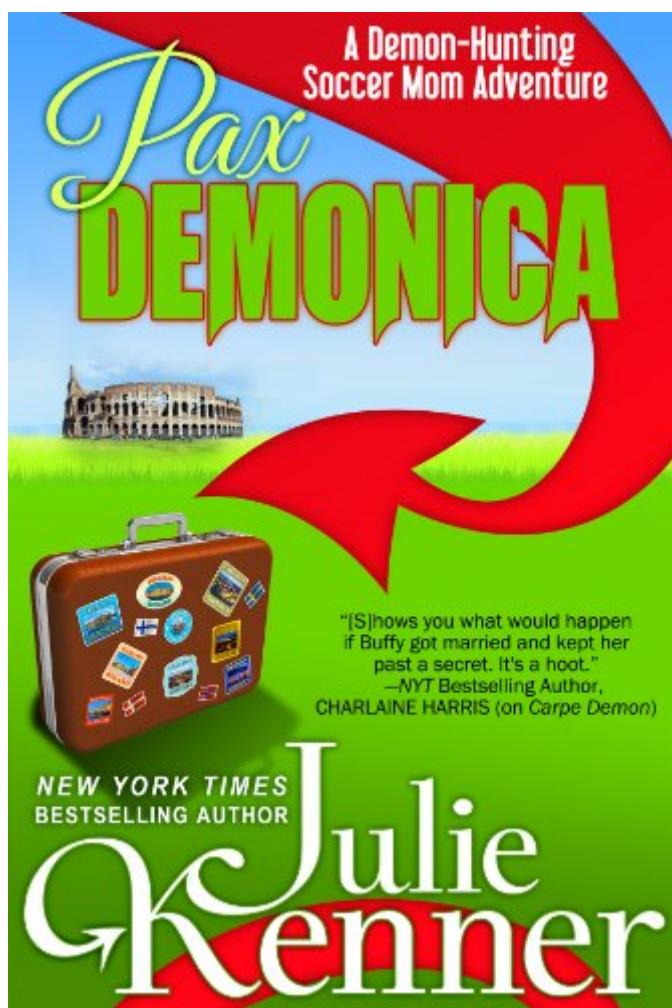


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Pax Demonica: Trials Of A Demon Hunting Soccer Mom (Book 6) (Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom)



Synopsis

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Julie Kenner (aka J. Kenner) comes the sixth installment in the fun-tastic demon-hunting soccer mom series that began with *Carpe Demon: Adventures of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom!* When orphan Kate goes to Rome with her family, she's hoping for a little R&R. The chance to bond with her husband, spend quality time with her kids, and visit her pseudo-family at Forza Scura. In other words, this suburban mom is doing the tourist thing, and intending to do it up right. But while Kate may want to take cheesy pictures and buy overpriced souvenirs, the demon population has other plans. And soon Kate and over-eager daughter Allie are thrust into the middle of a demonic feud. Now Kate's going to have to call on both her hunting skills and her mothering skills—because if she fails, Kate and family might just find themselves sightseeing in hell. *Carpe Demon*: "I LOVED CARPE DEMON. ... It was great fun, wonderfully clever." •Jayne Ann Krentz, New York Times bestselling author "This book, as crammed with events as any suburban mom's calendar, shows you what would happen if Buffy got married and kept her past a secret. It's a hoot." •Charlaine Harris, New York Times bestselling author "I welcome the novels that decide to be utterly over-the-top and imagine paranormal and superhero lives for their chick- lit heroines. Take *Carpe Demon* ..." •Detroit Free Press "Sprightly, fast-paced . . . readers will find spunky Kate hard not to root for in spheres both domestic and demonic." •Publishers Weekly "Smart, fast-paced, unique . . . a blend of sophistication and wit that has you laughing out loud." •Christine Feehan, New York Times bestselling author "Tongue-in-cheek . . . fast pacing and in-your-face action." •SFReader "Ms. Kenner has a style and delivery all her own . . . fun and innovative . . . [Carpe Demon] shouldn't be missed." •Fallen Angel Reviews "You're gonna love this book! A terrific summer read with lots of humor and crazy situations and action." •Fresh Fiction "This book was so much fun to read. I highly recommend this exceedingly entertaining read!" •Midwest Book Review "A+ . . . I am very ready for the next installment in Kate Connor's life." •The Romance Reader's Connection "Kenner scores a direct hit with this offbeat and humorous adventure . . . Car pools and holy water make an unforgettable mix." •Romantic Times *California Demon*: "Kenner continues to put her fun, fresh twist on mommy-lit with another devilishly clever book." •Booklist "Plenty of action and humor. Kenner is at her irreverent best . . . delightfully amusing." •The Best Reviews "A fun paranormal adventure that definitely appeals to moms!" •Scribes World "More witty, funny, and poignant adventures from the marvelous Kenner." •Romantic Times *Demons Are Forever*: "[A] wonderful author . . . a fun premise . . . excellent characterization,

