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Stasi Romanov uses just a little witch magic in her lingerie shop, running a brisk side business in love charms. A disgruntled customer threatening to sue over a failed love spell brings Trevor Barnes to town. Trevor's the best attorney around, and he just happens to be a wizard.

Everyone knows that witches and wizards make a volatile combination—sure enough, the sparks fly and almost everyone's getting singed. Add to that Cupid playing a practical joke, a lunar eclipse that nearly precipitates a witch hunt, and some very mysterious goings on at the magical lake, and the feisty witch and gorgeous wizard have more than simply a possible lawsuit on their hands. Can they overcome their objections and settle out of court—and in the bedroom?

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Cassandra says

Review by Cassandra from Book Talk

My Thoughts

I do love Jazz's books (the first two in the series) but Stasi's book is what really captured me. We met Stasi along with her best friend Blair when they were conducting their moon rituals with Jazz or coming to Jazz's aid. This time we get a deeper look into not only Stasi but their history and her relationship with Blair. Stasi is a true romantic and is determined to help others find it in their lives with 'special' touches in the items she sells in her lingerie shop. When one of these purchases backfires on her, she is served with papers informing her of the case that has been filed against her. When Trev, a warlock, takes on the case on behalf of the mortal who is seeking to ruin Stasi, he never thought he would meet a witch who would capture him so strongly. Things get a little heated and out of hand in this little tourist town and many things are not what they seem. Trev has a choice of keeping his distance or jumping in with both feet and helping Stasi get her life back to some semblance of normal with the troubling happenings going on. We still get to see some of our beloved characters such as Jazz, Nick, Fluff & Puff, Krebs, and even Irma. This book has so much adventure and mystery, not to mention plenty of passion and romance, that it has so far become my favorite. Stasi has always been the calm and steady one of the witches but she is about to come out of her shell with a bang. This is a wonderful series to read and I highly recommend it. Warning: some explicit content.

Tina says

Great read. I really enjoyed the story

I would recommend this book. Sometimes I read some really dark stuff. This author is my go to for light and fun.

Wendy Hines says

Staci Romanov is one of the witches banished into the mortal world by the Witches Academy 700 years ago. She and another witch, Blair, share a home and each have shops in a small mountain town. Staci is a sweet, respected member of the community and almost never loses her temper. She is stunned when she is served court papers stating she is being sued for alienation for affection from a dissatisfied customer.

Trevor Barnes is the wizard attorney who takes the case against Staci. The moment he meets her though, he is torn between his attraction to her or remaining neutral for his building case. The dancing hearts above her head doesn't help make his feelings or decisions any easier.

Then mysterious magic surrounds the lake that brings sanctuary to the witches. Curious incidents begin happening around their small mountain town and its residents. Staci and Blair call in their friends to help figure out what is causing the disturbing events. They need Trevor's powerful help, but every witch knows

you can't trust a wizard, and soon Stasi is fighting for her life and her heart.

Filled with charming characters, a clever plot, and loads of sizzling magic, *Wicked by Any Other Name* is pure fun! Jazz Tremaine, the heroine in Wisdom's last two books, along with her vampy fangboy Nick, and her famous Fluff & Puff slippers make a splash in *Wicked by Any Other Name*. The splash deftly ties this third novel into the first two, drawing the reader deeply into their witchy ways. I was absolutely entertained with this fun and magical romp! Linda Wisdom is quickly making herself a household name in the paranormal genre. I will definitely be looking for the next one!

Cheryl says

Witch Stasi Romanov learns that helping a friend doesn't pay. Carrie, a human has just hired law attorney and wizard, Trevor Barnes to represent her as a client. She wants Stasi brought before the wizard counsel and her powers stripped of her. Carrie claims that Stasi has interfered with her life by making her husband leave her. It is against the law for witches to meddle in human's lives. Stasi is infuriated when she learns that she will have to argue her case not in the witches' court but in wizard's court. Witches and Wizards don't really get along.

Stasi just may make an exception concerning wizard's; especially when the wizard is heart throb Trevor Barnes. Trevor has not been in the presence of many witches for good reason. From the first moment Trevor meets Stasi he realizes that he might have the losing hand in this battle. What Trevor doesn't know is that he actually has the winning smile. Will Stasi and Trevor give into their attraction for one another?

