. I only mention it because even though I had to work to get the story to flow, I still liked it enough to give it 4 stars and I think that says something. The spelling/grammatical errors were few and far between that I noticed and weren't distracting, but I always try to mention it when I notice it because I know it bothers some readers.

As much as I loved the story and the characters, I have to admit that I strongly dislike the cover. I would have never read this book had I seen the cover first. Fortunately, I was introduced to the synopsis and didn't see the cover until I was already interested in the book. It's a shame because I really loved the story and I know other readers will overlook the book because of it. Fortunately, according to author's blog post, a new, improved cover may be on the way.

Overall, *The Claiming Words* was a fantastic paranormal YA romance full of magic, diversity, love, and strength. I fell in love with the Alexander family, Alisa, and Rachel and I definitely recommend this book to others.

Amy_Read to My Heart's Content says

<http://readtomyhearts.blogspot.com/20...>

This is a sweet endearing Young Adult novel with a loving family at the center of it. Swirling around this powerful family is demons stalking in the background and two young girls that become a huge part of their world.

This story is told from two different POVs, which usually can't be pulled off well, but Drammeh does it superbly. I think it also has a lot to do with who the narrators are and I find it refreshing to have the story being told from the most popular girl and the outcast from the school's povs.

We meet Alissa, the quiet girl who has been ostracized by her cousin and the rest of the school. Alissa is so

sweet and reminded me a little of myself with her shyness from everyone around her. Everyone treats her like death just because she isn't popular. I have to say that got my blood boiling a lot. I cannot stand bullying and Alissa's cousin is the biggest bully there is. I can't help but hope she will get a dose of her own medicine in the future.

And then we get to see through the eyes of Rachel, one of the beautiful and popular girls in school, that holds a dark secret she doesn't even realize she carries.

I love love love how the characters in this novel grows. Alissa learns to be confident and Rachel learns to respect and stand up for others. Trust me there is much more to it but I am not giving anything away.

And of course we have two very hot guys in this story who are passionate, hard headed, loving and yet clueless when it comes to females.

Bryce was by far my favorite. He is moody, strong, grieving and absolutely to die for! Even at the beginning when he is such a jerk to Alissa I still felt this huge connection to him and I knew he was going to play a powerful part in this story. I am glad he did too!

Jace, the younger brother of Bryce, is a powerful person too but he is still learning everything about his powers and limits. He is strong but he is also self centered which made me want to smack him up side the head a couple of times. But Jace does have strong emotions and is able to look at the whole picture through a lot of the tension.

In a lot of ways, this story made me think of Charmed, especially when the demons would go after the witches and they had to fight back. But there is no power of three.

I loved that the Alexanders are a very strong and close family. The mother and father are so wonderful and understanding to everything; I almost wished they were my parents!

This book was also close to my heart because of the location. It is set in a small town in Georgia. Being that I am from a small town in Ga, this is always a plus for me. I enjoy when an author can take an out of the way little area and turn it into this mysterious magical place. This is always nice to be able to connect with something from where you live, even if it is just fiction.

However, I do believe some more background information on the witches' history would have helped even more. Maybe a little more world building as far as the paranormal aspect goes.

We do have that strong "soul mates" theory running through the story especially where Jace and Rachel are concerned, but Drammeh takes it a step further and shows us that even the love birds have arguments, disagreements, and hurtful comments.

But come on, we have all been teenagers at one time and know that hormones tend to rage (mine went nuclear) making us feel that "love at first sight" emotion. [Although, even in my mature age now I still get that feeling when I watch Gerald Butler in the movie 300 but I digress...]

There is one couple in this story that I enjoyed watching develop so much and I felt giddy with excitement for both of them that as I finished the story I had this huge stupid grin on my face long afterwards.

April says

Review as posted on My Paranormal Book Review...

The Claiming Words is a fast paced Young Adult Paranormal Romance. Drammeh details a world with Magic within our own world. The story is told between the POV of Rachel and Alisa. First, Alisa exhibits low self-esteem through years of bullying by her peers, especially her cousin. She meets Jace and her world begins to change. After saving Jace from an attack by a hunter, Alisa is thrust into a world of magic. Alisa and Jace quickly become best friends and his family shares their magical secrets with her. However, Jace's older brother verbalizes his disapproval of sharing secrets with a human and openly shares this with Alisa. With this new knowledge, Alisa's character grows into a confident, strong female, who learns to stand up to

her bullying peers. Now, Rachel is the total opposite of Alisa. She is popular and part of the bullying crowd. Jace discovers Rachel's inner magic hidden for years by a magical object. As you can imagine, a love triangle emerges as both Alisa and Rachel develop strong feelings for Jace. Rachel's character perspective changes. She realizes that standing by and watching others bully a peer is the same as participating in the act. Rachel finds her voice and speaks up to protect Alisa. Jace begins the book as an irresponsible teenager who doesn't want to train and learn how to control his magical powers. Through his friendships with Alisa and Rachel, he realizes the importance of training and gains new insight into being responsible. Bryce, the angry older brother, is a complex character. An angry young man, who doesn't know which path to take in his future career.

