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WINNER OF THE 2016 MANLY WADE WELLMAN AWARD

Straight out of the pages of the legendary vampire novel Dracula comes a demon hunter for the modern world. Mina Murray and Jonathan Harker had a son. They named him Quincy. His guardian angel calls him Q. Dracula calls him nephew.

Demons call him The Reaper.

"There are things in this world that men and women aren't meant to understand. We aren't supposed to know these things exist, much less how to fight them. The things that go bump in the night, the monsters in the closet, the shadow out of the corner of your eye — that's where I live."

This exciting new series from the author of The Black Knight Chronicles and the Bubba the Monster Hunter short stories is a walk through the dark side, where things go bump in the night, and somebody has to bump back. Quincy Harker is that somebody.

Also includes a bonus free chapter to Daughters of Shadow and Blood - Book I: Yasamin by J. Matthew Saunders!

## Raising Hell Details

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## From Reader Review Raising Hell for online ebook

### Justin Sylvia says

Quincy Harker.. Demon Hunter, Dracula's Nephew, witness to some weird sh\*t to normal human beings, but Par for the course more or less for him. To be honest, I wasn't sure what to precisely think per say when the exact nature of this series. However... After peeping the summary and listening to the first few chapters I was more or less in. I am curious as to what happens next after JUST finishing up being the proverbial "sword" of the paranormal division of Homeland Security.

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### Mihir says

Full review over at Fantasy Book Critic

**OVERVIEW/ANALYSIS:** I'm a sucker for urban fantasy books and if they offer something different than the usual morass then that just makes that title to jump ahead in my TBR list. *Raising Hell* by John G. Hartness raised my interest with its blurb describing the protagonist as Dracula's nephew who also hunts demons. As far as premises go, that's not a bad one but none too original either. I decided to give it a shot based on the first chapter I read.

For most folks who love John Constantine or Clint Eastwood-esque protagonists, look no further; Quincy Harker is here to fill that void. Surly, quick with his magic (and fists, too) and filled with a righteous anger, we are introduced to Quincy as he's called into a home for an exorcism. The problem being that he's already too late to save the victim but that still isn't the end of his troubles. Forced to take extreme steps, Quincy tries to trace how the victim became infected and what he stumbles upon is the bigger issue. He might have to put out all of his tricks, if he has any hope of survival. What helps with this novella is Quincy's voice; he's a snarky magician but with on the path of right and this makes him fun to read about. Think Dresden like but much more meaner and without his assortment of allies.

Quincy's tale is set in the North Carolina region and the author does his best to highlight the region. Coming back to the characterization, with Quincy being the sole voice, the tale entirely hinges on him. Of course this also means that if he's a fabulous narrator then it just gets to be that much more fun. The author also spruces up the story by giving him a guardian angel that doesn't do much and Quincy's relationship with God is one that you should read about directly in the book. Plot wise, this is pretty much a straight-forward tale that will have flipping pages with its mix of pace, action & snarky one-liners.

Because of the novella structure of the story, the author doesn't get to give the readers much history about the world and magic system beyond a tad more than bare bones approach. I'm not going to hold it against the story because it's a novella and there's only so much you can contain within so few pages. What the story does have is a sarcastic voice, funny quips and some action that will only whets up your appetite for more.

There's also the character cast that gets introduced uncle Luke, Renfield the butler detective Rebecca Flynn & agent John Smith. I'm hoping there will be more of them in the sequel volumes but as far as introductions go, they managed to snag the readers interest. Overall this was a fun read and for all urban fantasy fans, you will love this if you like Harry Dresden, Frank Trigg or Atticus the druid. Quincy Harker's first foray was

quite an enjoyable one and if it's any indications, then I look forward to the future volumes with gusto.

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### **Lori says**

Just as enjoyable and entertaining as the first time I listened to this story. This series is addicting. It's definitely worth your time and credit. You will not be disappointed. This is one of those series that you will listen to repeatedly. The writing, characters and story just draw you in immediately. You know as soon as it starts you are in for one heck of fun, very entertaining and highly enjoyable story. Even though it's a shorter story it doesn't feel like it. It's packed full of mystery, suspense, sarcastic humor, non-stop action and more. There is never a dull moment.

John G. Harkness and James Foster are the perfect combination and are automatic listens for me. I saw the author and narrator, got excited and didn't realize until I started listening to this book that I had already listened to it before. That didn't stop me from re-listening to it and enjoying it just as much as I did the first time. When it was over I went back and re-listened to the whole series again. It's that good!

James Foster does a fantastic job with the narration. He is the perfect narrator for this series. Great voice. Character voices are awesome. Clearly spoken with a nice even pace. Perfect tone and delivery of the sarcasm. He brings the characters and story to life in a way not many narrators can do. Very enjoyable.

I was provided this free review copy audiobook at my request and voluntarily left this review.

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### **mirba says**

Not sure how they counted 110 pages. It's way less than that.

