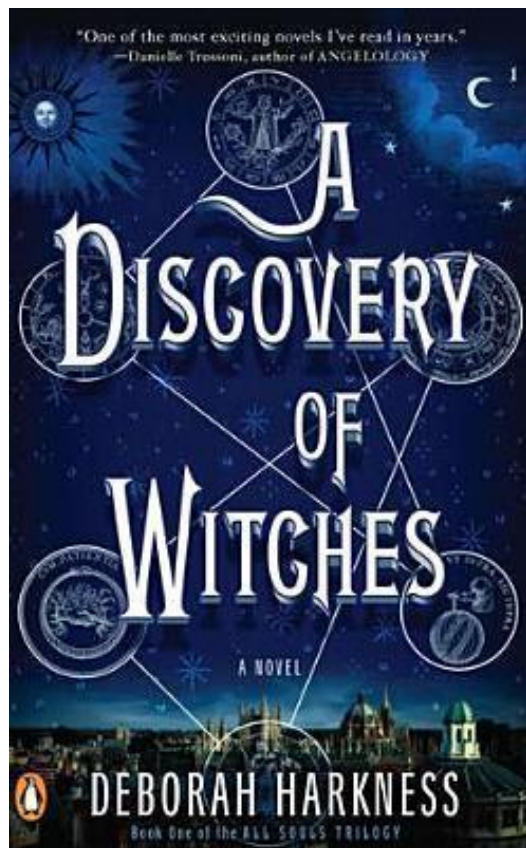


Read **A Discovery of Witches [EPUB]** by **Deborah Harkness**



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Plot:

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About Deborah Harkness

Deborah Harkness is the number one New York Times bestselling author of *A Discovery of Witches*, *Shadow of Night*, and *The Book of Life*. A history professor at the University of Southern California, Harkness has received Fulbright, Guggenheim, and National Humanities Center fellowships. She lives in Los Angeles.

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