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Illusion: Chronicles Of Nick (Chronicles Of Nick Book 5)



Synopsis

Be careful what you wish for. . . You just might get it. Nick Gautier is tired of his destiny. He doesn't want to be the son of a demon who's fated to end the world. Nor does he want to see another demon or other preternatural creature who wants to kill or enslave him. He just wants to be normal teenager and have normal problems like everyone else. But normality isn't all it's cracked up to be. When he gets sucked into an alternate reality where his mother has married his mentor and his Atlantean god best friend has become a human geek, he begins to understand that no life is free of pain, and that every person has a specific place in the universe . . . even the son of a hated demon. Most of all, he sees that his powers aren't the curse he thought they were, and that the world needs a champion, especially a champion the world's enemies can't imagine rising up to defend the very people he should destroy. Old enemies and new friends square off for a major battle that will either restore Nick to his real world, or end him forever in #1 bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon's fifth novel in The Chronicles of Nick series, *Illusion*.

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Customer Reviews

I choose this rating because the book is good. What I like about the book is that Tabitha cocked her head as she studied him with unsettling scrutiny. "So what are you, exactly?" "How you mean?" She approached him slowly until she had him pinned between her and Amanda. "You look human, but..." She took a lock of his hair between her fingers and studied it. "I know you're not the undead. You're blond, yet you're not a Daimon. Demon, maybe?" To his shock, Amanda leaned forward and smelled him. Stepping away, Nick screwed his face up at her. "Hey! That's gross." Amanda shook her head. "Can't be demonspawn. He lacks their stench." "Yeah, well, I did have my biweekly bath this morning." Amanda gave him a dry stare. "You still haven't answered my sister's question. What are you?" "Mostly confused, and honestly? A lot scared." Karma laughed. "At least he's not stupid." Shaking her head, Tiyaana snorted. "Karma and Tabby, don't bleed him until we know what we're dealing with. His blood could be potent. 'Cause let's face it, things are only sent into alternate realities for one of two reasons." "To hide," Amanda said. Tabitha folded her arms over her chest as she eyed him with an unsettling intensity. "Or to be killed in a realm where they're weak." What I dislike about the book is that it had a lot of pages to read. I would recommend this book to other people.

Well I have to say that this have been one of my favorite series for awhile now. This story is #5 of The Chronicles of Nick by Sherrilyn Kenyon. The Chronicles of Nick is a YA "spin off" of her Dark Hunter series. We, the readers, have been afforded the luxury of getting to know Nick from the very beginning of him coming into/discovering his Malachai powers.(The Malachai is the MOST powerful being in the universe)In this book #5 we are thrown into a different world with Nick. He has been put into a different time/dimension where another Nick (same Nick) lives. I was thrown at first and wondering if I was going to enjoy this version of Kenyon's story about Nick...But by Chapter 3 Kenyon had me back with her by taking me back to the current time of Nick and the issues Nick and his friends were facing.This book definitely rated a "5" star for me because once I was hooked I knew I did not want this book to end. Kenyon kept me involved with Nick's story-going back and forth a few different times between the 2 Nicks. Nick's soul/spirit had switched bodies with the alternate universe Nick. I love how "our" Nick had to learn to cope and find help where he could to get back to where he belong. Some things weren't different such as his mother being the loving and caring person she is in his world. The relationships he has with Caleb, Zavid and his beloved Kody grow through everything they work together to keep Nick safe. There are a few new Characters introduced and Simi the amazing Charonte demon is there to help save the day and fight along with his friends. Acheron and Savitar also make appearances.We also learn who Kody's family is. It was

a shocker!!! loved this book and dread the months it is going to take to get the next one! But I will wait and I know it will be worth it as each of Kenyon's books are.

Illusion is the newest in the Chronicles of Nick series that is one of my favorite current long running young adult series. It has interesting characters and a mythology that encompasses every imaginable pantheon from Atlantean, to Greco Roman. However, in this newest book, Ms. Kenyon suffers from the same problem a lot of authors encounter when writing a long series with a lot of background already written. (Let's not forget Dark Hunters, and the Dream series that take place in the same universe). The whole book covers about three days, and the climax is so anticlimactic I sort of felt cheated. Ok, the Big Bad at the end of the book was interesting, but that was in the last two pages. (I am reading this on a Kindle app so pages are not accurate to the print version). The whole story was Nick awakes up at a prom, in a different body with similar people, but not to his world and OMG how do I get back?! Not bad, but nothing compared to earlier fights with Zombies created from video games, and the epic battle from the last book. Now having said that, it was still a fun, great book. A lot was explained, and for the adults who are fans of the Dark Hunter series (except the last two full books those were nightmarish) Ash is in this alternate world. I just feel that if you create a character that is sooo powerful that all he has to do is "think" and he flattens every demon with a wave of his hand that much of the dramatic tension is gone. We are left with a beloved character that is still fun to read, but not nearly as riveting. Thankfully, the Nick series is still YA appropriate, so I will continue to recommend it to our library and our High schoolers who enjoy action adventure novels with a heavy dose of fantasy.

Overall, I really liked Illusion. It's not my favorite one, so far, but still great. It was a little frustrating for Nick to be powerless and away from his friends. But it all came together in the end, with plenty of action along the way. Also, can't wait to learn more about the new characters that were introduced in the last few chapters.

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