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Customer Reviews

It has been years since I read the other books in this series. I found this book by accident and was

excited to see that there was another book in the series. When I first read this series I was a mom with a toddler so I could really relate. This book just did not have the same impact as the rest of the series. It felt rushed and was way too short. There were so many loose ends. The family travel back to Italy to see where Kate grew up and learn more about her demon hunting roots. Along the way they have demons who are helping them but also trying to kill them. They have something that others want but they have no idea what it is. I was disappointed with this book but I still enjoyed the series.

It has been a long wait. I love the series. I didn't love this book, though, which is why it got a 4-star "like." The story line is cute, and I've loved the other Demon Hunter books. However, this e-book was short (much of the "end" was advertising -- at 89% read, you're actually done) and the ending was really rushed. It was like, "What? That's the END?" Another chapter was warranted. I look forward to more Demon Hunter books from Julie Kenner and hope the next one is a solid 300+ pages-- a real read, not just a taste.

Well that was disappointing. You wait five years for the next installment of a series and what you are given is a one hundred and fifty page eBook, followed by ten or so pages of the authors book catalog, that felt more like a rush job to finish an obligation than a long awaited addition to a fun series. I understand that Julie Kenner has other commitments. That her other series have more notoriety and publisher backing, but the Demon Hunting Soccer Mom books started out great and seem to have been forgotten. They were fun summer reads that had the readers both laughing and grossed out at the same time. This book, which I am assuming is the final since so little effort was put into it, did not go anywhere or enhance the storyline in anyway. Backstories about Kate's life, which had just become known, could have been expanded. Since her demon hunting past has finally come out to her second husband, this could have been rounded out. But no, you have Kate and family heading to Rome, to visit her childhood haunts only to be attacked by demons searching for a key that was hidden in such an obvious way that the reader knew of its location on the same page that it had been introduced. All leading up to the gates of Hell opening and only the blood of one person could close them again. Once again, kind of obvious and lame. Overall, this was a weak book or ending to this series.

Well, I guess I'm a little disappointed. I really loved the other books in the series. This one was really short -- probably novella length rather than novel length (but they charged full price for it), and the

first half was incredibly boring. Once they stopped the tour of Rome it picked up quickly. I have to say, though, her protagonist was pretty stupid not to figure out where the thing the demons wanted was hidden, since it was obvious from the beginning. I did like the ending, but I'm going to be leary of buying other books in the series unless I know they're actually novel-length.

That's the problem with reading a series- eventually you come to the end of the published books. Then you learn patience waiting for the next book. This series could end with this book and I would feel like the author had done a great job of letting the characters grow and expand, pulling us into their world, yet ending it all on a hopeful note. This book seemed faster paced, but there was a lot of ground to cover. I'd rather a book be a little hectic than long and drawn out. I'm going to miss these characters though. I've been living in their world for the past several days (since I discovered book #1). Julie Kenner has written several other series. She did such a great job with the Demon Hunting Soccer Mom books that I can't wait to see what her other works are like! You definitely need to read this series!!!

I love this series and hope there are more books. This was another excellent, if too short adventure. Thank you very much to all the reviews who posted that the book was more of a short story with a bibliography of Julie Kenner's books at the end. I'd really like another installment, but I doubt Ms. Kenner will write one. Why did Kate take Stuart back? He abandoned her when she most needed him. She should be done with him. I'm not a fan of Stuart, Eric has his issues, but he's a better fit for her than Stuart. And the situation with Allie? Seriously?

I wish I could give this book five stars but it wasn't as good as it should have been. Julie Kenner waited too long between books, I think. The five books before this one are very good. They're humorous, the fight scenes are interesting and the mother is not a perfect person. The problem with Pax Demonica is that it felt awkward, like people getting to know each other again. The big fight scene wasn't big at all and it should have been epic as in the other books.

4 stars for the story, 3 for the ending. As much as I love this series, I was rather disappointed with the rushed ending and all the unanswered questions. At 90% the book abruptly ends and the rest is filler promoting her other books. I hope she continues with this series as it's become a favorite of mine, but puts more effort into the next one.

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