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Excerpt from, The Book of Summoning:

Law One: A summoner is responsible for all creatures it lets through from the netherworld.

Dacie Cantar wishes someone had explained the Laws of Summoning to her before she watched a shadowy creature crawl out of a painting at the local arcade. At least it explains the strange things she's witnessed since moving in with her great-aunt, after her mother's untimely death. But who wants to be followed by shadows the rest of their life? Add that to being stalked by a strange boy at school, who just might be her Tovaros (aka soulmate), it's about all Dacie can handle in her new life.

As she nears her seventeenth birthday, will she be ready for her new responsibilities, or will the shadows that stalked her mother until her death, finally consume Dacie, too? And then there's Law Two...

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Maggie says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I also bought it because I wanted to support the author, so there's the disclaimers, I suppose.

Let me just start by saying I adore the writing of Melanie McFarlane. I was lucky enough to read her first book when it first came out, and let me tell you... I fell in love. There's nothing which makes me happier than a new talented indie author I can be obsessed with. I mean, her writing... because I'm not that creepy...

More thought soon.

Teresa Drellick says

Absolutely loved this book! I couldn't put it down and I want more. I'm hoping there will be a next book taking us to Romania. Please, please tell me there is more!

Shala says

4.5 stars! I loved this book! I love the world that was created, and the character development! Melanie has done it again with this novel! I'm ready for the second one already!

Dax Munro says

Set in Maine, USA, comes the tale of young Daciana (Dacie to friends), a sixteen year old with a unique and somewhat disturbing ability. Having just moved from California, Dacie is portrayed as an initially shy yet rebellious character, who pushes others away. As we learn more about her past, we begin to understand why.

This novel is a wonderful start to a series where secrets, teamwork and loss combine. The characters are a breath of fresh air and each have a distinct personality. You get a strong feel for Dacie's character through her story narration. She proves to be a determined individual that will do all she can to fix her mistakes.

I would recommend this to lovers of Paranormal and Fantasy novels. Highly addictive.

Rated 5/5 stars.

Hannah Michaels says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review! Once again, Melanie had created an

astounding story full of twists and turns and I am completely and utterly in love. I love Dacie and Tryan! You're immediately swept into this giant world of Summoners who are to keep the balance by controlling demons, and it feels so much bigger than you. Also reminiscent of Cassandra Clare's Mortal Instruments world! Just a wonderful story that I couldn't get through fast enough! And can I PLEASE have the next one?! I hate waiting!

Sabrina says

Checkout my full review + giveaway on my blog! <http://omgbooksandmorebooks.blogspot....>

I wasn't sure what to expect with Summoner Rising. I was intrigued by the "Laws" and I wanted to know what a Summoner is. There is a Mortal Instruments vibe where the Summoners must defeat demons and maintain balance and peace. Daciana is the main character but I felt her attitude was a bit much. Though she is determined to learn what it means to be Summoner and fix her wrongs. Overall I enjoyed reading Summoner Rising.

Amanda P says

** I received this ARC in exchange for my honest review. This in no way affected my opinion of the book or my review. **

When I first read the book description, I was a little intrigued, but yet a little thrown off not knowing yet what a summoner was. Melanie McFarlane really sets the book up nicely and really goes into detail what the back story of everything is. So that makes the story flow together great!

This story is about a soon to be 17 Dacie Cantar whose mother was recently killed and was taken in by her Romanian great-aunt Katya who Dacie thinks is crazy. But what Dacie doesn't tell people is that she thinks she is thinks she's going crazy because she keeps seeing shadow's, or so she thinks. Dacie isn't used to being around family because she never was around them her whole life. It was always just her and her mom. Now it was just Dacie (Daciana what her aunt calls her), her great-Aunt Katya, and Constantine the gardner in the family home in Maine when her aunt wants to go to Romania.

School starts and Dacie feels out of place but wants normal. When she runs into a boy in her art class that will forever stay on her mind. Dacie and this boy, Tryan, have electricity, literally. When out one evening, trying to be normal, something strange happens to Dacie. She learns things about her aunt, its too much. she goes home, and that's not much better. A Summoner has the ability to pull demons through paintings. But she she has the responsibility to police them and is responsible for their crimes is she doesn't try to get it back. It was all too much for her. So she runs, and She runs into Tryan and kisses him.

Dacie learns from Katya that she is a Summoner, just like her mother. But she shouldn't have her abilities until she is 17. Dacie learned that her mistake that night out would come back to haunt her due to the 3 rules of summoners. So when she had help the night of her first normal dance to get back her mistake it came in the form of Tryan. And her aunt let her know that he may be her "Tovaros" or soulmate. Dacie couldn't believe it. She was only 16, almost 17! But a tovaros is a companion to a summoner, and when together they

are for life or until death.

