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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vermilion H Baine is an gothic fantasy author based in the American Southwest. After a tour as a nuclear electrician's mate in the US Navy, she now works in the semi-conductor industry. She writes fantasy, low and high, and tries to sprinkle in humor between the extreme bouts of angst. She lives with two very codependent rescue dogs, her grumpy, can-fix-anything husband, and her Viking-sized sons.



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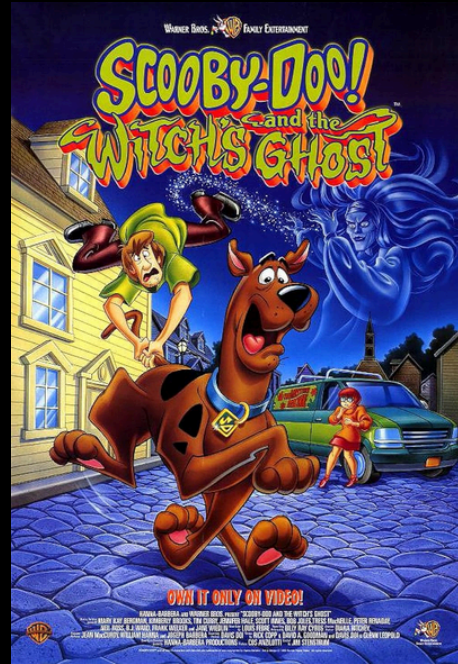
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INFLUENCES

To create the gothic, faculty dark academia of The Academy of the Dead, Vermilion was influenced by...Scooby Doo and the Witch's Ghost????

The New England setting, and the witches, was the unexpected spark for the gothic standalone romance. Atticus is a little bit based on Ben Ravenscroft, in fact.

Some other influences were...



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QUESTIONS

- LET'S START IT EASY. WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER? MAIN AND SIDE CHARACTER.
- DID MADDOX'S FIRST MEETING WITH ATTICUS (AT THE CONFERENCE) GO AS YOU EXPECTED?
- HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THE EXORCIST LOCHLAN WHEN HE WAS INTRODUCED? DID THAT FEELING CHANGE?
- WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE? (QUOTE EXAMPLES ON NEXT PAGE)
- WOULD YOU CHOOSE A TALKING RAVEN OR A ZOMBIE CAT?
- IF YOU HAD A NECROMANCER'S SWORD, WHAT UNIQUE POWER WOULD YOU WANT IT TO HAVE?
- DID THE TALK WITH THEODORA SURPRISE YOU?
- WHEN DID YOU REALIZE ATTICUS'S SECRET?
- ONCE YOU HAD ALL THE INFORMATION, COULD YOU HAVE FORGIVEN ATTICUS?
- WHAT THEME STANDS OUT TO YOU? (EXAMPLES: FORGIVENESS, LONELINESS, SACRIFICIAL LOVE)
- WHO WOULD YOU CAST IN AN ADAPTATION?



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QUOTES

YOU WERE KIND TO A MAN THAT'S KNOWN LITTLE  
KINDNESS IN HIS LIFE, AND NOW HIS AFFECTION  
IS YOUR BURDEN TO BEAR.



HOW CAN YOU BE SO HEARTLESS WHEN YOU  
USED TO TAKE UP SO MUCH OF MY HEART?



I CRUSHED SKULLS WITH EACH STEP, BREATHED IN THAT SAME  
CORPSE DUST, BUT I WOULD DO SO MUCH WORSE FOR YOU.



YOU KNOW, ATTICUS IS FAR FROM MY TYPE, BUT HE'S RATHER HOT IN A  
DEFINITELY-OWNS-A-CURSED-PORTRAIT-OF-HIMSELF SORT OF WAY.



I THINK MY LOVE CAN BE JUST AS TERRIBLE AS YOURS.

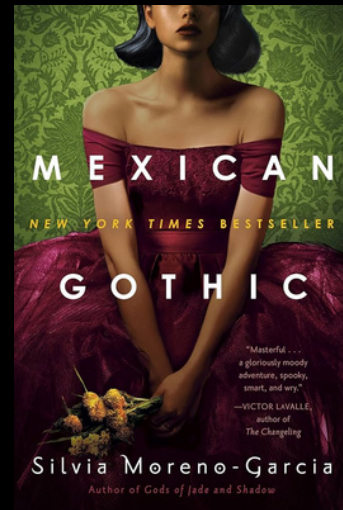


I AM A LIAR AND A COWARD  
AND WORSE-  
I AM IN LOVE

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RECOMMENDATIONS

IF YOU ENJOYED THE ACADEMY OF THE DEAD,  
HERE'S SOME OTHER MEDIA I RECOMMEND.



SCOOBY DOO AND THE WITCH'S GHOST (FILM),  
JANE EYRE (2006 TV SERIES),  
CORPSE BRIDE (FILM),  
FRANKENSTEIN (THE NOVEL),  
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (FILM OR MUSICAL OR NOVEL),  
CRIMSON PEAK (FILM)  
DRACULA (2020 BBC TV SERIES)  
A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES  
(TV SERIES OR NOVELS)