Wicked by Any Other Name by Linda Wisdom is a wickedly, fun, and magical read! I recently got introduced to Linda when I read *Hex Appeal*. Another paranormal romantic read that involves witches. Mrs. Wisdom's books are quick reads. They can also be read as stand alone novels. I liked the fact that each book featured a new witch to meet and let me read her story. Now that I have discovered Linda Wisdom, I will keep reading her books as long as she keeps writing them.

Vannessa says

The third book in this series focussed on a different witch this time - Anastasia, or Stasi for short, and her witch sister Blair. They live in a small mountain village, where everyone knows and accepts that they are witches, but they all get along for the most part, until Stasi interferes just a little bit in a human's love life.

Carrie is mighty peeved that her husband has left her for another woman and blames Stasi and to enact her revenge hires a wizard lawyer, Trevor Barnes, to take Stasi to the Wizard's Court and have her stripped of her magical powers. Neither Trevor nor Stasi realised the problems they would be get themselves involved in through this case. And the little red hearts floating above both of their heads don't help the situation much either...

The situation in the town goes from bad to worse to dire in a few days with the entire town turning on the witches, but nothing Stasi or Blair can do or say will make any difference whatsoever and The Librarian at the witch's library isn't much help either. They have to use something from Stasi's past in order to save their

present but will she work it all out in time?

All Stasi wanted was to celebrate Samhain with her closest friends and enjoy the season, but unfortunately that doesn't look like it's going to happen...

I love this series - it's funny, quirky and romantic at the same time. I hope the next book is about Blair and her "dog" as I so want to find out how that situation plays out.

Erline. says

In this book, we've moved on from Jazz Tremaine and the focus is now on her witch sister, Stasi and Blair. Unlike the first two books, I had to put this one down after the first 50 pages or so.

I didn't like the pace at which this book started, it seemed a little scattered and it was moving at a lightening pace. Things were happening too quickly but I came back to it a week later when I started taking my Kindle to the gym with me.

The storyline was great, I thought it was fantastic and I'm glad Linda Wisdom introduced more magickal creatures (Fae). I felt that after the first few pages the story began to settle into a better pace. The way everything came together hooked me into the story where I couldn't put it down. I had to know how this story was going to end, I love it when a story grabs me like that.

Without giving too much away, the ending was the best by far out of the three books except that towards the very end things moved very quickly again.

There were far more mistakes in this book than the others, for example at the resort when it should've been Stasi stepping out of the elevator, suddenly it was Blair. The format was also a bit of an issue which also made the story seem like it jumped from one scene to another rapidly when all it would've taken was the start of a new paragraph.

Not to nit pick but I'm not sure if this is just a problem with the Kindle edition of this book but I didn't have this problem with the first two.

Anyway, onto the next book! Thank you Linda Wisdom for creating this wonderful little series.

Katie(babs) says

Another book dealing with magic is Linda Wisdom's latest about sweet as pie witch Stasi Romanov, who was a classmate and long lasting friend with Jazz Tremaine, another character of Linda's that was first introduced in 50 Ways to Hex Your Lover. Stasi lives with fellow witch friend, Blair in the small town of Moonstone Lake. The townspeople accept them, that is until one of them accuses Stasi of black magic. Stasi is being sued in Wizards' Court by human Carrie Anderson who blames Stasi for wrecking her fourth marriage. Carrie is a horrible woman and does tend to make the men in her life run the other way. But Stasi would never do something so horrible as say place a spell on Carrie's husband to make him run into the arms of another woman. Carrie hasn't hired just any lawyer, but one of the best wizard lawyers out there. Trevor

Barnes takes on Carrie's case because business has been rather dull. What he doesn't realize is that Carrie may be a bit delusional when it comes to Stasi. She hates Stasi with a passion. Trevor decides to visit this evil Stasi and see if he can get her to admit her guilt.

When Stasi and Trevor meet, they see little red hearts above both their heads. That means they have met their true love. Stasi thinks Cupid is playing a cruel joke on her while Trevor thinks he is seeing things. Stasi refuses to accept that Trevor could be her one true love.

Not only is the horrible lawsuit also hanging over her head, but suddenly out of the blue the townspeople start to turn on her, thinking she is the spawn of the devil. Stasi and Blair are so confused, especially when some invisible force field surrounds the lake for no reason. Not only does it look like their Samhain may be ruined, but the Salem witch trials may be reenacted again in good old Moonstone Lake; and it looks like Stasi may be the one they want to burn at the stake.

