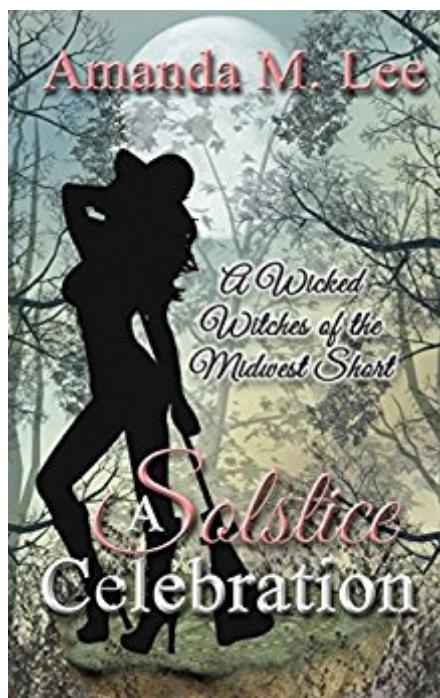


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# A Solstice Celebration: A Wicked Witches Of The Midwest Short



## Synopsis

It's the summer of 2005, and Marnie Winchester is in charge. That's right, her sister Winnie is out of town for a week and Marnie is officially the boss. It's everything she's always wanted. Kind of. If her teenaged daughter and her two cousins weren't getting into the wine and if her sister wasn't belting out show tunes at the drop of a hat and if her aunt Tillie wasn't threatening curses at every turn things would be perfect. That's a lot of ifs, isn't it? Marnie is planning the Winchester family's annual solstice celebration and it's a lot of work but the real work comes when niece Bay sees a ghost and Aunt Tillie declares war on her meddlesome great-nieces. Marnie has to find a way to keep the solstice celebration on track and no one is up to the task of helping. The curses are flying fast and furious, and Marnie is running out of time to help a forgetful ghost move on, find her missing magic supplies and prove she should've been the boss all along. Note: This is a 27,000-word short set in the Wicked Witches of the Midwest world. It can be read at any time since it is set back in time.

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## Customer Reviews

Solstice Celebration was an entertaining short and an enlightening addition to the Series. Like the other shorts it provided a sometimes comical look back into the lives of the Winchester witches. There was quite a bit of teenage angst, high-jinx and, of course, antics by Aunt Tillie. The story was told from Marnie's Clove's mom, perspective and revolved around preparation for a summer solstice celebration while bossy Winnie was out of town. Although, overall I enjoyed the short story, I did wish that the plot had involved a bit more mystery and actual details about what happened during the celebration. However, realizing that this was after all a "short" it would have probably required that the story be longer to include the latter.\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT"\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*For the most part, I have found Aunt Tillie's antics and curses funny. However, personally, I thought that the curse involving blindness was over the top and just plain mean spirited. Moreover, to make someone blind while they are at the top of the stairs where they could have fallen and been injured or killed was heartless and simply anything but funny. If the author isn't careful she may find that there are more readers who dislike Aunt Tillie and/or think that her curses are cruel rather than funny than those who like her and/or find her antics humorous. I know that the witches, including the victims, made a joke about the incident at the end of the story but I still didn't find this particular curse funny. Maybe it's just me and I'm being over sensitive.

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