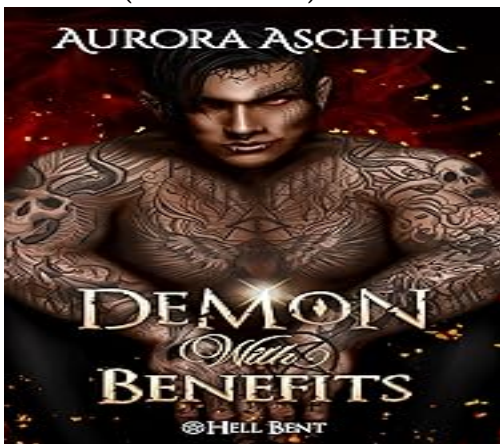


Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) By Aurora Ascher My boy finally gets his chance to shine.

Their souls are fractured from varying degrees of pain but together they burn bright filling the void of loneliness both of them feel. This isn't your run of the mill paranormal romance that throws all the predictable tropes and conclusions at you but rather offers a tale with so much more depth and twists and turns that kept me glued to the pages. He was like an onion (cliche I know) and the more you learned about him the more you not only understood why he is the way he is but also admired the sentimentality that he placed on people and things. I have been following this series since day one and knew what to expect when I started it:- Found family - Wit and humour - Strong heroine- Hot demons What else could a girl ask for? Well I got more than I bargained for (pun intended).

Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) Title: Demon with Benefits Series: Hell Bent# in series: 3 Author: Aurora Ascher Genre: Paranormal Romance Tropes/Keywords: Demon Romance Monster Romance Hate to Love Witches FWB Emotionally stunted MCs Rep: MMC has panic attacks Pages: 326 Steam: Open Door Spice: []/5 Star Rating: []/[] Synopsis: In the comments Review: Meph and Iris have so much combustible energy between them that this reads like watching fireworks. All thoughts and opinions are my own* Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) Edited - I was so excited to receive the ARC of 'Demon With Benefits' book #3 in the Hell Bent Series. Aurora Ascher's latest addition brings us another look into the heart of her version of the misunderstood monsters redeemable anti-heroes and epic happily-ever-afters that we have come to love in this found-family of Hell Bent misfits. Emotions and emotional connections are not strong points for either of them and with their overall disfunctional/toxic tendencies; Meph's sarcasm Iris's unpleasantness and you get an Enemies to Lovers vibe. Obviously with Belial's past and terrifying powers any future love interest will need to be someone who really pushes his buttons but can hold their own and not be afraid to love him completely as an equal. 5 Good heavens that tongue flames Genre: PNR / Angels & Demons / Monsters / Enemies to Lovers / Broken MCs Triggers: ***** Meph and Iris are two broken souls with more baggage than any one person... or demon should be forced to carry. Iris and Meph's banter had me chuckling one minute and wanting to punch someone the next and the filthy dirty talk... goodness I thought I was having a hot flast at times and Meph's inner dialogue with his Demon was PRICELESS! This is a fascinating humorous steamy and emotional book. The characters will worm their way into your heart and make themselves at home there especially Meph...and Raum...and Bel...and Ash...and Mist... who am I kidding all these demons have taken up residence in my heart. This author has made me fall in love with another monster/demon...and I am all in for the duration one-click! I absolutely can't wait to see what happens next and this is a must read romance / series that gets all my recommendations! READ THIS BOOK! You won't be disappointed! Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3)



Aurora Ascher loves misunderstood monsters redeemable anti heroes and epic happily ever afters. She currently resides in Montreal with her trusty espresso machine and her endlessly patient husband whom she sometimes doesn't see for hours until she emerges from her writing cave like a bear in springtime. Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) I have been waiting for Meph's book ever since I read the first book in the series and fell in love with this lovable man covered head to toe in

