Tamsin Greene comes from a long line of witches, and she was supposed to be one of the most Talented among them. But Tamsin’s magic never showed up. Now seventeen, Tamsin attends boarding school in Manhattan, far from her family. But when a handsome young professor mistakes her for her very Talented sister, Tamsin agrees to find a lost family heirloom for him. The search—and the stranger—will prove to be more sinister than they first appeared, ultimately sending Tamsin on a treasure hunt through time that will unlock the secret of her true identity, unearth the sins of her family, and unleash a power so vengeful that it could destroy them all. This is a spellbinding display of storytelling that will exhilarate, enthrall, and thoroughly enchant.

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**Personal Review: Once a Witch by Carolyn MacCullough**

Who else is getting sick of this whole new craze of supernatural young adult novels? Is it just me or are those YA novels the only ones that are being pushed lately? It's just me? Okay... I admit, yes, the whole supernatural thing is grating on my nerves just a bit, but Once a Witch, while a supernatural YA novel, is just unique enough to work and not seem like a knock-off.

Tasmin comes from a long line of witches. She's supposed to be this huge beacon for all the Talented, as predicted by her grandmother (one of the most Talented herself). But instead of having this huge power, it doesn't show up. So what's Tasmin to do? Well, go to a boarding school in the city and pretend to be normal, hating going back home because she's the black sheep in the family.

I think any teen can relate to this book. Relate to a book about witches and spells and potions, you ask? Well, yes. Every teen has at least once felt like the black-sheep in their family or at the very least felt excluded. Who also hasn't felt bad for not living up to your family's expectation of you? Carolyn MacCullough has exceeded in making a very remarkable heroine in Tamsin. She's relateable, likeable, witty, and everything that I believe a young adult heroine should be.

This novel has everything any young adult book fan would wish for. Intrigue, wit, sarcasm (or maybe that's just me?), witches (I've always loved anything to do with witches, starting with my anything, but brief obsession with the tv show "Charmed"), mystery, romance (one that didn't make me roll my eyes and that has to be a first with me), quirky and amazing characters (Tamsin's family is just deliciously weird) and an enchanting, yet action-filled plot that will have you rooting for the main character. And while I'm also a bit tired of almost every novel having a sequel (seriously, what's so bad about a stand-alone novel? I quite like those...), this one is just begging for a sequel, if not more than that. If you're a YA fan, pick up Once A Witch...it's an amazing light-hearted read.

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