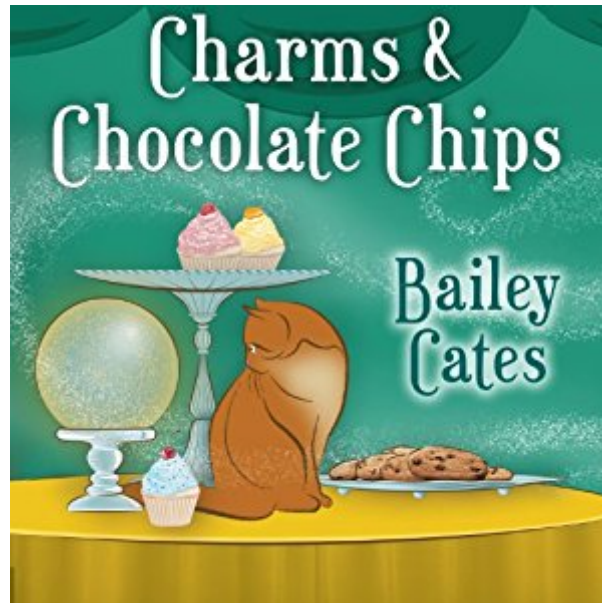


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# Charms And Chocolate Chips: Magical Bakery Mystery, Series # 3



## Synopsis

Between brewing magically spiced treats at Honeybee Bakery and volunteering with a local conservation group, Katie Lightfoot barely has time to see her firefighter boyfriend, Declan McCarthy, much less delve further into her destiny as a witch. But avoiding her fate won't be as easy as whipping up a new recipe-especially when Katie finds herself once again mixed up in murder. When a fellow volunteer for the conservation group is found dead, Katie's mystical senses tell her that there's more to the death than meets the eye. Her suspicions are confirmed when members of her coven are targeted next. Katie will have to embrace her powers quickly...or she may find herself chewed up and spit out by some serious black magic.

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## Customer Reviews

Charms and Chocolate Chips is the third book in Bailey Cates' Magical Bakery Mystery series. This is a culinary cozy with a magical twist. Cates not only teases the readers taste buds but she also takes them on an adventure into the life of hedgewitch, Katie Lightfoot. The paranormal elements in this book are light and centered around the ancient tales of "green" witches who used the earth elements to help their family and neighbors in times past. Cates does a fantastic job of creating a magical atmosphere that is both believable and enchanting. The Magical Bakery series is one of my favorites. There are many different types of paranormal cozies on the market today from ghosts to psychics and everything in between. Cates' approach to magic is a little different and in my opinion very unique. She takes the crafts of kitchen magic and earth magic from the old days and brings

them into a modern setting. It's not white magic vs. black magic, but green magic, more along the lines of wicca or what my grandfather would call, herb magic. I liked all of the information imparted by the author into each of these books. Katie is coming more into her own in the third book, Charms and Chocolate Chips, in that she is learning to use her magic more effectively. I think Cates' series is one of the more interesting of those out there right now with magical themes. Cates does a great job of not only adding in those magical elements but making them a part of characters as well as her story. Katie is such a great character. When we first met her in Brownies and Broomsticks she had no idea that she had hedgewitch magic in her family or that she had the ability to work that kind of magic herself. She has grown a lot throughout the series and Cates continues to expand her knowledge and abilities.

Note: I chose the immersion reading deal (Kindle version + audio narration.) I greatly recommend it! Synced perfectly between reading on my Kindle and listening on my iPhone. Review Charms and Chocolate Chips is the third book in the Magical Bakery Mystery series. It has some of the common elements found in contemporary cozy mysteries: 1. The detective is an amateur who does her sleuthing on the side. 2. The detective has a dream job in a creative field. In this case she is part owner of an adorable bakery. I think this is a bit of wish fulfillment for readers. We all love the idea of making a living doing what we love, but let's face it, running a small business is a tough gig. Most of us would rather dream about it than do it. 3. While romance is definitely relegated to subplot there is a romantic triangle and I've noticed this in a number of other recent cozies. 4. As in most culinary mysteries, recipes are included! I am not a baker but would definitely be willing to taste test. In genre fiction, the format is pretty much a given. But what the author can do within the format is what matters. Cates has woven a delightful story over hers. This is what makes the Magical Bakery Mysteries stand out from similar cozy mysteries: 1. There is a story arc that covers all the novels. Although you could read each as a stand alone, it is better to follow the story starting at the beginning. In the first book Katie discovers that she is a witch and that magic is real. She also finds out that she's a catalyst. In the second book she discovers that she is a light witch, a powerful sort of witch that can only do white magic. In Charms and Chocolate Chips Katie tries to figure out what it means to be a light witch and what distinguishes white magic from black.

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