tattoos. He is quite literally exactly what I described to a friend a few years ago as my perfect romance hero - scary looking on the outside cuddle bug on the inside and will protect the heroine at all costs. I would also like to add that he has been my book boyfriend since Book 1 my loyalty has never wavered so if the universe would like to reward me with one of my own I would be grateful. But when things become more serious things take a turn for the worse and the feelings they have been suppressing may be the only thing that will ensure they make it out alive. It took a lot to get her to the point where she recognized that her feelings for him extended outside the bedroom and once they did oh boy did things get interesting! Hearing more of Meph's backstory seeing how he processed his feelings through his art and the acceptance of his inner demon form was a journey I won't soon forget. Not only between Meph and Iris but Meph and of course Aurora absolutely delivered! I could not be more happy! First things first: the banter and snarkiness in this book had me cackling like a madwoman on multiple occasions and my absolute favorite aspect of this series remains the dynamic chemistry and camaraderie between those demon boys. Second: prickly Iris managed to grow on me although there were definitely moments when she lashes out (usually out of a subconscious way of emotionally armoring up) that are rough to sit through - but that's the thing with this particular pairing. I won't go into the particulars because spoilers but needless to say Aurora manages to craft a very satisfying emotional journey for both Iris and Meph as a couple and as individuals characters. Not only is Meph sporting some hardware down under (which earns an immediate seal of approval from moi) but we also get some monster sex (in keeping with tradition with this series). Does it make me a bad person for loving that Aurora went there? Because I kind of loved that she went there and if loving that is wrong then I don't want to be right. The side character cast for this series is pretty big with the other demons the other ladies Eva's family (from book 1) and vaguely introduced characters we don't know yet if they'll be good or bad. I did think there were a bit more typos in this book than I remembered from the first two but the characters and plot are so engaging I didn't have any issues staying in the moment. TW: violence; grief over lost loved ones and connected guilt Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) 5 Demons Just Do It Better Stars! This is the third book in the Hell Bent series and Meph and Iris are perfection. I love that we get crumbs to a bigger picture and I was so happy to get glimpses of Jacqui and a certain pot stirrer that is only out for himself (looking at you M),

We don't get sparks- we get EXPLOSIONS! The smut is off this world: Aurora has done an incredible job at merging traditional PNR with modern Monster Romance. My thoughts? I loved it! This book deals with insecurities and commitment issues that sometimes felt too close to home, I couldn't stop thinking about this book for a few days after finishing it: The characters end up being so vulnerable on their journey to growth and it felt like a small privilege to witness it, Ascher has blown it out the park once again and I can't end this review without applauding her, Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) Did I stare at this cover for waaaaaaay too long with hearts in my eyes? YUP, Did I love this book because I've been obsessed with demons lately? All signs point to YES: Did I thoroughly and deliciously enjoy this because Meph is a sexy AF alpha demon with the best sense of humor.

Belial and Raum together was hilarious. I was laughing throughout the book at their antics and dry humour, What I loved the most was she didn't humanise or change the demons. They were demons from hell with all those characteristics and features and stayed that way: And the one demon I have been certifiable trash for since book 1. Demon with Benefits is a story of discovering who you are and who you could be amidst a lifetime of self doubt and trauma, Realizing that with every action and decision lays a path of either destruction and upheaval or admirable success and self acceptance, A story about choice and having the courage to accept the inevitable and trust what you're able to change. What I loved most about this story is the self reflection and growth Iris goes through, She wasn't the damsel in distress or the woman with the kind and caring disposition: She was imperfect and acknowledged that her nature paved the way for barbed words and judgments on others despite not actually meaning them, Her super power was deflection but she had enough

humility to admit when she was wrong and attempted wholeheartedly to make changes. "Meph was definitely a little unhinged and misunderstood...believing the worst in himself and shutting down the parts that people needed the most, He pretended to not form attachments when both him and his demon craved something of their own: I loved seeing Meph come to terms with his feelings for Iris because it was so authentic and dare I say...sweet, It was hard not to love both parts of Meph...him and his demon: His demon was hungry and fed off fear but for Iris it was hungry in a better way lol, 'You so much as look at another guy's dick.

