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Moon White: Color Me Enchanted (TrueColors Series #11)



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

When new girl Liz moves in on Heather Sinclair's boyfriend and her coveted lead in the ballet, Heather's life goes haywire. Searching for ways to bring her problems under control, she explores the traditions of Wicca. All spirituality is good, right? Heather's curiosity brings new confidence and reassurance but alienates her from others, including her best friend, who writes her off as a witch. Even so, this enchanting path seems harmless, even helpful. But when terrifying things begin to happen that Heather can't explain, it becomes clear that she has less control over her world than ever before. Tugged between fear and hope, Heather puts herself in unexpected danger that leads her to the lowest point of her life. There, however, she uncovers an unknown secret about her deceased mother and meets a compassionate stranger who leads her on a quest she never could have imagined.

Melody Carlson is the best-selling author of more than one hundred books, including the TRUECOLORS series. She has two grown sons and enjoys an active lifestyle of hiking, skiing, and biking. Melody lives in the beautiful Oregon Cascade Mountains with her husband and Labrador retriever.

This was a well-developed story with real characters. The author did a good job of capturing the immature thinking of teens, which is why they often make harmful decisions. The lack of parenting was frustrating because the reader can see where it's going and you want to shake the parents.

I love Melody Carlson's "Color" series. This book about a young girl's struggle in life and introduction to Wicca is very informative. As a pastor's wife, I am always interested to learn more about what our young people are being tempted with and dabbling in. This book taught me about this branch of Witchcraft, the dangers and how young people are being lured into this very destructive way of life. Thank you Melody Carlson for your truthful, informative narrative!

Very good book. Carlson does a great job of writing for young adult gals. I bought the whole series and can't keep it on the shelf.

Heather Sinclair's father remarried after the death of her mother. His new wife is vastly different from her mom; Augustine does what she wants when she wants and influences Heather to do the same. So when Heather shows interest in witchcraft, known as Wicca, it seems innocent enough, or so she thinks. After all, she's only reading a few books to help her get in touch with her inner strength and abilities. When she starts using her "knowledge" to get her own way and bring harm to other's lives, Heather realizes that instead of making her life more "centered", Wicca only makes her more off kilter. When things start happening that she can't seem to control through spells or charms, she discovers there might be something, or someone, much bigger than herself out there. Heather's friends have varied responses to her interest in Wicca, some are intrigued as well, and others cut her out of their lives. Unfortunately, the reactions of Heather's friend Lucy are pretty typical of most Christians. Instead of loving Heather anyway, and helping her to understand that Wicca is not the way to live, she stops speaking with her. After her potential boyfriend and a lead role in the ballet The Nutcracker are threatened by a new student, Liz, Heather takes matters in her own hands, trusting in a special charm to bring bad luck to the girl. Instead of bad things happening to Liz, she only

seems be getting happier, while Heather slips further into her funk. Melody Carlson points out that though witchcraft is popular with experimenting, curious teens, it doesn't make it any less harmful. Not all things that claim to be "spiritual" are the same; in fact, there is a very dark side to Wicca. At a Wiccan retreat, Heather finds out just how scary and dangerous it can be. Heather learns that charms and spells do not work, and only cause her slip into depression. It's only when she trusts in God to bring her peace that she can truly find the balance that her life so desperately needs. (The Wordsmith Journal strives to guide readers to books of personal interest, with the understanding and respect that what appeals to some may not appeal to others. Therefore we attempt to keep our reviews focused on content, genre and style. The rating is necessary to make use of Goodreads and . It reflects the reviewer's own level of enjoyment, but the review is intended to be informative for the benefit of all readers.)

I have plenty to say about this book. I used to read this TrueColors series a lot in middle school. I was a Christian girl at the time, and I enjoyed the rawness of some of the books and the advice given towards the end. However, I hadn't read this one until now, as a senior in high school. And as a Wiccan, no less. My first point is this: this is not an accurate representation of Wicca. It's as simple as that. The people who have reviewed this book saying that it is informative and helpful are dead wrong and need to do some real research about the religion. Though some on this review thread say that the author knows nothing about the religion and needs to do some research, I politely disagree. There is obvious evidence that Melody Carlson did a little google-searching. Otherwise I'm sure she wouldn't have known about a Book of Shadows, the Threefold Law, the Wiccan Rede, candles, incense, color symbolism with tools, etc. I give her props on including most of those things. She also included the main character purchasing an Isis statue, although there is NO MENTION of a God or Goddess, or patron God or Goddess, at all in this book. It seems that she decided to leave it out and push the view of "being your own deity," which is a popular assumption that Christians have ignorantly thought up regarding Wicca and pagan religions. Despite all the authentic Wiccan things used in the book, the author has made the main character, Heather, do very "stereotypical witchy" things. ie, love potion brewing, cursing, hexing, and improper use of a witch's bottle. Heather did many inappropriate things. In Wicca, the rede is simple. "An it harm none, do as ye will." This line is even in the book. However, Heather DID NOT follow this from the start. You cannot mess with free will. It's as simple as that. That counts as harming someone. You also cannot physically or emotionally hurt someone with a curse or hex. Heather did not comply with the rules. And also, you cannot use the Rue of Three to get yourself good karma to get what you want. That's a good way to

get bad karma. Therefore, she did all of those terrible things to herself. She made each of those things backfire. Acting selfishly when magick is involved can be dangerous. The thing wrong with this whole picture is that the book acts like it's the religion's fault that these things happened. Had she used healing spells, protection spells, etc, things might have worked out and she would have stuck with Wicca. Not to mention, Heather's mentor, Sienna, completely slammed eclectic pagans towards the end of the book. That is ridiculous. I can guarantee that Sienna does not live by the old ways, with no modern Wicca sprinkled in. She literally just slammed herself. If you're going to be Wiccan, you're going to be subject to eclecticism. That's the way it is. And besides, you respect your pagan community. People in the community don't give each other s***. I do not mind Christian authors writing books about normal issues and showing you how God can save you. I do not mind. HOWEVER, throwing another religion under the bus, saying how dangerous and disgusting and terrible it is, just to show off your own religion is not okay. That is crossing a line. I hope Melody Carlson knows that she has offended many across the globe. And it's funny, because Christians came after Pagans. Oh well.

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