Who is meant to be together? What hidden powers does Rachel possess? Will she learn how to control her powers? Who is the guy in her dreams? These questions kept me turning the page hoping the next page would provide me with the answers. I look forward to reading more about these characters and finding the answers to all my questions.

My favorite aspect of *The Claiming Words* is the character development. Each character held depth and showed growth in their journey. The characters dealt with real emotions and situations young adults face everyday in real life.

I was provided a copy of this book by the author for an honest review.

Demon Fire: Book Two of *The Claiming Words Series* is scheduled to be released in the Summer of 2013.

Diana says

Great book! I highly recommend reading this book by a new author. It is well written with a sense of humor. The story is a coming of age story set among a family of witches who protect us all, demons, watchers and romance. This is a wonderful YA book for readers from 12-120 years old.

Iris says

Originally Reviewed at Witchmag's Boekenplank

I'm a bit thorn about this book. The reason? While I liked reading the book, it felt like I was reading two books instead of one, which I liked not so much. And why did I feel this way? Because the story is told through the eyes of both Alisa and Rachel. And the switch between their viewpoints can cause clashes with your feelings. It's entirely possible to be squealing from the cuteness of Alisa and Bryce and the next thing you know you're Rachel and having a fight with Jace. The difference between the events, the two girls and my feelings were too big for me to totally like this book. I think I would've had a better reading experience if the stories were separated in two books. To make it a bit easier for me (and hopefully for you guys too) I'll therefore review this book like there were two stories.

I'll start first with Alisa's and Bryce's story. I thoroughly enjoyed those chapters in the book. Alisa is very relatable and her remarks were lots and lots of fun. Due to her evil cousin Becky she starts this book as a shy and introverted girl, but because of her friendship with Jace she slowly, but surely changes. She finally let's the real Alisa out. It was so great to see her grow throughout the story. What I loved even more was the budding romance between her and Bryce. Another character that grows tremendously. From grieve stricken over the loss of his brother, to someone who can enjoy live once again. These two deserved each other. And they are so cute together! I can't remember ever squealing this much in a book. To the point that I just had to stop reading a bit to calm myself down. I was that exited ^^

In comparison I wasn't that happy with Rachel. It might be because the viewpoint usually switched to hers seconds after something squeal worthy for Alisa happened and I was dying to know what would happen next. Or it might be because she appears to be the perfect girl with the perfect life. And she has magical powers to booth! And of course she ends up with the hottest boy of the school: Jace. Add to that her problem with making the right decisions. She's especially having difficulties with sharing important information, that just might be crucial in a fight against a great evil. And thus I wasn't exactly charmed with her and her story. Even though she definitely has the more interesting plot and I'm looking forward to finding more about what exactly is going on with her and her family ^^

The world-building, however, is top-notch. We've got a world full of Witches, Warriors, Demons, Hunters and whatnot. It's a very intriguing one and one I can't wait to explore more. Cause in this book I've been given only the basics. I'd love to delve deeper, to explore it all! This world was totally worthy of my visit ^^

Conclusion:

2 HEARTS for Rachel and 4 HEARTS for Alisa. Combined 3 HEARTS. The use of two different view points didn't work well for me. I'd preferred to have read this story in two separate ones. I loved Alisa's character to death and had a hard time with Rachel. She's not the kind of YA protagonist I can stand. There's also some great world-building which left me dying to explore the world again, to get more information about. Cause the basics are not enough for me

Lex says

Originally posted in my blog

The Claiming Words left me speechless. In all honesty, I was having doubts if I would like it but when I started reading it, I was sucked into the world of Demons, Hunters, Magic and Warriors. I was like, holy crap! I was grinning from ear to ear, I feel like an idiot smiling to myself. It is all worth it!

This book was written from two POVs. Alisa and Rachel. If I will choose who I liked the most, it'll be Alisa. I really like her. Her character really develops slowly but surely. She was an outsider, lonely, no friends, her cousin Becky makes it her life mission to ruin Alisa, making her insecure about herself. I like how she grows to be confident though there's still sometimes where her insecurities were coming up. It's never easy to fully removed your insecurities. And I like how Alisa became bad-ass in her sparring session.

Rachel... Rachel is okay. I didn't really like her that much, yes, she's kind, nice, but I don't know. Maybe because I'm more on the action side? And Rachel has a gift too, a Witch, I like hand-to-hand combat more than psychic powers. What I liked about Rachel was she also changed, she ditched Becky and she helps

Alisa with Becky problems.