Wicked By Any Other Name is a lighthearted read. I guess you could say it is also a small town romance that has many quirky type characters. Linda can really write excellent friendships and Stasi and Blair have a great one. You know how Jazz has Fluff and Puff her bunny slippers who always get into trouble? Linda has given Stasi a perverted gargoyle made of stone named Horace. He tries his best to see Stasi, Blair and any other woman naked. Horace is supposed to bring out the laughs, but I felt he was more like a dirty old man, who if he wore a trench coat, he would have no qualms in flashing everybody. I am more and Fluff and Puff fan and they even make an appearance along with Jazz, her vampire lover, Nick.

Trevor and Stasi's romance wasn't as passionate and exciting as I was expecting. But the idea of the floating hearts over their heads was original and I cracked up a few times because when Stasi became emotional, she would start to hiccup bubbles. Also, Stasi is not the goody-goody you are first led to believe and because of her actions she starts a snowball affect that could destroy herself, her friends and the town she lives in.

I did feel the plot was a tad thin and the tension and suspense was lacking. I was looking for a bit more of something while I read, but didn't really find it here like I have done with Linda's past books. But, if you are in the mood to read some great character interactions, then Wicked by Any Other Name is for you.

Brandy says

Muuuuuch better!! I like the focus on a different character. Stasi is the sweet one, Trev is a hottie, and the mystery was a good one. Although, I could pretty much tell who it was from the beginning, I was kept guessing WHAT they were.

Marta hoelscher says

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"Sparks fly when a love charm goes awry, and Stasi finds herself in a preternatural lawsuit matching wits with devastatingly handsome wizard attorney Trevor Barnes. Then mysterious magic from an unknown enemy threatens to turn Stasi's quiet town into a modern day Salem, and Stasi's witchy friends from long ago

gather for the fight. They need Trevor's powerful help. But every witch knows you can't trust a wizard, and soon Stasi is fighting for her life and her heart."

This book is fun. The first thing that caught my eye is the cover art. And once I started reading the book I discovered that this isn't your typical witch. When Stasi gets nervous she hiccups bubbles, she has a dog that floats around and her store has a peeping tom watch-gargoyle to protect it. These are just a few of the quirky, oddball and even silly things in this book. When Stasi gets in trouble and the people of the town start turning against her, her friends all arrive on the scene to help find out who or what is causing all the trouble. This is a great little lighthearted romance. The image of Stasi and her wizard walking around with hearts circling in the air above their heads (compliments of cupid) is one I won't soon forget. It's sexy, silly and in the end love conquers all...can it get much better than that?

Le Petit Chat says

May Contain Spilers

Stasi and her best friend of the past 700 years Blair share a spacious house where each has their store (Staci a lingerie store and Blair a novelty antique store). Stasi sometimes laces her customers purchases with magical charms, usually they are nice but when Carrie buys some lingerie intending on luring her 4th husband back into her clutches Stasi interferes...

Carrie hires a high profile wizard lawyer to sue Stasi, except things don't go quite as plan as the moment Stasi and Trev meet hearts erupt atop their heads. Hearts everyone who is magical sees and they cannot ignore. Thus after two "bad" encounters they fall into each other's arms amidst chocolate soufflé and well...fall in love

While all this is happening it seems like Carrie has taken her case against Stasi more personally than anyone thought as several horrible things start to happen to Stasi as well as the lake that she and Blair consider a sanctuary. When the lake is enclosed by an impenetrable and dangerously reflective magical barrier and people who are friends turn against her Stasi knows that there is more going on than a simple case of a wronged woman

The story was okay but I figured out who the real "puppet masters" were long before the conclusion so to me her trip to The Library was confirmation and also told me what type of evil they were facing rather than deepened the mystery. Also, a lot of extra characters were thrown in which at times got a bit confusing to figure out who was who.

I did enjoy Horace and Jake...Horace for being crass but you still felt sorry for him and Jake it was obvious to the reader but the conclusion was funny once the girls figured everything out about him. I'd rate the story 2.5/5 for being okay but not great and for Horace and Jake.

Samantha says

Wicked By Any Other Name introduces us to Stasi Romanov and her best friend Blair Fitzpatrick. Stasi is

being sued in wizard's court by a vindictive customer who says that she ruined her marriage. Then Stasi meets Trevor Barnes, the wizard she will be going up against in court, and realizes that there is a lot more important things that she needs to worry about including the little red hearts over Trevor's head.

