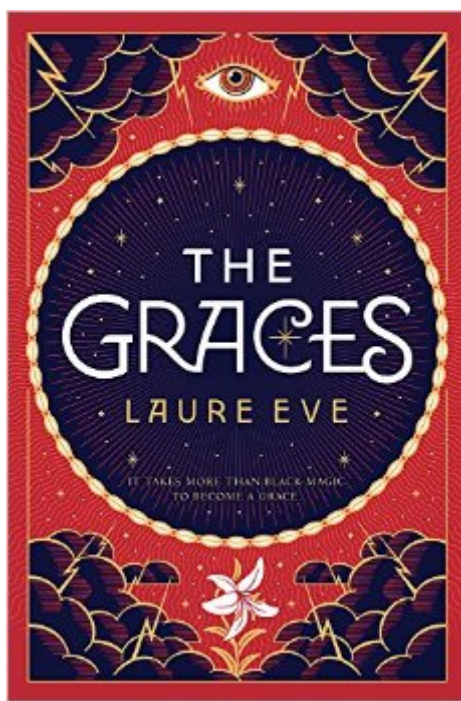


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# Graces



## Synopsis

When a glamorous family of teenage witches brings a mysterious new girl into their fold, they unwittingly nurture a powerful black magic that could destroy them all. This paranormal YA fantasy features intrigue, spells, and a devastating twist. In *The Graces*, the first rule of witchcraft states that if you want something badly enough, you can get it . . . no matter who has to pay. Everyone loves the Graces. Fenrin, Thalia, and Summer Grace are captivating, wealthy, and glamorous. They've managed to cast a spell over not just their high school but also their entire town and they're rumored to have powerful connections all over the world. If you're not in love with one of them, you want to be them. Especially River: the loner, new girl at school. She's different from her peers, who both revere and fear the Grace family. She wants to be a Grace more than anything. But what the Graces don't know is that River's presence in town is no accident. This fabulously addictive fantasy combines sophisticated and haunting prose with a gut-punching twist that readers will be dying to discuss. Perfect for fans of *We Were Liars* as well as nostalgic classics like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and the 1996 movie *The Craft*, *The Graces* marks the beginning of a new wave of teen witches.

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## Customer Reviews

When I put this book down after finishing it, I had no idea how I felt about it. I couldn't even decide if I liked it or not. I've been thinking about it for two weeks now and I think that is itself a testament to this novel. Very few books I've read lately have made me think as much as this one did. Parts of it

read a little like Mean Girls, parts like a thriller, and then the ending made me reevaluate everything I thought I knew about every single character. The Graces are the three most popular high schoolers and River, whose family just moved to the area after losing her father, wants desperately to fit in with them. The high school dynamics were spot-on (from the inner thoughts about fitting in to the "oh my god, did I mess something up?") and really made the story come alive. Most of the parts of the book set in the high school itself felt like Mean Girls but with a magical twist. Having the characters themselves question the existence of magic even as they are performing was a unique aspect to the novel. Each character had their own view on the magic of the family and seeing how those interacted made this novel unique to me. Additionally, the family dynamics added another layer to the novel as the Graces definitely had more going on than they would ever show outsiders, including River. The ending was absolutely superb. I don't want to ruin it for anybody but I can't wait for the second book to see how everything develops and what happens next. Some things did seem to come out of nowhere but the concept of secrets was so embedded in the novel that it wasn't surprising that there were important things the reader was unaware of. While there were aspects to this book that I wasn't a huge fan of, I am hooked.\*I received a free copy of the book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review\*

3.5 stars I love love love witches, so I was super excited to get this gorgeous thing in my hands. River is an interesting character. She's wants to win the attention of the Graces so much, that she's willing to do anything and change herself for it. Her inner monologue was a little drab here and there, but for the most part I was interested in her journey. The most dynamic scenes are when River and all 3 of the Graces are together. Those sections shone so brightly, it made the rest of the book seem a little dull. As the story progresses and things start unfolding, I couldn't read fast enough. There are a few surprises throughout and one hell of an ending. Overall, it did drag in a few places, but I was captivated enough to need to see how it all played out. I'll definitely be reading the next book.\*\*Huge thanks to Amulet for sending me the arc in exchange for an honest review\*\*

I stole another book from Brianna. She was reading Empire of Storms, I was alone, desperately in need of a good book and had a \$10 Gift card. I was weak, I know, but it was worth it. I don't regret what I have done xD Anyways, thank you Netgalley for letting me request this book in return for an honest review! What I Liked The real reason I decided to read The Graces was the pretty cover. Okay, not just the pretty cover but the beautiful pages on the inside and the inside cover. It really drew me in, after I read the first chapter I knew I had to read it. Now on to the actual story, I went in

to The Graces with little to no expectations. I saw a few people compare it to Twilight (which I haven't read, but seen the movie). I tried reading Twilight and it was super boring to me, unlike The Graces. From the very first page I fell in love with the writing, it's beautiful and graceful (I HAD to add that). Every word was beautifully written almost like it was poetry (in my mind xD) and makes everything seem more magical. The Graces was really quick for me to read because of something I realized halfway through. The main character DOES NOT reveal much about her at all, not to the other character and not to the reader. THIS IS SO COOL, OH MY GOSH, HOW OFTEN DOES THIS HAPPEN? Slowly everything is revealed making a pretty dramatic buildup. The story features a mostly growing friendship. They don't just see each other and BAM they're friends. Nope, they take time to build trust which makes it more realistic. OH MY GOSH THE GRACES HAS THE BEST BOOK ENDING I'VE READ ALL YEAR. POSSIBLE OF ALL TIME. HOW COULD IT END LIKE THAT? CAN I HAVE BOOK TWO NOW? You can't just end it like that, you really can't. STOP ITTTTTTTTTT, I NEED MORE! What I Didn't Like I didn't like the fact that I had to put this book down and do homework instead. Overall I started The Graces with no expectations and ended The Graces with an incredible need for the next book. I highly recommend it!

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