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# Adventure Scents: This time things are getting serious!

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I recently had a thought of reaching out to this company I came across online a little while ago called Adventure Scents. They are a company that create a sort of special effect with scented beads. Not any old scented beads no. They are to be used in cosplaying, tabletop gaming, storytelling and more. And they aren't your average flower smells either. The vast selection includes scents such as Barren Moon, Dank Dungeon, Fairgrounds, Italian Restaurant and so much more. At first I was genuinely wondering if this was even possible to do? Scents of a Fetid Swamp? How does that work? I don't quite know how but it does. They are blends of oils that recreate certain scents. As a writer myself who relies on my five senses to write as accurately as possible I wanted to give it a go. So I TOP POSTS

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reached out to the company and was sent a selection of scents as a sampler. I got 8 different scents which I will now describe here.

# Welcoming Inn: I was



immediately hit by a heavy scent of... warm meat! It smells like a nice stew that has been cooking in a pot over an open fire. There is a hint of spice and potatoes in there too.

*Healing Sanctuary*: One of my favorites, it smells cool, medicinal and sort of minty. It is a calming scent something you want to smell after a long and weary travel.

*Fairy Circle*: Warm, mossy, wet leaves and a hint musty. It would be what I would expect a fairy mushroom circle in a forest to smell like.

*Mummy's Tomb*: Yet another favorite, there is an intense and wonderful smell of incense and a warm sand smell. It smells enchanting to me.

*Ancient Library*: Dusty, moist, paper and wood that is what first comes to mind when I smell this. Seems like a cozy place to be on a rainy afternoon, so sign me up!

*Fetid Swamp*: plants, something tar like, standing water and rotted wood. If you close your eyes, you are right there with this one. The smells are very realistic and transporting I should say.

*Fishing Docks*: salt, sea air, something fishy and scaly. As if you are walking along a shore on a windy day or are on a small sea town fish market.

*Horse stables*: sawdust, warm skin, hay and grass and a hint of poop. Yes, it has to be said, there is a small hint of a poop smell to this one but only in the



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background. The first thing that hits you is a warm herb like scent.

So there, this is my description of the scents I received. And I am in love with them! I wish I could wear them all day. Which actually you can! You can buy a locket to wear where you can place some beads in to carry the scent with you all day.

I can only begin to imagine the uses for these scents, which you can purchase in packs of



varying sizes or get a mixed sample pack like I did. I can see them being used in games such as Dungeons and Dragons, in classrooms to tell stories to children, whilst watching movies or even when cosplaying a specific character. I want them all! As a writer, I cannot say how invaluable this is. I can immediately "see" scenes in my mind of specific locations based on these scents. That is something, especially should you have some writer's block or a lack of reference material to specific locations. I mean scents are so powerful, they are key to memories and being transported right back to the time when you first smelt something.

I cannot recommend this more or even more highly. I genuinely believe you ought to give this a try in any of the above mentioned situations, but I am sure many more applications can be thought of for this wonderful product.

I also like the fact that it does not remain in the fantasy realm only, you have scents like coffee house, city street, public park, sandy beach... locations we can encounter in our daily lives but that are just as important as the roman baths, pirate ships or mayan temples.

Honestly, if you want something different, this is it. Look no further, you won't find better! Or anything like it for the matter. In addition, the beads are very well packed and their scent is quite strong as well.



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Go have a look at their website: Adventure Scents and go read the interview I recently had with the creator of Adventure Scents Jennifer Howlett (Interview with Jennifer Howlett) and learn a bit more of the background of this amazing product. Additionally you might wish to check out my review for Cooking with Dice also by Jennifer Howlett. For me this is a thumbs way up!

## Adventure Scents: 5/5

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