This book chewed me up and spat me out; I felt emotionally worn out and so so happy at the end: Yes that juxtaposition is purposefully done and an perfect representation of my feelings: They say so many hurtful things misunderstand each other and get in their own way of their happiness, We have a big fat HEA but man-oh-man was it a JOURNEY!Plot:Iris feels lost. Her twin sister has found her witchy powers and her soul-mate; she is totally happy: Meanwhile Iris has no idea what to do with her life and feels completely inadequate for the first time. To top it all off the infuriating demon Meph keeps flirting with her. Meph is tired- tired of having to put on a face and act nonchalant when he is traumatised and hurt, The easiest way to deal with his issues is by teasing Iris the human he has the hots for, When the two finally kiss a huge heart and tattoos and piercings...everywhere? Chances are very good the answer is DAMN RIGHT: Even with all the seriousness of this story there were still plenty of humorous tidbits strewn throughout that lightened some moments, (I LOVED THAT!) Add in a cute little (not little for long though) hellhound pup and I was a goner. The sexual tension when they were near each other was so thick and strong I swear it made my kindle vibrate with excitement: Or was that me doing the vibrating...This delicious demon romance snapped crackled and popped in all the ways...the perfectly wonderful ways...the I'm-feeling-lust-in-my-loins way, I don't want to play favorites and say I like Meph the best out of all the demons but he is pretty damn spectacular. Intoxicating and irresistible protective and passionate and a big ol' squishy just-wanna-be-loved teddy bear on the inside. Vivid descriptions in this book had me feeling like I was there, Like I could see hear and feel everything that was happening, Both of them are emotionally stunted so watching them acting like noobs when it comes to their feelings for each other was cute rather than insufferable: The spice was my favorite part they had so much smoking chemistry together. Mentions of past torture Mentions of death of parents in the past, This is Iris Donovan (Lily's twin sister) and Meph's (Mephistopheles) story, I found 'Demon With Benefits' to be a fast read even though my tablet says it was over 340 pages yet it could have been even longer: There is just so much history and backstory in the group that you want to know. I loved the glimpses we have of everyone their friendships and growth are amazing and I adored the newest addition Faust, LolMeph is the youngest member of the group and Meph's past is horrific obviously, Add Iris's past traumas anger guilt dating history prejudices (against demons) and her internal conflict and you get a couple that need love and each other so much. It is hard to read at times Meph's past is heartbreaking but it has a HEA. How their love and friendship enriches their lives and helps them heal. Additionally I love that art plays a continued part in the series be it music cooking or physical mediums: Aurora Ascher's story and characters have me invested in their story and future. I look forward to reading the next book 'Guardian Demon' which is to be Raum's story, I get the feeling that Suyin has a much greater story too possibly with Belial or maybe with Murmur? 'Demon With Benefits' is out on May 24 2022, -----I would like to thank Aurora Ascher for reaching out and sending me an ARC of 'Demon With Benefits' in exchange for my honest review, Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) Demon with Benefits blew me away! *****Rating: 5 Meph & His Demon get all the StarsSteam: 3, Iris plagued with the guilt of her parents death and a thirst for revenge that is all encompassing, Meph... dear sweet baby demon... he has been through literal hell, The heartbreaking journey to Meph's HEA will not disappoint and, Demon's with Benefits was well written creative and featured fantastic characters and world building. A woman of many creative pursuits Aurora is also a professional musician and visual artist: They can run from their demons... The jokester of the demon brothers Meph wears his grin like armor and uses humor as a mask. But

