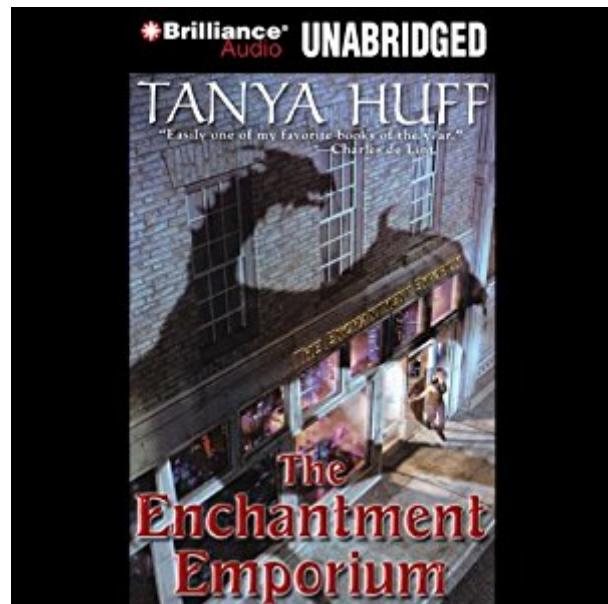


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The Enchantment Emporium



Synopsis

The Gale family can change the world with the charms they cast, and they like to keep this in the family. Alysha Gale is tired of having all her aunts try to run her life, both personally and magically. So when the letter from her Gran arrives willing her a "junk" shop in Calgary, Alysha jumps at the chance. It isn't until she gets there that she realizes her customers are fey. And no one told her there's trouble brewing in Calgary - trouble so big that even calling in the family may not save the day.

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Customer Reviews

The basic premise of this universe is the Gale family. A group of powerful practitioners (I dislike witch as it is too often a cliche or suffix). There are 5 Gale girls for every guy and many are bi. The list of characters include Allie (AKA Alley-cat), a Leprechaun, an early crush who is gay, her brother (very powerful), Charlie her girl friend, and a host of Aunties. Besides there are dragons, sorcerers, an assassin and a country music band. Nice characters and very well drawn. Nicely written romance without the "obligatory" erotic scenes becoming obtrusive. Nicely done plot that starts with Allie's Gran leaving her a curiosity shop and then devolves into a lot of perils. Some fun along the way and the description of plane smelling like ass is too often true. Some various humor and a lack of editorial errors and typos. The plot is very good and more substantial than most with a couple nice twists. A bit reminiscent of some other series but stands alone and I hope that this will not be the last. Overall an excellent read.

The Gale family, but never a Dorothy. Aunties with more in common with the wicked witches of Oz, but with a homey, pie baking old time flavor. Dragon Lords and An Evil Dragon Queen. Did I mention that Allie Gale, the Aunties, and a seventh son of a seventh son saved the innocent Dragon Prince from his Evil sorcerer father? (The prince then ate his father). None of this is set in fairyland. Only a minor character is Fae. Power, sex implied, and blood make this a truly fun read. I'm buying the rest of the Emporium books now.

Interesting world-building, complex characters, and an innovative plot line. Plus, Ms Huff doesn't do that really annoying thing of assuming readers are too stupid to hold a thought for more than two seconds. This author requires a reader to engage in the imagined world and do some thinking, for which my thanks.

The world adjusts itself to smooth the way for any female in the Gale family, which you think would make everything easy for them. But being part of the busy, populous and opinionated family is both reward and curse. When Alysha's grandmother, long known to be able to see bits of the future and to be more than a little contrary, sends a letter leaving her business in Calgary in Allie's hands, a cross-country move and changing dynamics in relationships leave everyone looking for answers.

Chuckles off and on throughout the book. Well written and once you accepted the basic premise and suspended disbelief in fairies and the like it was a good read. I bought and read the whole series in less than a week. Once I started a book, didn't stop until I finished. Huff created her universe and her stories stayed within it. Something many fantasy writers are unable to do. And her characters do have a sense of humor which they allow us to see sometimes. She is also a very good writer. I gave it 5 stars which I don't always do.

Swords and sorcery Without the swords and With the sorcery being BAD! Great fun! Oh, and did I forget the sensuality? OOPS.

I enjoyed this book more than any other by Tanya Huff since "Summon the Keeper". It's a larger stage than the "Keeper" books, and the author keeps the story moving in a wild ride. If you don't get every bit of knowledge handed to you along the way, well, that's life with the Gales. I bought this book for a trip, and once I started it was difficult to stop. The first bit is an introduction to life in the

Gale family, and then the adventure starts. There's the shop from the title, hit men, dragons, music, and let's not forget complex and rich human relationships. The conclusion is sharp and to the point without beating the reader over the head. I'm looking forward to the next Gale book, "The Wild Ways."

I spent most of the book going, 'what are they talking about'. And a lot was really never explained fully. Still, once Alysha arrived in Calgary, I enjoyed the book for the most part. A lot of it appears to be setup for future books, which is okay, but still leaves you feeling like the author shouldn't have brought up so much that wasn't really relevant to the story.

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