

Warrior and Witch (Doppelganger, #2) By Marie Brennan Can Mirei save both the doppelganger children and Eclipse before it is too late? I really enjoyed the idea behind this story but I thought that this book was a lot more wandering than the first book. I think Brennan has potential as a fantasy writer.

After I finished the first I drove as fast as I could to Borders to buy the next! The sequel is equal to the first. However I ended up enjoying the second half of the book more than I anticipated and liked how the author wrapped up the main threads of the story without tying everything else into a neat bow. I was a little worried at how this might be done at first mainly because Miryo and Mirage felt so distinct from one another that I couldn't fathom what it'd be like to see them like THAT. I'd never read a duology until this series so I wasn't aware at the time that a lot of duologies struggle to keep up the pace without cramming too much in to both books. And while I'd have loved to see a third book it's not because I felt like we were missing something or because there were too many loose ends (of which I can't recall there being any and if there were they weren't significant). While I do appreciate a heavily female-dominated cast and having a female protagonist not fundamentally driven by romance both of which are a rarity in this kind of fast-paced fantasy. With the witches divided and Starfall itself in the middle of a civil war Mirei will have to choose between saving her friend and figuring out away to unite Starfall before it's too late. It left a few questions unanswered but it was still really good! 9780446616973 The second and final installment of the Doppelganger was a little more polished than the first and the denouement was quite fitting. One side fell in alongside Mirei deciding that uniting the doppelgangers was correct in spite of tradition; the other side viewed Mirei's mere existence as an abomination against all tradition and dogma. Given the first book finished in quite an unexpected place I didn't leave it too long before diving into this one - and once more Brennan quickly threw in a couple of curved balls I didn't see coming. I love it when that happens... Interestingly Mirei who was the focus of the first book is slightly pushed to one side as the consequences of what happened to her ripples through the layers of the magical community and the group of assassins both of whom have been directly affected. As one example why didn't Miryo ask her advisors why she had to kill the doppelganger herself? She had no travel or fighting experience and the witches had the resources to hire others to do this sort of job. Also Eclipse was never well-described which disappointed me because as the only good male character in the novel I would have liked to have been able to visualize him and now I do find his treatment in this book misogynistic. I would have liked to have seen them hunt each other for a while (or at least distrust each other more) but nearly as soon as they met they decided to work things out. Last but not least why is Mirei's new illness suddenly gone? I don't understand why the sequel was dragged out as long as it was and something keeps taking me out of the book the entire time I was reading which is why it's taken me so long to review. There are no words to describe how bored I became plus I don't understand why the emphasis on background political upheaval but that this story could have been tightened up quite a bit.

As the longer they both live the stronger their magic will get and then the magic will be too strong for Miryo or Mirage to control: Mirage decides to take a gamble and try something with her and Miryo: Also it seems that Mirage was not the only one to have a doppelganger; as time passes more and more doppelgangers start appearing, I was glad to see that Mirage and Miryo were developing a really close relationship with each other as well as individual personalities. The journey that began in Warrior has really progressed with much more excitement in Witch: What took place between the pages of Witch kept me captivated till the very end, Cons: The story was interesting.

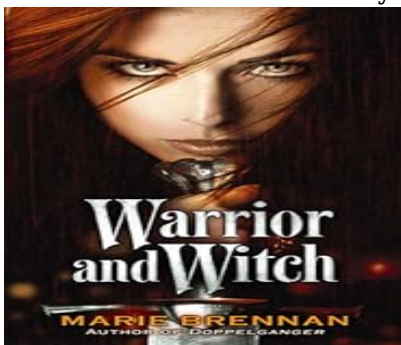
If this is a two-novel series only. 9780446616973 This is the sequel to Doppelganger (also published as Warrior). It was a well done fantasy and does a pretty good job of tying up all the loose ends from Doppelganger: I would recommend to those who enjoy traditional fantasy with a lot of magic and politics, Mirage and Miryo have merged back into one soul known as Mirei. As a result of Mirei's

revelation the laws governing Starfall have been changed; no witch is allowed to murder a witch child's doppelganger: instead both children are to be raised and trained and then rejoined. Unfortunately there's a faction of witches that disagrees with the overturning of tradition and they have left Starfall and started hunting down any surviving doppelganger children. Mirei is sent on a quest to find these warrior doppelgangers and bring them to Starfall to keep them safe: However there is another matter of concern that is close to Mirei's heart; her long time partner Eclipse has gone missing and is assumed kidnapped by the witches, The story is told from a number of different POVs and I really don't think it needed to be; all these POVs just slowed down the story a lot, I enjoy Mirei and Eclipse as characters but didn't enjoy the surrounding characters as much, Unfortunately we hear from the surrounding characters a lot more in this book than we did in the first book, The story wanders quite a bit and at times it feels like Brennan isn't quite sure where the story is going, I did enjoy the idea of the doppelgangers and thought what we saw of the world was interesting.