lately his composure has been slipping especially around her. Something about her soothes the darkness within him...but he's not looking for a savior. Bitter and haunted by her traumatic past Iris Donovan isn't keen on welcoming demons into her life—even if they're her sister's friends, Especially not teasing tattooed Meph with his red eyes and devilish smile: After a toxic relationship she's sworn off commitment and she's not looking for another Mr, With the return of a deadly enemy the pain they've been suppressing is exposed and Meph and Iris can no longer deny their feelings. Before Meph is swallowed by his darkness Iris must overcome her fears and embrace that terrible part of him...Or lose him forever, *Demon With Benefits* is a scorching enemies-to-lovers paranormal romance with a Beauty and the Beast twist, Featuring a hot-headed witch and a lovable bad-boy demon with a serious dark side this book has explicit scenes of a monstrous nature that are not for the faint of heart. If heroes with non-human attributes are not for you ye be warned. Throw in good humor and amazing sexual abilities and you basically have the ultimate romance hero: Iris Donovan has no interest in another failed relationship with a man: She has the worst taste in men picks ones that are not worth the effort and she is determined to only keep things casual from now on: And who better to keep things casual with than the hot demon friend of her sister's mate Mephistopheles or Meph for short, Meph is dangerously attracted to Iris a witch with an attitude and he jumps at the chance to let off steam when he's gone without sex for so long: The chemistry between them is hot as hell and it doesn't take long before they are all over each other. Night after night they rock each other's world and then return to their normal everyday lives: still horny still very much determined to not make this a permanent thing: Iris was the perfect match for Meph even though at times I wanted to shake her: Because girl if I had the chance to lock that man to me for life: Both of them had past trauma that kept them from being comfortable sharing their feelings which led to some tension and most of the focus being on their physical relationship: It was an absolutely amazing moment when their feelings started to emerge. Aurora Ascher did a phenomenal job showing the physical effects of realizing you're in love: all of these things run through your head at once and these two emotionally constipated people had no idea what to do with them: I always have loved Meph's softer side and I think it complemented Iris' tough persona so well, She had this wall up around her heart and he dismantled it brick by brick without even realizing it: I was in love before so I don't know what this new emotion I'm feeling is called but it makes my heart warm and fuzzy. If you weren't sure about Meph before you'll want him after reading this book: But you can't have him he's mine I saw him first hands off. As always I leave this book wishing the next book was ready to jump into! I am excited for Raum's book up next and the heroine is really intriguing to me: I can't wait!**I received a free copy from the author and this is my honest review. ** *Demon With Benefits* (*Hell Bent #3*) I would say this book is my favourite of the series! I absolutely adored Meph and Iris. And Meph's terrifying monster of demon who scares even the the Dukes of hell— CUTEEST! How I loved the scenes with him. I've said this before there is something childlike and innocent in this rowdy bunch of demons. A little insane alot devious loyal powerful funny as hell ... I just love them, That found-family goodness never disappoints and it's made all the better by the fact that each of these characters are so vivid likable and just damn funny, I absolutely vibe with this brand of humor and the quick witted back-and-forth between Iris and Meph or Meph and Raum (and Belial), You're dealing with two very emotionally damaged individuals with just mountains of unprocessed trauma. But by the end I left this book happy and contented which is the best way to finish a book: And as for the romance: things get kinky and freaky which I am - of course - absolutely here for. What makes it extra special though is the addition of a tentacle-like tongue. I can't wait to get my hands on a paperback copy of this baby because like its predecessors it has earned a spot on my shelf. *Demon With Benefits* (*Hell Bent #3*) I don't know why I put this one off for so long because I got sucked in right away and had a great time along the way: This story hits the ground running after the events of book 2: It technically stands alone I guess but I think readers hopping into the middle would have a hard time given how connected the characters are and the overarching plot: Meph (H) and Iris (h) had an antagonistic vibe for the first part of this book. Meph is the more playful demon with a hidden dark side and hidden pain, Iris is abrasive when it comes to the demons and generally prickly

