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Wyrde and Wayward (House of Werth Book 1)

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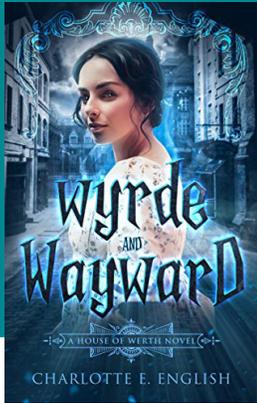
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Book Review

House of Werth #1: Wyrde and Wayward

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Young Adult

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Pages

197

Year

2019

ISBN

9789492824110

Publisher

Amazon (Kindle Ebook
Only)

Gussie is taken against her will to visit a wealthy, magical family. There, she discovers that she has a very rare gift. Gussie can bring out the latent magical qualities of those she touches. Her abilities manifest when she turns one of her hosts into an enormous dragon and another into a vampire. When the dragon takes her hostage in hopes that she can reverse her unwitting magic, it will take all of Gussie's plucky determination to help the dragon control his shape-shifting and address the curses running amok from an enchanted book.

The story is an almost fun adventure with almost great characters set in an almost intriguing background. However, the vocabulary is strained with many outdated and ostentatious words. The characters could be interesting, but they are hard to connect to with all the overused words in the way. The plot is limp, as the story should either end when the kidnapping is resolved or continue until the missing book mystery is solved. Instead, the ending happens almost mid-sentence, leaving the reader unprepared. This feels manipulative, as if it is forcing the reader into the next book.

*Contains mild violence.