Peace Talks
by Jim Butcher

“Eagerly awaited by wizard Harry Dresden’s legion of fans, this 16th book in the series is definitely worth the wait. Wonderful scenes feature magical illusions, and many familiar characters return for peace talks in Chicago. Not much is peaceful for Harry, as the wizards might kick him off the White Council, faerie Queen Mab wants him to do a couple of favors for vampire Lara, and Harry’s half-brother is in prison after an assassination attempt. For series fans of The Hollows, The Iron Druid Chronicles, and The Nightside.”

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NoveList read-alike: The Arcadia Project series by Mishell Baker

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(Sourcebooks Landmark)

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NoveList read-alike: The Bookshop of Yesterdays by Lizzy Suzanne

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A Novel of Suspense
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“Kate Burkholder comes to the aid of an old colleague who’s now on the run from her own vice unit in this slow-burn crime thriller. Many series start to lose steam when they’ve been around as long as this one, but Castillo just keeps improving with every book.”

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“Two babies are switched at birth in the NICU. One has severe disabilities, the other doesn’t. Two years later, the families learn of the mistake and their lives—and lies—become more entangled. Highly recommended for fans of psychological thrillers who are tired of typical plotlines.”

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