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Scared Witchless (Bless Your Witch Book One)



Synopsis

A witch. A murder. A wedding dress? Dylan Apel is having one heck of a summer. She knows her hand-made clothing is special, but magical? Discovering that she's a witch is bad enough, but when Dylan realizes there are folks who'll kill to possess her witchy powers—that's enough to make a girl want to hide out in the back of her boutique. Only problem is, Queen Witch is in town, itching to make sure Dylan learns to cast spells, and this witch won't take no for an answer. Dylan must learn fast—someone just killed her best client with a poisoned gown meant for Dylan. Was it the tall, mysterious hottie in black, who's suddenly everywhere she goes? After all, the first thing Roman Bane says is he doesn't like witches. Is he here to save her, or kill her? Dylan is barely getting a handle on her new powers when she finds herself surrounded by witches bossing her this way and that, local police nosing about, and wary clients—death by clothing is not good for business. And the solstice is coming—a time when witch powers are at their peak. Can Dylan survive the chaos long enough to figure out her new life? Don't miss this hilarious, Southern-fried witchery—get your copy of SCARED WITCHLESS today! SCROLL DOWN TO READ AN EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER ONE.

CHAPTER ONE "If that ain't the other side of stupid, I don't know what is." Reagan Eckhart, all platinum-blond ninety-eight pounds of her, shoved a newspaper in my face. I winced, barely avoiding a massive paper cut to the nose. "Those idiots put you in Arts and Leisure. You should have been on the front page of the Birmingham News." She tapped the newspaper with a single red fingernail. "With as much business as you do, Dylan Apel, you should have been the main story of the day." "Don't you think technically they should have put me in the business section?" I said. Reagan fluffed the foot of hair teased up at her crown. At least it looked like a foot. Okay, it wasn't a foot—only six inches. But those were a tall six inches. Big enough to practically be their own person. "Whatever," she mumbled. The debutante was in rare form today. Reagan was dressed to the nines in a black halter top and pants that resembled Spandex. Personally, I was waiting for her to break out into the chorus of "You're the One That I Want," à la Olivia Newton-John. Harry Shaw, her fiancé—a smallish, bald financial advisor—definitely wouldn't join her if she did. His idea of playing John Travolta probably resembled hot-and-heavy talk about how gross grease and lightning were and why would you want to put the two together? I grabbed the paper and scrutinized the picture of me and my sisters, Seraphina and Reid. Bright, beaming smiles on our faces, we stood in front of our side-by-side stores—Perfect Fit and Sinless Confections. Seraphina, tall and slender, her hair shimmering like glass in the sunlight, looked absolutely perfect. Even Reid, my eighteen-year-old baby sis, looked cherubic and innocent, her doe eyes and cheeky smile radiating youthful exuberance. Then there was me. I sighed. It had

taken two hours to smooth my hair, and it had still frizzed on the edges. I wasn't as tall or slender as Seraphina. But what I lacked in athletic build, I made up for in curves. Good for me. I might not look statuesque and perfect, but I could put on a slutty dress and have enough T and A to get noticed. Was that a zit on my cheek?"When I realized you had this store, Dylan," Reagan said, "and I saw how beautiful the dresses were, I told Harry" I said, 'Harry, that's who's going to design my wedding dress.' Didn't I, hon?"Harry, nose-deep in the business section, remained silent. Reagan kicked him. "Ow!" Harry rubbed his ankle. "What'd you do that for?"[READ THE FULL CHAPTER ON AMY BOYLES'S AUTHOR BIO.](#)

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Customer Reviews

I'm so glad I stumbled across this book on social media! I instantly fell in love with the cute cover art and title, and the content of the book was just as much fun. Heroine Dylan Apel is a boutique owner/clothing designer in a small Alabama town. She has a special gift with needle and thread that makes her customers feel transformed when they put on her clothes. What she doesn't know is that her gift is a magical one (ditto for her sister who creates bliss-inducing desserts at the bakery next

door). Dylan only learns the truth when her most obnoxious client is incinerated by a dress that Dylan had planned to wear herself. Seems a malevolent witch wants Dylan's powers and will stop at nothing to get them. So, Dylan has to learn how to harness her magic, figure out the intricacies of witchy politics, and stay safe until the Summer Solstice. Fortunately, she has her sisters, her kooky, just-revived-from-a-catatonic-state grandmother, the South's Queen Witch, and a sexy bodyguard to help her solve the mystery of who wants to hurt her. This book has it all - magic, mystery, family secrets, humor, and romance, and it was a fast-paced, entertaining read from beginning to end! I appreciated that there were several twists and turns in the plot that I did not see coming. (I spent most of the book being sure I know who the evil, power-stealing witch was only to end up being dead wrong!) I've read quite a few books involving characters with supernatural powers, plus I've watched many TV shows in that genre (including all 8 seasons of Charmed which was about a trio of witchy sisters), so I didn't expect this book to feel as clever and fresh as it did. Kudos to Ms. Boyles for reinventing the wheel and doing some really imaginative world-building in this book.

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