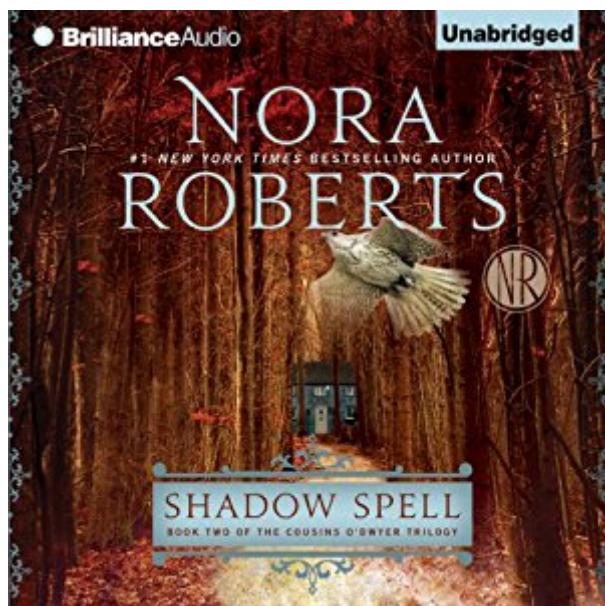


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Shadow Spell: Book Two Of The Cousins O'Dwyer Trilogy



Synopsis

From number-one New York Times best-selling author Nora Roberts comes a trilogy about the land we're drawn to, the family we learn to cherish, and the people we long to love.... With the legends and lore of Ireland running through his blood, falconer Connor O'Dwyer is proud to call County Mayo home. It's where his sister, Branna, lives and works, where his cousin, Iona, has found true love, and where his childhood friends form a circle that can't be broken.... A circle that is about to be stretched out of shape - by a long-awaited kiss. Meara Quinn is Branna's best friend, a sister in all but blood. Her and Connor's paths cross almost daily, as Connor takes tourists on hawk walks and Meara guides them on horseback across the lush countryside. She has the eyes of a gypsy and the body of a goddess...things Connor has always taken for granted - until his brush with death propels them into a quick, hot tangle. Plenty of women have found their way to Connor's bed, but none to his heart until now. Frustratingly, Meara is okay with just the heat, afraid to lose herself - and their friendship - to something more. But soon, Connor will see the full force and fury of what runs in his blood. And he will need his family and friends around him when his past rolls in like the fog, threatening an end to all he loves....

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Customer Reviews

I don't consider "Shadow Spell" so much of a romance story as an intriguing paranormal story. There is, however, plenty of romance between Connor and Meara to satisfy any romance reader. In this second book in Nora Roberts' "The Cousins

O'Connor Dwyer Trilogy", the story picks up where the first book, "Dark Witch" left off. Branna, Connor, and Iona are in a battle for their lives against pure evil. They know that it will take every ounce of their energy, magick, and love to conquer that evil. They also know that it will take the help of their dearest friends Boyle, Meara, and Fin to accomplish the task. A task that is centuries old, dating back to the time of their ancestors. Ms. Roberts' writing style is so polished that you are given tons of information in a very entertaining manner. Connor and Meara's story is wonderful, and you care deeply about both of them. Connor is a witch, one of the three, whose love of family and friends knows no bounds. Meara, on the other hand, is not a witch and has no powers of magick, other than being a strong-willed, independent, loyal, fierce woman. I think if you put the three books together, you will end up with an epic battle of good versus evil. I finished this book last night and will start on the last in this series, Blood Magick, tonight. I cannot wait to see if I am right about that epic battle. Thanks Ms. Roberts for entertaining us all!!!

Well, I liked this book. But... The story of the battle between The Three and Cabhan moved forward and I am really looking forward to the conclusion in Blood Magic. Some really interesting stuff happen in this one. However there was really very little romance in this book. Connor is a sweetheart and although Meara has her issues she is a sweet girl too. But it was just kinda like BOOM we are in love now even though we've been friends our whole lives and never recognized any romantic attraction. We are now a couple. Out of the blue. They needed more couple time in the book. Time to develop their friendship into romantic love. And a better why all of a sudden. (?) So to sum it up... It's a really good story about magic and good versus evil, but there is not much romance. At all. Happy reading!

Ms. Roberts has written another well rhymed spell book. And the romance is divine. My only complaint is that there is little description of the Irish countryside the book is supposed to be set in. I haven't made it over yet and would have loved that added as a plus. Oh well can't have everything.

I'm discovering that I am very fond of Trilogies. Each one has its own complete story, or has in the series I've read, not leaving you at cliff's edge as some TV series are fond of doing; even so they tie together very nicely and allow a fuller picture of the story with every page you turn. I prefer historical fiction to fiction, but this series is worth variation, as the characters are well developed and the story is compelling, taking places in real parts of Ireland, even if the characters are truly fictional, magical. I like magic, so all is good. Now, if I could just work my own!

I liked this series better the second time I read it but it still isn't my favourite series by Roberts (who is my favourite author and I think I have literally read every book she's written). Doesn't mean it's bad, just not her best in my opinion. It repeats too many elements of her other books. It's like she took certain events, character traits and themes from several other books and threw them into a pot, mixed them up and wrote these books. Shadow Spell is the second book, which is much better than the first book. The series is about 3 witches, two women and one man, and this is the man's story. More action and cool magic in this one and more of the bad witch, which makes it more interesting to read. One thing I did really like about this series is the flashbacks and magical connections to the past and the current witches' family of long ago. This gets explored more in this book (and more so in the final book). It's almost like 2 stories in one because the long-ago witches' stories are told in a lot of detail, not just mentioned. Overall, a good book and it saves the series after the rather mediocre first book in the series. The third book is also good so keep reading!

The most interesting parts of the book were the last chapter (when they finally face Cabban) and the scenes where the six would spend time together. The rest of the book with Connor and Meara was unfortunately a snoozefest, which leaves me sad because I really liked Connor. He's the sweetest!! I was looking forward to seeing how he and Meara would fall in love because I didn't get any love/lust vibes from them in the first book but in the end, I felt their "realizing they're in love" in here was unbelievable. Or perhaps it was their lack of chemistry. I could see them as friends but not as more. Especially when it came to Branna; and speaking about her, I always liked her but there was a moment where she annoyed the hell out of me when she stepped into TSTL territory. She was the last person I expected to do something so careless and stupid and I almost stopped reading because of her. **OVERALL:** The second book was a let down compared to the first book. I liked the new aspects of the present and past story combining when it came to the dreams. I liked the six of them together. I liked seeing more of Iona and Boyle, and what's to come with Branna and Fin, but overall, it was a boring second part.

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