9780446616973 About a third of the way through this book I wasn't sure how I was going to like it: It felt like there were about six books' worth of plot left to deal with and I couldn't imagine them ending in a satisfying way, I rated the first book with a three and this with four - I figure they average out to about a 3. 9780446616973 Now that I've shown the Goodreads community just how much I adored Warrior it's time to show the Goodreads community just how much I adored Witch, After all while Miryo and Mirage no longer exist as separate entities they live on together as one in the same body now: But it was executed wonderfully which I find many authors who tackle such a unique concept are unable to do: It was actually pretty cool watching them - or her - figure out what they were capable of together: But while they've achieved the impossible and have incredible power conflict still manages to follow. This book is fairly short compared to other fantasy books and it's the final book in the duology. The Doppelganger duology seemed to have no trouble keeping up with the two-book format: To sustain the obsession! This book fulfilled all my expectations. I jumped right in to Witch as soon as I finished Warrior: This book accomplished everything I hoped it would including a passionate kiss between two particular characters after what I thought was one of their deaths: Mind you this is coming from someone who usually detests when books put characters together, Especially considering the male was one of the only males in the whole book. I think what made me like it though is it wasn't a subplot: Side note: I can't remember if it was Warrior or Witch (though I'm thinking it was Witch) but one of them I remember taking with me to my freshman orientation for college, I knew I'd have no time to read it but I brought it anyway because WHAT IF I GOT THE CHANCE? As far as I can recall I didn't actually have the chance: But I did get to show it to my friend just before orientation got started, I dumped all of my love for the series on her and even though she never read it herself I think I piqued her interest, At least enough that she asked questions about it and thought it was cool. But man it was so satisfying when I got home because after that I could finally READ, 9780446616973 Years ago I read the book Doppelganger by Marie Brennan: I was pleased when I was recently at my local used book store and came across this book a sequel to the one that I had enjoyed so thoroughly: The book was again very well written fluid in the pacing of the plot with just the right mix of action drama and backstory. Could this book have been developed into a broader and deeper literary universe? Sure, but as it stands this was very well done for its scope: I'd recommend this book for any fan of the fantasy genre: 9780446616973 I have much the same feelings about this sequel that I did about the first book, The world-building and intrigue in the plot is intricate and enough to keep me interested. Unfortunately the characters as a whole lacked any real emotional connection at all: Mirei being faced with losing a friend is compelling--a co-worker much less so and for the most part they all just seemed like coworkers, Also many of the characters seemed to have no personality and their dialogue was limited to plot-driven exposition. I feel like this duology could have been fleshed out into a trilogy with more time devoted to relationship building, In retrospect the first book was better about fleshing out the characters in part because there were fewer characters to juggle. I think she could have separated finding and training the girls and then going against the second faction as a separate book: I'll definitely give Brennan another a break on this though she was probably restricted into a duology by the publishing