I like Bryce more than Jace. Even though Bryce was not always in the picture cause he's in training away from home, I really looked forward to seeing him again and you don't know how much my cheeks hurt because of grinning when Alisa and Bryce started e-mailing each other. I was like, why don't you guys used YM for instant messaging?! *laughs* and Jace was kinda boyish and nice. I think I really dig, sarcastic and had a bad boy image guy.

Bryce changed dramatically too. I mean, first he's like a volcano that always waiting for the right time to erupt. But then things started to change for him and Alisa. And they're kinda fast in their, ya know. Yeah. Okay. I'll keep my mouth shut.

Eh, I really like it. I can't say much, I already revealed some things that I probably shouldn't have. *wince* Overall, I like the concept, the characters, the plot was okay too though there's some areas I'm kinda confused but it's really good. I really enjoyed it. But there are still lots of unanswered questions that hopefully, the answers would be in the next book. I just wish that the author just did one POV cause in my opinion Alisa's way better than Rachel. But anyhow, I still enjoyed it.

Victoria Barrow says

I read a crap ton of urban/contemporary fantasy, and it all kind of blends together after a while; I can honestly say that Claiming Words stands out among its competitors.

It's unique take on a magical system is refreshing, and as much as I love the magic stuff, the romance is just as alluring, if not more so. It strikes a nice balance between the over-arching plot, and the delicious little romantic sub plots. They blend together nicely.

I can always tell when I'm going to fall in love with a book - it's that one moment when I have an emotional reaction to something. If you can get me to have a reaction, to cheer on a protagonist, or pray that the bad guy steps on a lego barefoot (that crap hurts), you've got me hooked on your book.

Without giving away too much, I was SO relieved that my favorite character got some steamy, sweet romance towards the end. In fact, it's that very romantic little seedling that's got me wanting the second book.

I freaking LOVE this book.

Gregory Hart says

I was given this book by the author for my birthday last year. when I began reading it, I couldn't put the book down. The main characters felt real and believable to me. I had felt as if I stepped out of the real world and into their world. It showed the struggles between the characters. If you like magic and interracial romance as well as reading young adult books, then I highly suggest that you read this book by Tricia Dammeh.

Carrie says

Warning slight spoilers

First of all I would like to say thank you to Tricia Drammeh for this copy of *The Claiming Words*, given in exchange for an honest review.

There is potential for this book, people will like it, but sad to say I was not one of them. Don't get me wrong I didn't hate it, there are parts I didn't mind, I like Bryce, I like Alisa.

The Claiming Words is told from the point of view of two characters, Rachel and Alisa. When reading the two it felt like I was reading two different pieces of work. The Alisa chapters being enjoyable, with some amusing moments. But then when it came time for the Rachel ones there seemed to be a switch. It felt different. I actually found myself wanting to flick faster through them to get them over with. Which I found rather funny as so much of the main story line revolves around her.

I don't know if it's because I found her character to be boring and lacking or how the book is executed. Perhaps if the story opened up from her point of view first rather than Alisa, I would have leaned more on her side and been more interested in her.

I found that the relationships are too rushed, we have one scene between Jace and Rachel when Jace says something along the lines of them dating. I actually had to stop and scroll back over the last pages I had read previously read to see if I had in fact missed something.

Story wise it was interesting, Jace and his family are witches. They have recently moved to Oaktree, Georgia and are searching for an innocent (someone who doesn't know that they have magic).

Rachel has started to be able to hear the thoughts of those around her, Jace discovers that she is the one they are looking for when they dance together at Homecoming.

Alisa just happened to be at the wrong place at the right time, walking home from school she sees Jace and another person fighting. Deciding to help out she hits the guy with her book bag. The guy she finds out later is a Hunter. From there on she finds all about a world she never even thought existed.

Bryce is Jace's older brother, he does not take to kindly of Alisa getting let in on everything and doesn't understand how his family could trust her, a human, someone who knows no magic with who they are and why they are there and all about their world.

What I did like about this book, I liked Bryce. I enjoyed his snarky comments. I like Alisa, it was really great to see her development and growth. The "big bad" was interesting.

Like I said above there is a lot of potential for this story. I thought for sure this was going to be one I would enjoy, but you can't like them all.

Lisa Rooney says

This was a great read! I finished it in two days. I love books that do not mess around, you get right into the action the story line from the get go, no messing around! I hope the author is a fast writer because I'm really excited to where it is going and what happens to the characters from here.

Normally I do not like books that end without completely tying up one story line and moving onto the other as a cliff hanger, but for some reason this was left just right. It left me with enough information as to what is happening and why and now hopefully with the next book we'll see the characters relationships develop more.

