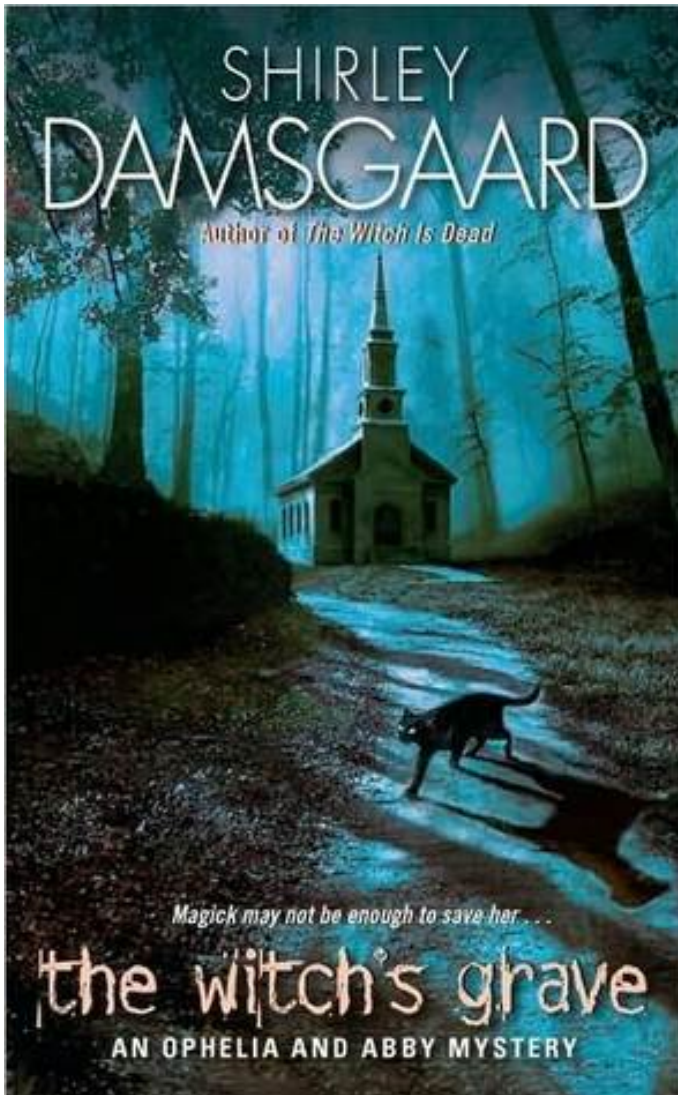

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Description

Cupid has cast his spell on good witch Ophelia Jensen. The practical, pragmatic, law-abiding librarian has just begun letting down her hair with Stephen Larsen, the author of some of the most scandalous crime exposés ever written. It's a match made in the stacks—until the would-be lovers take a quiet countryside stroll, and shots ring out.

A murderer, not magick, made Stephen disappear—and Ophelia might be next. The sheriff warns her and her grandmother Abby not to meddle, but after another shooting leaves them shaken the women can't help but get involved. A sinister stalker is slowly drawing closer to Ophelia, and she'll have to summon all her powers to prevent herself from ending up six feet under.

Insightful reviews

Carol: This wasn't my favorite in the series. I can't really put my finger on why. It was a good story, with the present echoing the past, and it was interesting how Damsgaard managed to pull all the various thread together. It seemed to lean more toward the magic and supernatural aspects and less toward the actual mystery than previous installments. It just wasn't quite as gripping, for me. I can't say this would stand alone, either; you really need to have read the others in the series before starting this one.

I like that Ophelia is beginning to trust her own gifts and hopefully Tink learned a lot during her stay in the hills, where she was sent for her own safety. Darci was around, but not really an integral part of the story, and I was hoping Ethan would show up, but he only talks to Ophelia once, telling her to stay out of the investigation. I guess this one was more about Ophelia's growth as a witch and some aspects I've enjoyed in past books were left out.

Bookadventurer: STRUGGLED reading this one. I've said it before, I read cozy mysteries for entertainment, not to be socially enlightened; I had a REALLY hard time with the under-the-table snippets about illegal immigration very early on. Just tired of political riga-ma-roll being inserted into everything. Rita Mae Brown did it, and lost me. Tamar Myers did it, and lost me. To bad, liked the series until this one. New favorite witchy series: Juliet Blackwell's *Withcraft Mysteries*.

Ellen Black: This is the best book to date, in Shirley Damsgaard's Ophelia and Abby series. This story intertwines the lives of a small group of people who lived in Paris during the Nazi occupation with the modern-day lives of Ophelia and Abby, two magickal-minded women living in a small town in Iowa.

Each of Damsgaard's books focus on a metaphysical topic. The *Witch's Grave* focuses on reincarnation.

Agnes Ross: used to be this simply blah, or used to be it me experiencing After Christmas Blahs?

Dee: i found those books rather unintentionally one day. Our neighborhood book place (Hastings) has reduce long ago on their secret assortment and there has been not anything new via a person I knew so was once looking via another more cost-effective paperbacks. i admire mysteries, i locate all issues paranormal interesting, and the most personality is a small city librarian (and I paintings in a library) so i assumed i might supply it a read. The books are usually not deep, darkish and meaningful, yet they seem to be a enjoyable learn and that i even obtained my mother addicted to them. there have been purely 5 for the longest time, yet my final journey to B&N, there has been #6. I learn it speedy and loved it. while you're interested, i'd recommend ranging from booklet #1. they're varied stories, however the related characters, and it truly is fascinating to notice their growth.

Erin (Paperback stash) *is juggle-reading*: the writer turns out to love experimenting to maintain the sequence fresh. occasionally she takes them out of town, occasionally she introduces new characters like followed daughters and whimsical aunts, occasionally she shakes up even if they're investigating a homicide or anything else, and during this ebook she does a few type of bizarre merge with flashbacks of a lady in Nazi occasions who has to assert so long to a love interest. The backstory used to be attention-grabbing yet it is not a private choice for me whilst an writer does that. colour me uncreative, yet i do not deal with keeping an eye on major characters with diverse time lines. i am woefully constrained that way. That aside, the again tale labored to tie jointly the gorgeous and slightly surreal advent to this one the place Ophelia acts thoroughly un-Ophelia like with a brand new man. The secret is assorted in that she isn't attempting to clear up a homicide or discover a lacking person, yet as an alternative is making an attempt to resolve an tried homicide and discover the tale of the her visions and what her new suitor has been up to. It has strength to be fascinating, yet falls brief at times, lacking a step and curbing by means of being too calm and without titanic twists or shocks. For the previous life, that one grew to become out to be emotionally relocating and truly heart-wrenching. Even if the writer alterations up the tale by way of attempting new things, she retains the usual mannerisms that force me bonkers - equivalent to exaggerated hand and head events for the most characters as they make a decision things, ask yourself things, and indicate things. The intelligence is just so-so for Ophelia and he or she is going from lukewarm to pleasant for her personality. Abby remains to be now not my favourite as she's too excessive cliché, yet Tink is an stress-free pride because the brought daughter of her personal precise powers. Overall this can be an stress-free publication in case you are partial to the series, however it falls in need of the others, lacking whatever i will not placed my susceptible detective finger on.

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