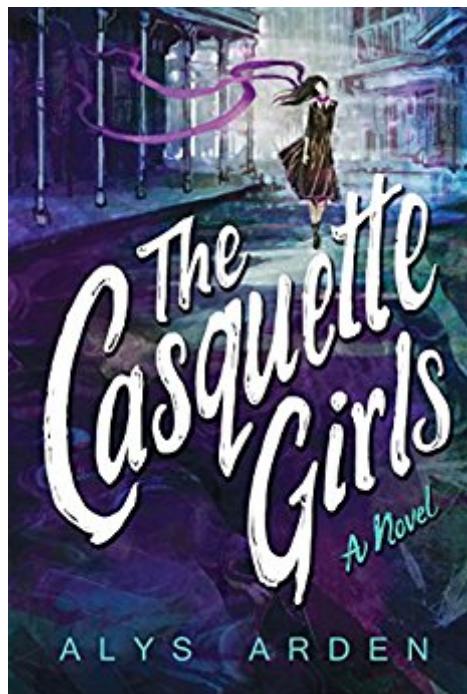


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Synopsis

After the storm of the century rips apart New Orleans, sixteen-year-old Adele Le Moyne and her father are among the first to return. Adele wants nothing more than to resume her normal life, but with the silent city resembling a war zone, a parish-wide curfew, and mysterious new faces lurking in the abandoned French Quarter, normal needs a new definition. Strange events "even for New Orleans" lead Adele to an attic that has been sealed for three hundred years. The chaos she accidentally unleashes threatens not only her but also everyone she knows. Caught in a hurricane of myths and monsters, Adele must untangle a web of magic that weaves the climbing murder rate back to her own ancestors. But who can you trust in a city where everyone has secrets and keeping them can mean life or death? Unless you're immortal. Revised edition: This edition of The Casquette Girls includes editorial revisions.

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I admit, I don't read a lot of YA. Why not? Well, because so many times the teenage characters have so much angst that I just can't get through it. That said, the description of The Casquette Girls

really spoke to me and I decided to take a chance. Wow. I am so glad I did. The Casquette Girls is technically a YA Paranormal Romance. The main characters are all sixteen to eighteen years old. If you're looking for a book suitable for teens, this is a good candidate. There's no sex, no swearing, and only limited violence. That said, there's a whole lot else going for it that will keep you engaged even if you're well north of thirty. I wish I could summarize the story for you. I want to. But there's just so much to it that any description I could possibly make would pale in comparison to what the book was - near perfection. First of all, the book takes place in New Orleans right after Katrina. The author does a fantastic job of capturing the horrors of post-storm life while not delving deeply into some of the political aspects of the issues that happened in Louisiana. You'll feel for the characters who had to return to storm ravaged life and you'll learn how the city's undefeatable spirit kept it going when it seemed like all was lost. Next, the vampire narrative is incredibly well done. The story bounces back and forth between Adele's ancestor, Adeline's diary and present day and it does so nearly seamlessly. All too often, these flashbacks can be too drawn out and slow, but in The Casquette Girls, they are incredibly important and very well done. Just as you're wondering why we need to read all this history, the author shows you exactly why you're reading.

Seven girls tied by time
Five powers that bind...
One curse to lock the horror away
One attic to keep the monsters at bay
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