I loved the bad guy, he is alluring, charming and dangerous! With the characters built, the topics and the witches abilities seem endless, I felt that we've only touched on what they are capable of! I'm hoping that Alisa will end up being something within the group, besides the "human", maybe she'll end up coming from a line of Demon slayers, almost a Buffy type....can only hope:)

Congrats to the author it was a great read, I'd recommend it!

Suka Babe says

The Claiming Words - this was a fairly fast read. I was a little taken back as I wasn't sure who the main character was and what the story was really about until 70 percent read. Maybe I was put out by the two female leads, not sure. Don't get me wrong the storyline was interesting and kept me invested to keep reading. I think I just liked reading Alisa's POV as she grew in confidence and in character, where as Rachel's character didn't really evolve, I guess that would be in the next book.

Michel Prince says

In the Claiming Words you have Alisa and Rachel both telling their own love story. Who doesn't love having two for one? Both on different paths that brings them to the Alexander's door you have two young girls that have to grow into themselves and find the Alexander family the perfect nurturing environment to do this. Tricia writes the tale of a family of witches with demons and magic reeking havoc on the their life...oh yeah and then you have finals and curfews and the jerky teenagers trying to step on them to grow socially. With realistic issues and language Tricia lifts the veil on a secret world that surrounds us. I cannot wait until the next one comes out to see how The Claiming Words will protect, bind and enhance these two girls lives.

Rachel's Book Reviews says

Dude.

I wanna take Tricia by the arms and shake her while saying

"I LOVE YOU LADY!!!"

I'll admit, I was really cautious! I've read about five books this week and every single one of them was a winner...and you know, bloggers some times get that 'book high'....that moment that you know a book is so glorious there is no possible way the next book will even come close to measure up...

At first, I wasn't so sure....

then I was like...

So....after I read it, I did a rare thing and immediately checked for the sequel.. (to....you know...buy it.)

ITS NOT OUT.

I looked at my next book in distaste....

To express this, I'll give you a gif of Johnny Depp eating Doritos in female break-up fashion.

haha...

Full review tomorrow within the next hour...

Here's the Link for the review!

Claiming Words

Amy Metz says

The Alexanders have a secret. Jace's family is not exactly your normal, everyday, run of the mill family. They have certain supernatural gifts that make them very special. Jace's girlfriend soon learns she has something in common with the Alexanders, and Jace's best friend is taken into their confidences when she saves Jace from an attack from a Hunter.

As if keeping a secret of who they really are from the rest of the world, and trying to stay alive and out of the clutches of evil isn't enough stress for a high schooler, Jace has to juggle the feelings of his friends. Life is tough when you have two girls who are in love with you. But one of them soon has another secret, and you'll be as surprised as Jace when you find out what it is.

With *The Claiming Words*, Tricia Dammeh proves J.K. Rowling isn't the only author who writes young adult novels that adults will enjoy. Tricia's characters come across as real people—people we've all known and loved, and some we've hated. High school is like that, and Tricia nails the feelings associated with high school. Popularity, romance, bullies, friends, juggling sports and schoolwork...we all can relate to these characters.

The Claiming Words is a young adult fantasy novel with three high school kids as the main characters. It can also fit under the romance genre, and even falls under the paranormal category, although you won't see any vampires in this book.

The three teens have some pretty heavy issues to deal with, but Tricia's writing style keeps it from being depressing and gloomy. Amidst the drama, danger, and action, the book is sprinkled with humor, light-hearted moments, and romance. I have to say I really enjoyed the anticipation of the characters falling in love. I also loved the special gift Jace and his girlfriend share—they can carry on conversations in their minds. Without saying a word out loud. Whether they're great distances apart or in the same room. How cool is that? And she has the power to enter another person's mind and find out what they're thinking—or hiding. If I had a choice of a supernatural power, that would be high on my list.

I loved the sense of family in this book. Jace's parents are so likeable. They're friendly, warm, understanding, loving, and knowledgeable about the supernatural problems that pop up, making them the go-to people in time of trouble. It's nice to see kids and parents interact in such a healthy way. They enjoy each other, and they help and support one another too.

I also like the way Tricia wrote romance into this story but left sex out of the equation. The romances were fun to watch, and once the characters did get together, the romance was more about them falling in love with each other rather than falling for lust. This would even be a great book for any age—even pre-teens, because the romances are chaste and wholesome.

There is some evil at work in this book, and Tricia writes bad guys as well as she writes good ones. You will hate and fear the bad guys as much as you root for and love the good guys.

The Claiming Words is a great book with action, adventure, mystery, love, and a bit of the supernatural. To be perfectly honest, I have to give a disclaimer: Tricia Drammeh and I are both published by Iconic Publishing. I know Tricia. I love Tricia. But I truly do love this book too. I have to give it five stars, because it deserves it.