Wicked By Any Other Name is a continuation of Wisdom's Hex series and a great addition. Although the previous two books focused on Jazz Tremaine, in this one the focus is on Stasi and it was a great change of pace. I was happy to see that Jazz was still a part of the book and loved seeing all of the old characters from the previous book. The characters are one of the things that makes Wisdom's books so fun and such good books. I love all of them and they are all different and original in their own way. My newest favorite character was Horace the gargoyle, and I hope that she continues to keep him in future books. He was a hoot to read about and you couldn't help but like him.

Trevor and Stasi had a really great chemistry and I was rooting for them the entire way. I loved the red hearts idea and while I don't want to go into it further as to avoid spoilers, it was fun to read about. The tie in to the Salem witch trials was a great idea and I was hooked with this book. All in all, a great read and addition to this series

Lucy King says

I was avoiding this book for over a year. When I read the annotation, I wasn't very happy, it felt like not my kind of story and the switch from Jazz to Stasi and Blair. It usually doesn't work out for me when the main characters switch. What a BIG MISTAKE TO AVOID THIS BOOK! I finally read this book and loved the story. The annotation makes it sound like it will be all so romantic with Stasi and the lawyer and nothing else, but the truth is there was a lot of fun and an interesting magical part of the story, it was a bit romantic, it was sassy, sexy, it had a great magic, the whole problem with the lake felt dangerous and worriyng. I fell in love with Stasi and Blair and once Jazz appeared I really enjoyed the book, I love these witches, and Irma, and Fluff and Puff (the epilogue, though :D), Nick, Trev, Jack, LOVE them. And the end was scary, really scary. I think the next book is with Blair, yep, I really need that book, because she and Jack, oh my! :D And what else will happen in this magical world with those crazy witches I need to know!

Kathy Davie says

Third in the Jazz Tremaine very funny, paranormal romance series revolving around this feisty witch and her friends (actually it's one of those series that started as an urban fantasy per my own definition and now, it's evolving). The action in this story centers on the two witch friends who live up at Moonstone Lake.

My Take

This was cute, but not as funny as the first two. I did enjoy the plug Wisdom gave Vicki Lewis Thompson's Nerd series.

It was clear fairly early on who the real culprits were, however, Wisdom did draw the drama out by leaving us ignorant of the reasons and real identities. In some respects, it was a bit tedious to plow through trying to find out the *who*. Events certainly heated up at the end; now I am curious as to how things shake down

amongst the villagers, especially after the events here in *Wicked*.

The Story

Ooops...it's a lawsuit that brings wizard lawyer Trevor Barnes to Moonstone Lake. Only he's acting for that bitchy Carrie Anderson. The one who drives her husbands away in droves. Luckily, wizard lawyers *can* fraternize with the enemy---a damned good thing since Trev and Stasi each see a circle of dancing hearts around each other's heads. Oooeee, that date they go on...ummm-hmmmm.

Unfortunately, Carrie doesn't see it that way and the rumors are rampaging through town and the shunning slowly builds. Almost at the same rate as the nasty action going on at the lake itself. Action that even first-class wizard spells can't protect. Then the ghosts themselves are scared and the attacks begin.

The Characters

Stasi Romanov is a sweet, peacemaking witch whose shop sells gorgeous lingerie while **Blair**'s shop, Blast From the Past, specializes in "authentic retro items"---stuff that she or her sister witches have decided they no longer want. The girls' shops are side by side and they live above them. **Horace** is their eight-inch, peeping tom gargoyle.

Jazz Tremaine and **Nick, Krebs** and his vampire sweetie **Letiticia**, and **Irma** and **Sirius** drive up to the lake to spend Samhain with Blair and Stasi. **The Librarian**, Uncle Peredur, turns out to have an unexpected link to Trevor. **Eurydice** is on the Witches' Council and was one of the witches who banished those naughty witches all those centuries ago.

Inhabitants of Moonstone Lake include:

Carrie Anderson is human, technically. Every one of her previous husbands would probably testify that she is a witch...just not in the Jazz Tremaine sense! Now husband #4 has run off on her and she's suing. **Trevor Barnes** is the never-lost-a-case wizard retained by Carrie. Hey, it was a low moment in his life! General **Mae** is his secretary/assistant/surrogate mother/pain-in-the ass who knows everything.

