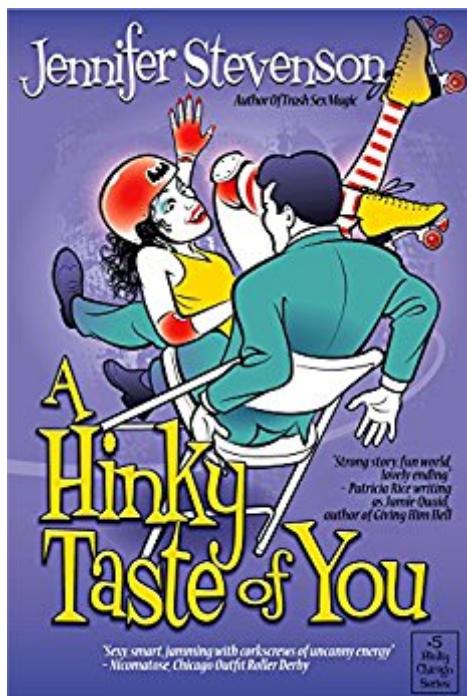


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A Hinky Taste Of You (Hinky Chicago Book 5)



Synopsis

Hel became an energy vampire at seventeen and accidentally reduced her first boyfriend to ashes. Forty years later, she still looks seventeen. Her life is teaching hyperactive boys, roller derby, and worrying about paying her mother's hospital bills. Nick Jones, federal anti-magic cop, has a secret, too. Magic excites him, to his shame. This makes it hard for him when he's assigned to recruit Hel. Nick feels guilty for his attraction to a teenager. Hel adores Nick's yummy energy. If he learns she's a vampire, he'll send her to Hinky Guantanamo. But can they keep their hands off each other?

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Customer Reviews

I have been waiting eagerly, impatiently, hungrily for Stevenson's next book in the Hinky Chicago world and *A Taste of You* does not disappoint. I bought it one afternoon last weekend, read it that night without putting it down, and now... I'm waiting again. I can't get enough of this world. You might think, what with all the books these days about zombies, vampires, werewolves, ghosts and the

whole panoply of things that go bump, that every possible variation on the paranormal theme had pretty much been done. Not so; Stevenson's Hinky Chicago owes nothing to any existing magic-touched world. It's the freshest and most creative concept imaginable... and the most convincing. Not only that, the writing is intelligent, snappy, and utterly absorbing, the plot is fast-paced and enjoyably wild, and the characters are fun to be around. This is wonderful stuff. Wonderful. Encore! Encore!

Loved this. Hel and Nick are the kind of unusual characters that bring me back to romance novels - because they (especially Hel) are PEOPLE who are interesting in their own right, not just because of their attraction to each other. Stevenson's characters are smart and sassy, the world she's created is a fun place to hang out in, and the love story comes to a satisfying but not smarmy conclusion. You can't ask for much more.

I like Stevenson's Hinky Chicago series - it is not highbrow it is funny, frothy, a desert you can read in a few hours. The sexuality is fun. The mysteries worked through are fun. The whole situation is fun. Fun. If you are not looking for fun do not buy this book or any of her others.

A new and novel approach to vampire romance. Hel is on a roller derby team wear she can get the energy she needs. She gets caught up in a scheme to recover a magic coin and encounters romance on the way. I thought the book was unique and a fast read.

This book was different from the others in the series so far...where's Jewel, Randy and Clay?? While I did miss them a bit Hel and Nick kept me quite entertained! This is a gritty, twisty, dark but balanced with light and romance. I absolutely loved this book!! I didn't put it down until the very last page and was very sad that it was over but what a story!!! Hel has met her match in Nick, Hel is an energy demon and Nick is a Magic bloodhound and they balance each other so well I'm so happy that they found each other and really shocked to learn that Dr. Katterfelto isn't a bad guy, he's a little crazy but actually very helpful and really into the science behind the magic which I found very interesting. I can't wait to read the next!! I hope this series never ever ends!!!! I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

At first I was confused as this ARC was book 5, and knew I missed a lot of the story, but I fell in love with Helen and Nick! Helen became an energy Vampire when she was just seventeen, and instantly

sucked her boyfriend dry by accident as they made love with him turning to ashes in her arms. She still looks seventeen, but poses as a twenty-four year old teaching hyperactive boys. She also plays roller derby with her team. Federal Anti-magic Cop, Agent, Nick Jones needs Helen to spy on a man that was on their radar for posing as magic. Magic is not allowed in Chicago or anywhere, he badgers her with so much money if she will spy that he's not worried as he knows her mom is in deep debt from her cancer treatments at the hospital .

(This review previously appeared at Goodreads) I really enjoyed this book by Stevenson, but I'll be firm here - the cover, designed to match the Brass Bed books? Not right. This is not a romance, and not a comedy, although there is love and a lot of humor in the book. But there's also dark power, pain and despair, scary and strong magic, and a deeply sensual look at the mind of someone with morals who has survived as an energy vampire for decades - and now she's hanging on by her psychic fingernails. Hel Nagzy disintegrated her first boyfriend at 17, and decades later, she can't even risk petting her cat. Teaching ADHD and autistic kids and competing in roller derby keep her (mostly) fed and sane. But Hel wants more - she wants a real life, she wants a way out of her aging, alcoholic mother's massive medical bills, and she wants to love and be loved. She's surviving in a strange, alternate world where the cops of Chicago are pretending that things are normal while entire parts of major world cities are disappearing into magical no-man's-lands. Then the Feds find out she's been reading New Age web sites, looking for people researching the current weird upshift in magic. Nick, an anti-magic cop, shows up. They need her help flushing out a magical threat, though they don't seem to know what she is. The cop has his own problems, plus the presence of magic arouses him, and he thinks Hel must be underage, which is making him feel lousy about his attraction to her. What is going on is not quite what you're probably expecting, the hints of how magic is working are intriguing, and yes, the ending is hopeful. So - A Taste of You is overall enjoyable, well done, magical, truly romantic in numerous ways, and worth reading! But if you're looking for category anything, it's probably not your cup of tea. Recommended!

I was given this book for an honest review and if you have not read anything of Jennifer Stevenson's yet; this would be a good book to start with. I love her books they are laugh out loud funny like Janet Evanovich's books. Helan Vittle is an energy vamp and that is all I will tell you want to know more you have to read the book and it will be so worth it. All of the hinky books are funny and Jennifer is an awesome author you would not go wrong to buy her books, she is amazing.

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