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Heroine Complex



Synopsis

Being a superheroine is hard. Working for one is even harder. Evie Tanaka is the put-upon personal assistant to Aveda Jupiter, her childhood best friend and San Francisco's most beloved superheroine. She's great at her job—blending into the background, handling her boss's epic diva tantrums, and getting demon blood out of leather pants. Unfortunately, she's not nearly as together when it comes to running her own life, standing up for herself, or raising her tempestuous teenage sister, Bea. But everything changes when Evie's forced to pose as her glamorous boss for one night, and her darkest secret comes out: she has powers, too. Now it's up to her to contend with murderous cupcakes, nosy gossip bloggers, and supernatural karaoke battles—all while juggling unexpected romance and Aveda's increasingly outrageous demands. And when a larger threat emerges, Evie must finally take charge and become a superheroine in her own right...or see her city fall to a full-on demonic invasion.

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Customer Reviews

I received this book for free from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. This sounded like it was going to be a really funny and cute read! Unfortunately the characters were a little too juvenile for me. Evie kept making

it a point to mention that she had learned such-and-such when writing a paper in college. Only, she and Aveda acted like angsty teens for most of the book. So I really couldn't see her as the intended age. Evie spends the first half of the book allowing Aveda to bully her into doing things she doesn't want to do. She also has bottled her emotions up so tight, that it appears she has no feelings. And she absolutely cannot spend any time at all in the same room with Nate without getting into some kind of argument. The second half of the book is pretty much a complete 180. Suddenly Evie has All The Feelings Of Ever. And Nate? Insta-lust! Which later turns into insta-love. (There are also a few sex scenes in the book, so don't be surprised.) She does grow a backbone, which I highly approved of. And stops letting Aveda bully her. But it was still filled with a number of cringe-worthy moments. I did like the second half of the book better than the first half, but since I almost DNF'd the book based on the first half, that isn't saying a lot. The ending with the bad guy was a little cliché, and so was the reveal about Nate. But overall, the second half was still a lot better than the first half of the book. I did like a few things about the book! I really liked the superhero social media touch. Having a twitter account, following blogs and YouTube comments, making sure Aveda's image was the best it could be.

****Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy**** Action-packed and fun, HEROINE COMPLEX is the superheroine story that I've been waiting for. Full of fun and action, HEROINE COMPLEX has it all - demon fighting, a dramatic superhero, and a dab of romance to top it off! One of the best things about HEROINE COMPLEX is its portrayal of female relationships. There's Evie and Aveda's relationship, that of boss and employee as well as best friends for years, there's Evie and Bea's relationship, that of sisters, as well as many others. This book definitely does a good job of showing females interacting without having to talk about guys (though the guys are sometimes the subject of conversation as well). What I liked best about it was that they all felt realistic, and it is nice to see, because even though there are a lot of strong female protagonists in urban fantasy, they are not frequently surrounded by women, like Evie is. The other aspect of characterization that shone was the fact that the characters were all multi-faceted. Aveda was sometimes a bit of a drama queen, but she had her positives as well. She's kind of like that friend who you know has your back, even if sometimes they drive you up a wall. Kuhn did such a good job of giving those nuances to Aveda that it was totally believable. Also, I just wanted to note: Evie's inner monologue while drunk was hysterical. That's all. The overall plot arc, of fighting off the demons about to invade San Francisco, came off a bit thin. The big reveal at the end was somewhat ridiculous, but it still surprised me. In this case, it almost felt like the author was trying to make the book stretch longer, since the more

dramatic climax had happened a chapter or so earlier.

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