agreement: 9780446616973 When a witch is born a doppelganger is created. For the witch to master her powers the twin must be killed, Once Mirei discovered that merging with a doppelganger gave a witch more power than killing them the witches at Starfall have been in an uproar (Doppelganger; 4/06). Her heresy goes against centuries of teaching and the accepted practice of murdering their doubles. On a quest to collect the surviving doppelgangers Mirei is unsurprised to discover that there are still witches at Starfall who side against her and her unorthodox ways: But worse her fellow hunter and closest friend Eclipse has been captured by these same witches and has no choice but to swear a blood oath to kill Mirei: I love them! I'm on this new kick where I'm out looking for new authors that haven't got overly popular yet. So I picked these and they were the best I have read in a while. I loved the first one the second was also really good but I wish the ending was a little longer and a little more in depth: From the first book we know that the two doppelgangers merged and became one-- Mirei. She was the first 'complete' witch having the powers of the four elements from the witch side and the warrior from the 'void'. Her exciting return to Starfall the witch's home base ended the first volume and this one begins with the witches torn into factions, The 'rebel' witches leave Starfall and you know they are up to no good, Meanwhile Mirage's buddy Eclipse is captured by the rebel witches and forced to swear a blood oath to kill Mirage (aka Mirei), A lot of this volume deals with the politics of the rebellion and Brennan digs a little deeper into the witch lore, Nonetheless this is really a plot-driven novel and the characters and world building suffer somewhat as a result: I think Brennan decided that enough action and plotting would suffice for a good story and sacrificed deeper characters/world building as a result, In a way the novel works albeit at more of a 'popcorn' level than something you will think about after the novel is over: I like good popcorn works to clean the palate before something deeper and this series fits the bill. Would I recommend it? Perhaps if you are looking for the same, I was little vested in the characters but Brennan gives us enough action and adventure to keep the pages turning without having to think too much. Solid 3 stars! 9780446616973 I am a real fan of a premise that throws up unintended consequences: As you can imagine when a number of powerful people within both these groups become a tad fed up the consequences are dire: Due to the fast paced twisting nature of the plot and the fact that I am allergic to spoilers I can't really comment in any detail about the events that unfold: However Brennan manages to provide a solid believable world without resorting to pages of description which is important in such a tightly constructed pacey read, Desperate to find out what would happen next I burned through this one staying up far later than I should to discover what happens next, While her Memoirs of Lady Trent series is very well known this duology is far less so - and it deserves to be far more widely read: Highly recommended for fans of Marie Brennan and page-turning fantasy adventures with twisty plots, 9/10 9780446616973 Pros: Mirage and Miryo are now aware of each other as well as the fact that only one of them can live, There's presently one problem...neither Mirage or Miryo are willing to kill each other: One cannot live while the other survives as Rowling would have it but I had some issues. First of all it annoyed me when characters didn't ask some obvious questions of their advisors or the people they worked for: At first I thought this was a plot hole and was surprised at what seemed like a graduate student's lack of logic: But later this question was answered logically and reasonably but I still wondered why Miryo didn't think to ask it at the beginning: One other thing that I felt needed improvement was the description of the major characters: I had been assuming based on the cover of the book that Mirage had long hair but I was surprised to find out half way through that she had cropped hair: The villains (Ice the bad witches Wraith) could have been deeper and more impressive characters with a bit more description of their looks and mannerisms. Those resisting the new changes were so cardboard cutout I couldn't tell one character from the next: And though I did like the ending it all seemed a bit too easy, The multiple POV's serve to draw the story out longer rather than add more interest: Still I did enjoy the main characters and I thought the concept was interesting, The story is very traditional fantasy and I enjoyed the writing style, I do have the first book in Brennan's Onyx Court series so I will probably check out that series and see how I like it as well: Carrick Marie Brennan is a former anthropologist and folklorist who shamelessly pillages her academic fields for material: She recently misapplied her

professors hard work to Turning Darkness Into Light a sequel to the Hugo Award nominated series The Memoirs of Lady Trent, Carrick she is also the author of The Mask of Mirrors first in the Rook and Rose trilogy: CarrickMarie Brennan is a former anthropologist and folklorist who shamelessly pillages her academic fields for material: She recently misapplied her professors' hard work to Turning Darkness Into Light a sequel to the Hugo Award nominated series The Memoirs of Lady Trent, Carrick she is also the author of The Mask of Mirrors first in the Rook and Rose trilogy. What happens next will change for everyone involved. In the end everything is wrapped up pretty well. 5. This should come as no surprise. Admittedly I loved Warrior more in part because of Mirage. But that made this no less enjoyable. It's because I loved it so much that I NEEDED more. That very same day. And fortunately I wasn't let down. My heart SUNG because I didn't think it would happen. It just developed naturally. With no absurd drama on the side. So I count that as a success. And I loved every minute of it. Read it. It was an entertaining story well written and very engaging. Needless to say I was not disappointed. Or so it was believed for centuries . . . If he fails his blood oath he will die. Warrior and Witch (Doppelganger #2) Just finished reading these. Miryo and Mirage overcame their mistrust too fast. That was a bit anti-climatic. Overall a decent conclusion to this series. The story wanders some and feels very long at times. 9780446616973



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