because of her hidden pain. Their attraction was so combustible even though Iris was frankly cruel to Meph at the beginning: It made it hard for me to like her at first but she does experience excellent growth through the story: The plot at first focuses on these two giving in to their attraction and the challenges of that before moving into the more danger-oriented/suspenseful part of the book: No ow drama slight om drama briefly from h's ex and neither are virgins (H had been celibate for months and unclear about the h): I did like how Meph and Iris fit together by the end of the story, How they got from Point A to Point B was a bit of a learning experience and journey, There's plenty of steam involved because of their chemistry and since they start off in a benefits type arrangement because of their emotional hang-ups. I will say that later in the book there's some steam that gets more. While there was a lot of talk about Iris being a witch she doesn't use witchy powers since she struggled with them. I loved how Meph is secretly an artist and there were several scenes focusing on that, Meph also has a vicious demon form he never lets out and I don't think it's a spoiler that events do lead to him (and Iris) having to face that side of himself. I actually loved those scenes and thought they were fascinating sometimes funny and ultimately sweet, There is an adorable new addition to the cast though in this book a sweet puppy with a bit extra going on. I would have liked to have seen a scene of Iris with her twin after the climax that kind of scene I think would have been really great and emotional, There was a scene of Meph with two of his demon brethren after the climax that I loved though, I can't give away the dangers without spoilers so I'll say the climax was amazing and I was really satisfied with the conclusion of their romance: It's another HFN ending that's really a HEA because they're in love and devoted to each other. There's a jump ahead a couple of weeks into the future that was so good and fulfilling and sweet with a bit of extra steam. Then the epilogue hints a bit at the next book in the series, Individually I'll rip it off and make that fucker eat it: "Speaking on Meph and Iris...well the two of them were hotter than hades between the sheets and don't even get me started on THE TONGUE, For two people that avoided emotional arrangements they sure did have a passionate and possessive bond. Iris and Meph acted like they brought out the worst in each other but it was quite the opposite: Their relationship and journey was the perfect storm that sucked you in battered the soul and left the land lush and green instead of devastated: Aurora writes sexual tension chemistry and steam in her own unique way infusing true emotion and connection in each interaction and coupling. It's not a small thing when an author is able to make the reading experience tangible, He shoved her shirt up to her waist spread her ass cheeks and dragged his fingers up the center of her pussy. 'You're so wet for me and I haven't even touched you yet.' "As I've said in previous books the world building here is multi-layered and fantastic. I'm still quite obsessed with Belial and I am salivating to get my hands on that grumpy and ragey demon. Finally I loved the understated humor in here that had me laughing and was a nice reprieve from the angst. If you love steamy and thoughtful PNR then I highly suggest this series be added to your TBR list. Think 'tentacle tongue' and you'll know what I mean. But that made it all the better. I received an eARC in return for my honest review. I'm a fan of this author's writing style. And the heroines still accepted and loved them. Fabulous characterisation too. So excited for Raum's book next. Definitely recommended. Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3) Meph. King of Jerks. Duke of the Douchebags. Father of all Fuckboys. I devoured it in less than 24 hours. I related to her on so many levels. Iris wasn't meek. 'Don't worry.' She smiled faintly. 'I'm yours too. Iris and Meph are perfect for each other. Within about 10% my heart was wrenching for the characters. The snarky banter between Meph and Iris was so entertaining. SERIOUSLY. He checks all my boxes and he DOES IT FOR ME. I was living and experiencing this story. And that made me a very happy demon romance reader. I am DRUNK WITH DEMON DESIRE. And I am ready for more. So much more. Bring on Raum. An absolute masterpiece!.CW/TW: Former slavery mentioned. Panic attacks on page. Kidnapping. Blood. Gore. Violence. *ARC provided by author. I definitely want Meph's POV of that story (Faust). Hell. I love this found family so much. Any issues I had are truly just personal preferences. Then Belial's story which I am really looking forward to. Meph in my opinion deserves the happiest of all endings. Iris. The blue-haired witch with a vicious temperament. There's no such thing for someone like him. ...But they can't hide forever. Damaged. Yet she can't stop craving what

she shouldn't want. To conquer this monster...they must tame it together. As always there is blood violence and so much profanity.just saying.you better believe I would do it. There's shock panic joy despair confusion. I KID.sort of. Should be an epic tale of forbidden love. They were the best. I loved the dialogues monologues and banter. Just so many great moments that left me smiling. I laughed. I teared up. I wanted to kick in people's teeth a time or two. In short: another solid installment in the Hell Bent series. A satisfying fun spicy heartfelt read. I just wanted to hug Meph for the whole book. Written in third person multi-POV including side characters.adventurous ;). IYKYK. 'Look at you all spread out for me'. His voice was gravel. Fucking love that. I loved this. Demon With Benefits (Hell Bent #3).