Dacie and Tryan are at the house and she accidentally lets out an ogre and it hurts Tryan bad, only then it confirms to her aunt that Tryan is Dacie's tovaros because he was hurt so bad and then the next day he was pretty much healed. And that's the way it works with the bond of the summoner and tovaros.

Dacie starts to train with Constantine, and study the Book of Summoning. When Tryan goes out of town and comes back with a girl. Dacie gets a bit jealous. But Liana is his "babysitter" for helping an underage summoner bring demons through, even tough that's not how it happened.

When Dacie accidentally lets out a wendigo that eats people things get bad. But all the while Dacie is trying to be a normal teenager. But it doesn't look like that's going to happen. Dacie overhears Tryan saying something to Liana about her and of course she gets jealous and meets the wendigo and becomes hospitalized. This is where the relationship of Dacie and Tryan gets a bit rocky.

Dacie wants to prove herself as a summoner and Tryan is trying to protect her and he is getting frustrated with her. Especially since she was almost killed the last time she ran into the wendigo. So Dacie trains like crazy, meets new people. Works on her family tree paper. She meets Eli, a young boy who can bend light, and heal with the light. But he technically isn't supposed to be talking to Dacie, so says his father (haven't learned his name).

I don't want to say the end of the book. But I am looking forward to the next book! I want to know what happens with these characters and explore and see what different paths that they are going to go down. Melanie McFarlane really wrote a really good book here. As a reader you will not get lost one bit. Happy reading!

Bee says

I will start off by saying, that I received a free copy for a honest review, so here it is people!

I was a little skeptical about the book, when I read the synopsis, because of the genre of the book (not my normal choice of genre to read), and the age of the characters, BUT I loved it! The writing flowed beautifully! I was captured right from the beginning of the book, with well developed characters, their interactions and relationships, and in-depth description of the paranormal (shadows/demons, summoners, etc..). I really enjoyed reading how Daci and Tryan's relationship develop through out the book, from the crush to.... well i won't spoil what happens between them by posting about it, you will have to read what happens with them! ;). I laughed at the witty banter, I was heartbroken in sections, and even wanted to strangle a couple of the characters (Not a fan Liana ;). so in my books, that made this book fantastic! The only downside: I have to now wait for the second book ;)

BookLoversLife says

Review to come.

Jen says

Dropped.

Jeannie Lopez says

This was a great book , loved the story and idea. Cant wait for book 2 this fall.

Nickle says

I liked this. I enjoyed the concept of demon summoners and how demons are brought to be and why. However, the one thing that kept throwing me off was Dacie's maturity level. I know that she is young and inexperienced but I feel that with the childhood she had and the little she has experienced she should be a little more cautious and more mature. Her relationship with Tryan is back and forth b/c she is immature and has a low self-esteem, at least in my opinion. She mentions how ridiculous it is that Chantal treats her badly b/c of her jealousy over Brannon but she herself does the same thing with Tryan and never even notices. She runs headfirst into danger, with NO plan, even after all she has experienced b/c of that lack of thought. She's like, "Oh look, there's a dark and imposing shadow of a person that I know is a demon that has been stalking me, let me go run after it with no plan whatsoever, no weapons, and no backup. Cuz that's just a Great idea". She constantly forgets to inform her Aunt or Tryan, when they aren't fighting, about important details. Such as the issue with Ms.N. I believe that I could have enjoyed this book a lot more if the main character was just a tad bit more mature, or at least showed signs of maturing. But it is only the first book so hopefully the next one shows progress. I will give it a try. Please don't be discouraged by mostly negative review. It was a good book and the plot was nice, the main character just needs a bit more development that's all. If you're on the edge of deciding whether or not to read this, I say it doesn't hurt to give it a chance, it's not that bad and it's a relatively short read. Besides the main character, the rest seem to be well thought out and the detail about why there are demon summoners and the importance of their job was something I liked

Nicole Strand says

Daciana lives with her Great Aunt Katya after tragedy struck and her mother died. The book begins with Dacie's first day at her new school. She often sees shadows moving on their own in a way that makes no sense. Her first day immediately starts by her meeting a jock-ish boy named Brennan and then a couple minutes later literally running into a long haired boy with green eyes.

One thing that bothered me is how much of an attitude she had against the guy, who you later find out is named Tryan. I mean seriously I know you're upset because your mom died, but he was being completely nice to you at every encounter in the beginning of the book and you were just a royal b*tch. I'm going to be honest, I didn't really like Daciana. The whole time I wanted to reach through my kindle and smack her.

I feel like her attitude really spoils the book. At least in the beginning. After that it's not so bad, but some things just feel forced. All in all this was not really my cup of tea but don't let me discourage you from giving it a try.
