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Magic For Nothing (InCryptid)



Synopsis

The sixth book in the New York Times–bestselling Seanan McGuire’s witty urban fantasy *InCryptid* series about a family of cryptozoologists who act as a buffer between humans and the magical creatures living in secret around us. “The only thing more fun than an October Daye book is an *InCryptid* book.” —Charlaine Harris, #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *Sookie Stackhouse* series

Improbable, adjective: 1. Not very likely to happen; not probable. 2. Probably not a very good idea anyway. 3. See also “bad plan.”

As the youngest of the three Price children, Antimony is used to people not expecting much from her. She’s been happy playing roller derby and hanging out with her cousins, leaving the globe-trotting to her older siblings while she stays at home and tries to decide what she wants to do with her life. She always knew that one day, things would have to change. She didn’t think they’d change so fast. Annie’s expectations keep getting shattered. She didn’t expect Verity to declare war on the Covenant of St. George on live television. She didn’t expect the Covenant to take her sister’s threat seriously. And she definitely didn’t expect to be packed off to London to infiltrate the Covenant from the inside—but as the only Price in her generation without a strong resemblance to the rest of the family, she’s the perfect choice to play spy. They need to know what’s coming. Their lives may depend on it. But Annie has some secrets of her own, like the fact that she’s started setting things on fire when she touches them, and has no idea how to control it. Now she’s headed halfway around the world, into the den of the enemy, where blowing her cover could get her killed. She’s pretty sure things can’t get much worse. Antimony Price is about to learn just how wrong it’s possible for one cryptozoologist to be.

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Customer Reviews

Although I'm not by nature a reader of "fantasy," I have in recent years become a huge fan of Seanan McGuire's "urban paranormal" work, particularly her October Daye and InCrypted series. This is the 6th InCryptid, and I suggest you read them in order. Her 11th Toby Daye book is due in September IIRC. Also, try the astonishingly original "Sparrow Hill Road," (I even recommend reading this as your introduction to Seanan's work), whose main character Rose turns up in her InCrypted series as well. She has a degree in folklore studies and knows Gaelic folk legends in particular backwards and forwards, though she modernizes and takes a bit of artistic license with the types of creatures and makes the pronunciation of several of their Gaelic names a bit easier to pronounce. Her plots are stunningly original and her characters compelling enough to keep the books for re-reading. If you find any of them compelling, check out several harder science fiction series she writes under the pen-name Mira Grant. The Feed and Parasite series will both stay with you long after you finish the books.

This has to be my favorite Incryptid book yet. It's a perfect starting point even if you haven't read this series, as it is the beginning of Antimony's saga. Everything I love about the Incrypted series is tucked neatly between these pages... Antimony is my favorite Price child... I previously met her in 3 shorts that are found in a couple of story collections, and also on Seanan's website. Mary Dunlavy, the Aeslin mice, a cameo appearance by Istas (my favorite waheela), are all in there... I really didn't want the book to end, so I did the next best thing I went back to Seanan's website and reread all the

stories that I could find with these characters in them... Whether you're familiar with these stories or not, I'm sure you will have fun with this book, and you'll want to pick up the rest of Seanan's series as well. Don't forget to check out all the free stories found on her website!

Shame on me! I seldom, if ever, take the time to write reviews - yet I read them avidly! In this case, I literally couldn't go to sleep last night even though I was EXHAUSTED on a business trip in Europe. I'm deep into Magic For Nothing and had to keep reminding myself that the book wasn't going anywhere - I could read it tomorrow! I started reflecting on how amazing Seanan McGuire is - I read EVERYTHING she writes even when I think "huh?" In every case, I fall in love with the book/series and can't wait for the next one to come out. They're all different - really different, and only recognizable when I'm reading something and saying to myself - this is SO good - who wrote it again? Oh, yes, Seanan McGuire!!! I hope you read this homage - you have truly truly given me so many hours of true joy!

You can never go wrong by reading a book by Ms. McGuire. Not only does she write quickly, but her characters and stories are always engaging and take you away to parts unknown. I loved reading about Annie and look forward to what adventures she gets up to, and I hope my favorite characters the Aeslin mice make more of an appearance. If this is your first time reading a book by Seanan McGuire then start with the first book in this series or the October Daye series. You cannot go wrong reading one of her books. I promise you'll not be disappointed, in fact you'll be addicted like the rest of us and be happy because you found an author that is one of the best writing today.

Six books deep and we have finally met Antimony. It happens kids, we've heard about her over and over and seen her in passing, but finally we have her. I have to say, she just might be my favorite Price too! Let me back up. Magic For Nothing is the continuation of the Incryptid series, the last book being Chaos Choreography. Chaos Choreography ends with Verity declaring, on live television, that the Prices are here and they're ready to stand up and fight for their Cryptid neighbors. Which means of course - that everyone goes into defensive. Antimony, being the one Price who doesn't look like her ancestors, is asked to go undercover. She has to join the Covenant of St. George. The Prices need to know what the Covenant knows and what they plan on doing. Antimony has always been described by her siblings, best way I can think to put it, as stab happy. She was the one that loved to survive. She didn't have something that didn't revolve around that simple fact. Yet, we come to find out she has more dimension to it than that. And she gives us a

view of the rest of her family - specifically Verity that we've never seen before. She's twenty-two and understandably angry with what's happening. Which makes her all the more believable. She's the strongest of all of the Price kids that I've read, I think. I love Alex with his quite and bookish strength. Verity is the perfect kick ass guardian of Manhattan but Antimony sits right in the middle. Besides my clear love of Antimony she also gives us a new perspective on the Covenant and she sees them in a new way. Remember, we have to follow her into their ranks. There are some wild ones there, but there is unexpected depth to them. Past the Covenant I don't want to give what she has to do away but the people she meets and the things she has to do had me glued to the page. The last 20% of the book I was clenching my poor Kindle so hard I thought my case would break. I knew what was coming, and so did she, but we could only wait. Seanan did an amazing job of building the tension and building our love of our characters and what they were going through. This had to be the most intense last portion of an Incryptid book yet. Look, I can't give the book in huge flaws. The only thing I could scrounge up to say is I wish we had gotten more, and that's my common complaint on all these. I loved this. I cannot wait for book 7, and if you're behind or aren't sure if this one is worth getting. I give you a whole hearted 'Yes, pick this up. Catch up. Read this!' It's a hell of a ride and likely my favorite so far. Amazing.

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