Anyway, as a short story it is a great read as long as you don't mind the main character too much. I would say the book is something like supernatural, but with just one brother.

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### **Deedra says**

I REALLY enjoyed this book!James Foster does a fine job narrating.Quincy is a nephew of Dracula.His uncle bails him out of jail and trouble as needed.He has a guardian angel,who takes different forms.It's a fun read!I was given this book free for an honest review.

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### **alan l jarreau says**

#### **Quincy Harker ,related to Dracula ?**

The book proved to be entertaining somewhere along the same vein as the Harry Dresden resident wizard of JimButcher's novels. As with most novels along these lines the main character seems to have an individual who is in someway connected to the police department who is neither friend nor foe, but someone who occasionally assists in their investigations and be used as a prop for witty banter, sarcasm, and often a hint of

sexual attraction. The relationship between Quincy ,and like concerning the butler Renfield seems to be closely related to the relationship between Batman, and Alfred in terms of Renfield always seems to be one step ahead of both individuals when it comes to anticipating their needs. I loved the entire storyline as I am a big fan of demon's, and crown prince's of hell. I assumed novella meant short story, but again I thought it was entirely worth reading, I look forward to reading more novels by this author.

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### **Maya says**

#### **Audible Edition**

I rarely give a five star rating to a novella but I couldn't give anything less than five stars for this one. I, like so many other reviewers, was afraid that this was going to be a knock-off of the Sandman Slim series or The Dresden Files but, I am happy to tell you, it's not. Quincy Harker has his own unique voice and he is one foul mouthed, quick tempered bad-assed motherfucker with his own brand of justice and moral turpitude. The story is good, the humor is dark, there is an eclectic cast of interesting characters (including Q's Uncle Luke who is THE Dracula) and the narration by James Foster is fabulous. I highly recommend this to all urban fantasy fans.

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### **Lynn Keith says**

#### **Sweet**

I am so hung up on the Quincy Harker books! They are funny and action packed. The characters have smart mouths and snarky attitudes. This novella is no exception. I am charging through all these stories as fast as I can with enthusiasm and abandon. If you like the humor/horror/action genre than I suggest you follow.

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### **Lynda says**

I found it very entertaining. Books based on Demon Hunters come in all shapes and sizes. This one has Dracula's nephew, that adds a ton of possibilities. This novella isn't for sensitive ears, but suits the main characters personality. This fast paced tale has lots of violence and lots of dark humour. I enjoyed it and will check out some more works from this author.

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### **June Swinford says**

when I first started reading this book, I thought, "Oh, God, not another second rate Dresden Files rip off!"

BUT! Then I got hooked by the plot (and the swearing; I respect a character that isn't afraid to call the hero "F\*\*\*nuts" to his face). Then I got started laughing at the dialogue (again, "F\*\*\*nuts"; you gotta love it!). Then I started reading lines out loud to my sister and my daughter.

Then I ran out of book -- only forty minutes worth of reading? Waaaah! -- and went to Amazon to find more stuff by Hartness, because any writer who makes me laugh that much deserves more of my money. Now I'm

working my way through the Bubba the Monster Hunter stuff and enjoying every minute of it.

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### **BookLoversLife says**

This rocked so much!!! I started this and read it in a day. Absolutely loved it and highly recommend!

I'm not going to say too much about the plot because it's such a short book that I don't want to spoil it. I will say that it's extremely fast paced and entertaining. I devoured it and honestly didn't want it to end. I don't know how many times I literally laughed out loud with the banter, but I know my boys were looking at me weird!!

Harker was one of the best characters I've read in a long time. He was super snarky and foul mouthed but so lovable :) He is Dracula's nephew and hunts demons. This starts with him doing an exorcism with his surly attitude and never stops from there! I'm so looking forward to more of Harker!

In all, an absolutely delightful and fun read. Only thing is, I need book 2 now!

I thought James Foster couldn't get any better, but he proved me wrong with this book. His rendition of the surly Harker was phenomenal. He really nailed the performance and I hope he does the rest of the series.

\*I received a copy of this for review. This in no way affects my thoughts.\*

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### **chucklesthescot says**

I liked the idea of this one and there was nothing wrong with the actual plot, which was interesting. I liked Uncle Luke, aka Dracula, and his latest manservant Renfield who is very amusing and entertaining.

My problem is that I didn't much like Quincy himself. Frankly he is so foul mouthed that he is saying some variation of 'fuck' every time he talks, and when he gets annoyed, every second word is 'fuck'. Now I don't mind swearing for effect in books but I was disappointed that the swearing was there to replace all conversation and seemed to be there just for the hell of it. If I wanted to listen to language like that, I can do it for free by sitting in the street.

This author writes a lot of witty dialogue in his vampire books and has a real talent for storytelling so I'm a bit sad that instead of doing that to make Quincy funny, he spoils the character by making him a bit of an idiot. Shame, as this had potential.

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### **Tracie Lester says**

If you like supernatural reading and vampires, you will love this series.

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