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Demon Moon (Prof Croft Book 1)



Synopsis

Everson Croft here, professor of mythology and behind-the-scenes wizard. Show me an amateur conjurer, and I'll stop him before he gets himself killed. That's the idea, anyway. But New York City isn't what it used to be, and I don't mean the recent crash. Amateur casters are calling up creatures they shouldn't be able to. And there's been a murder at the city's most hallowed cathedral, a message in blood on the victim's back the NYPD wants me to interpret, like yesterday. Something tells me I'm in over my head. And that's not just Chinatown's newest mob boss, a scary-powerful vampire, or my possessed cat talking. No matter how much magic I hurl, worse keeps chasing bad, and I'm amassing enemies like they're aluminum cans. Did I mention the end of the world might be nigh? Damn. Maybe I'm the amateur here.* Receive a complimentary copy of the short prequel, Book of Souls, when you sign up for the Prof Croft mailing list: bit.ly/profcroft

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Customer Reviews

My Kindle is filled with books that had a synopsis that sounded good but turned out not to hold my interest, Not so with Demon Moon. This book was action packed from the beginning. Some

reviewers have commented on similarities to The Dresden Files but, hey, there is room for more than one wizard in the world. I am willing to go for a ride with Professor Croft. It's a scary world out there and no one really knows that the professor is all that is holding back the darkness. Like every great hero, he is multifaceted, doing what is right while struggling with his own inner demons because that is what good guys do. One thing I did wish was that I understood a bit more of his back story but I am sure it will be fleshed out in upcoming installments. The pace of this book is fast. Just when you think you can relax it takes another turn. It kept me up late and I can't wait for the next adventure with Professor Croft and company.

This book is slightly above being just okay. The characterization is pretty good. The story line is also pretty good. The first problem is the character. For those who have read The Dresden Files, there are many similarities Croft has to Dresden which Magnarella seemed to have attempted to change but only managed to give them little twists. The second problem is the story telling. It needed to be tighter, and the attempt at funny quips fell flat. There were details to why's and how's from point A to point B that were so minimal or altogether missing, that some things did not make sense and were not understood. If you like urban fantasy and have not read The Dresden Files, you might like this. If you have read The Dresden Files and didn't like that series, you won't like this one either. If you love the Dresden Files, well, you'll just have to read this to decide for yourself. In conclusion, there is a weak foundation for a nice series that could become something better than just okay if the author honed his character by giving him his own personality and he needs to give a little more attention to details and background information in his story telling, I will be interested to see if Magnarella improves on his character and story telling in the second book.

â œl received this book as an advanced copy in exchange for an honest review.â •**Virtually Spoiler Free Reviewâ„ç**I first came across Brad Magnarella when I received a free copy of the first book in his last series, XGeneration. I loved it, and quickly ended up buying and waiting for the series to conclude. That series has now finished, and this new work I believe is a fantastically promising introduction to a new and interesting universe. Brad's writing style is easy to read, but still full of rich vocabulary and imagery. His characters are never one-dimensional, and I think one of the feats he excels at is quickly giving every character a unique personality, one you will quickly identify with or recognize, and one which they carry throughout their interactions with the Professor Croft. The genre for the Professor Croft series is one of my favourites, that of the modern world wizard. I love the idea of magic being brought into a world still very similar in many ways to our own, where I can

identify with the geography, landscapes, and people in the world. Much like in XGeneration, Brad manages to draw you into his story, introducing all the main characters early on, but always in such a way that you won't see what's coming. Much like real life, you wonder or ascribe motives to the characters, but are forced to wait for more information or until their actions to reveal the truth about who or what the magical (but still accessible every-man) Professor Croft faces. In this, Brad Magnarella succeeds greatly by writing a book which is hard to put down, every time you reach the end of a chapter you want to turn the page and see what happens... perhaps the next chapter will end in a better place to take a break (but it never does). Like his other books, I finished this book in a couple of nights, enjoyed it thoroughly, recommend it wholeheartedly, and am eagerly anticipating the rest of the series.

If this could be done, you would have twenty stars!!!!!! You cannot do anything else but love this guy! He keeps you guessing, makes you laugh and on top of all, make you chew your nails, and that is only half of it! Thank you very much, I am going to follow this guy like a hawk. Caught me, hook, line and sinker.

Previous reviews pointed out that the similarities to the Dresden files were too much. I for one am grateful, this story lacked some of the depth but was fast paced, magical and the beginnings of something special. I will definitely be reading all books in this series! Especially when Butcher costs \$13.99 and these books are reasonably priced for electronic literature. Side note- \$13.99 for an eBook, outrageous! As to some other criticisms, I found "the crash" to be fully self explanatory-financial upheaval. This story was engaging, well written-character development, world building, editing. If you enjoy wizards, mayhem and paranormal this book is for you!! Wonderful! Please bring on more Prof. Croft and his Central Park filled with ghouls, werewolves, druids and other creatures.

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