

Denise Swanson: *The Right to Bear Charms*



Happy fall! I'm looking forward to the cool crisp weather and fall foods. I love pumpkin and apple and cinnamon!

Growing up, Mom always made French toast for Sunday breakfast and told me that if I was a good girl, magic would make it puff up. When I got married and started cooking, I tweaked it a little. I increased the cinnamon and added vanilla.

### Magic French Toast

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup Flour
- 1½ teaspoons Sugar
- 1½ teaspoon Baking Powder
- ½ teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg beaten
- 1 cup Milk
- Vegetable Oil
- 8 slices of White Bread

#### Directions:

Preheat a generous amount of oil until 375°F.  
Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon. Blend egg, vanilla and milk, then add to dry ingredients. Beat until smooth.  
Dip bread slices into batter, turning to coat evenly.  
Fry in oil for about 2 minutes per side until golden brown and puffy.



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The second in Denise's new "Forever Charmed" mystery series.

#### *Who says murder can't be stylish?*

The whole idea of even owning a business, let alone one that had an out-of-the-ordinary sideline like producing charms for those in need, is still new to LEXIE RAVENSCRAFT. A few months ago, out of the blue, she'd received a letter informing her that she had inherited her great-aunt Pandora Ravenscraft's estate.

Unfortunately, she'd soon discovered that her old life had been one big lie and the picture of herself as a wealthy heiress was about as far from reality as her name.

Turns out, she wasn't Lexie Green, she was Alexandra Ravenscraft. And if that wasn't

enough to blow her mind, she was the Ravenscraft Shield. An entity that wielded magical powers to be used for the benefit of the citizens of Echo Springs, her new hometown.

Although Lexie is beginning to settle into her new role, there is still a lot she doesn't understand. While she's aware that having supernatural skills is apparently the norm in the community, it's considered impolite, or maybe even dangerous, to ask what type of abilities her fellow Echo Springians possessed.

Which is why rescuing her mother from the Wizard of Washington, figuring out how said Wizard ended up dead, and keeping Echo Springs from the dark magic is so difficult.

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