Mrs. Benedict makes the most incredible baked goods although her nose is out of joint over the new bakery that just opened, Fresh Baked Goods, and run by the siblings **Poppy, Reed**, and his twin sister **Rhetta Palmer**. **Floyd Pierce** is the mayor, but it's his wife, **Agnes**, who really runs everything. And everybody. **Jake Harrison** is the town handyman and enjoying teasing Blair just a bit too much about her unrequited passion together with his secret life. **Ginny Chao** runs her ancestors' Sit 'N Eat café.

Fergus is a 17-year-old ghost who keeps popping up in the girls' apartment with problems. It's tricky, 'cause Fergus is quite shy...

The Cover and Title

The cover is consistent with the two previous ones with its cartoonish effect of Stasi standing outside on a deck with a snow-covered background,. She's holding skis in one hand and the cat in the other (I think the cat is supposed to be Horace?) and wearing pink ski pants with yellow moons and a very fitted black top with a V plunging way down. A cute witch's hat tops it all.

The title is rather ambiguous. It could refer to Stasi's, um, illicit spelling, but my preference is to apply it to Carrie's machinations, just plain *Wicked By Any Other Name*.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Three witches, a hunky warlock, a sexy vampire, and a mysterious collie are the six main characters in Linda Wisdom's latest novel. Of course, I should also mention the talking Kit-Kat clock, a miniature stone gargoyle that's alive, a magical Yorkie/Chihuahua mix, and rabid bunny slippers. If this sounds hilarious, that's because it is and "Wicked by Any Other Name" is chock full of humor and hot sex to boot.

Stasi and Blair live in a lovely small town with a magical lake that they and their close witch friend, Jazz, have protected and honored for hundreds of years. With Halloween, or Samhain, just around the corner they're looking forward to a wonderful holiday filled with friends. Until Stasi is served with a lawsuit in Warlock court and the attorney facing her just happens to be one of the best there is. When he appears in her shop to discuss the lawsuit, she's furious...and can't help but notice that he's smoking hot as well...and sporting a halo of hearts which means he's her true love! But how can that be? Everybody knows that witches and warlocks don't mix. Right?

Trevor is a skilled warlock and a darn good attorney. He still can't figure out how a bitter human female managed to con him into taking her case but he just can't regret it. If he hadn't taken the case, he wouldn't have met the woman of his dreams, uh witch of...OK, a really sexy woman who just happens to be witch. But Trevor's no idiot warlock, he knows a good thing when he sees it and he's not about to let anything, human or inhuman, derail this relationship.

This story was by turns sweet, hot, funny, sad, and sexy. I enjoyed both of Linda Wisdom's earlier stories about Jazz and her hot vamp so I was especially pleased to learn more about Stasi and Blair. The tone of the whole book is light so even the sadder parts don't drag down your spirits or last too long. The cast of characters (including the animals) mesh well and there's a secondary love story that readers can enjoy. I'm hoping Blair will get a book just for her so I can come back to visit Wisdom's wacky world.

Lyza Berry says

Loved this book! Very cute paranormal chic lit I think. The three witches balanced each other and their men. I think they turned out to be an awesome combo.

This book focused mostly around Stasi and Trevor but it was made obvious that the author would later give us more on Blake and Jazz. I think Ms. Wisdom did a great job of introduction of her characters and letting you in on who they really are. The humor was my favorite. A witch that hiccups bubbles when she is nervous, including during sex, how can you NOT be tickled by that.

Cupid is in the book, doing, well what cupid does, adding conga dancing hearts over two unsuspecting victims...and even bunny slippers that have been known to eat people and have a hell of a sweet tooth are included in the story.

The plot of the story was pretty good and the build up equally so. The climax, no pun intended, not to much. It was almost as though she didn't really know HOW to end the conflict and just threw an ending in there. There were a lot of things left unexplained that lay a person, yes like me, may not know or understand and am not going to research so I can. And moreover, and enchanted, for lack of a better word, lake? The eclipse? The true significance of these things, outside of them possibly being the cause, or PART of them

being the cause and wrecking havoc on the team were never really explained, but she kept throwing the Mercury Retrograde out there...literally.

I know this review is all over the place, but it is 2 AM because I have to write reviews as soon as I can. Just read it if you're looking for a good lite read with a little humor, you wont be disappointment.
