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Undeath & Taxes (Fred Book 2)



Synopsis

The sequel to the bestseller THE UTTERLY UNINTERESTING AND UNADVENTUROUS TALES OF FRED, THE VAMPIRE ACCOUNTANT. After discovering just how filled with magic, intrigue, and adventure the parahuman world of being an Undead American can be, Fredrick Frankford Fletcher did exactly what was expected--he became a certified parahuman accountant. Myths and legends, as it turns out, are not so great at taking appropriate deductions and keeping their receipts, and Fred is more than happy to return to a life others view as woefully dull, expanding his accounting business to cater to various monsters and their respective financial needs. Said monsters are, unfortunately, still spectacular at pulling Fred into trouble, though. And despite merely wanting to stick with simple paperwork, Fred once again finds he is going to have to deal with enchanted weaponry, government agents, possessed houses, and one enigmatic dragon's interest. In the parahuman world, any business can turn deadly, even one as mundane as accounting.

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Customer Reviews

Like the previous volume, this is four sequential short novellas narrated by Fred. It chronicles his life, friendships, romance, and some of his business ventures as a practicing accountant and vampire. While full of old faces, and several new ones, it is accessible to new readers. It is also just as funny, touching, and modestly heroic as the previous volume. Recommended for fans of comedy, supernatural adventure, and alternative problem solving. Proven by myself, fondness for pretentious parasites is not required, and would probably make this unpleasant to read.

I loved the book. I love the world it's set in and the characters in it (though Fred annoys me occasionally). If you liked the first book this one is even better. I only have one complaint and must say, why Drew WHY. By that I mean the minor or possibly major cliffhanger at the end, I just wanna know what happened to Fred ... But I'm not going to give anything away and if you want to know what I'm talking about read the dang book.  Cheers!

Outstanding, love the plot. Vampires and Dragons and Mages Oh My! First of all, I got over my Sci Fi zombie fix; in fact, I got over the entire huge stress/hopelessness of such Sci Fi stories in general. I will never, ever lose my enthusiasm for outstanding dry wit and humor at its finest in any genre. It's easy to love Drew Hayes' characters; for me, it's the tickle flowing through the entire series that I love the most. From the Dragons to the mages to the vampires and zombies and a host of other supernatural beings, the characters are easily genuine and individually quirky. They are memorable and distinctly owned by whichever fantastical creature imagined in the author's brain. He uses very off-the-wall thinking that I look for. I have to admit to cheap-stinginess. Had the author not released a \$.99 book, I might have overlooked him. There are so many great authors out there and my tastes have run the gamut throughout my life. It pays to release an inexpensive first-in-series digital because if I like it I'm going to keep reading. Not just the current series but, especially in Mr. Hayes' case, I will be checking out everything he has done. Very savvy marketing technique, yes, but as the reader I truly appreciate the ease in discovering a talented author whose characters I love and want to know better. The Fred books are funny and inventive, with just enough tension to keep them from being sappy. Each succeeding work introduces characters that aren't your standard fantasy/monster variety. You may just get to guess what they are as the series continues.

We're back with Fred and the gang. He and Krystal are still going strong. We get more about Amy and Neil in this. Fred has learned a lot about himself in the first book, he learned that he has what it takes to be a hero, even if it is reluctant. That doesn't change in

this book, only he's more willing to put himself out there than he was before. In this book, Krystal doesn't really get him into trouble. Fred does that mostly on his own, but Albert seems to get himself into a pickle as well. But I'd say the biggest pickle comes from Gideon. And I'm pretty sure the tidbits of info that we've picked up might be crucial information in the next book, because surely there will be a next book! I really enjoyed this book, as much as the first one. This is a group of absolute misfits, not one of them are like their stereotypes and that is what makes this book refreshing and delightful. But this book just goes to show that heroes aren't the obvious choice, but rather in the hard choices that someone makes. Oh and I will say that there is a reference to NPCs in this book! :D So, Fred ties to NPCs, as does Super Powered (if only Hershel and Alex KNEW what the rules were!!!), and NPCs ties to Pears and Perils. ;) I'm loving this finding the tie-ins with the other books. Just another cool thing to read and see if I can find them all. (I doubt it.) Mr. Hayes loves taking the stereotype and pulling it on its side and then rolling it around and standing it on its head and giving it a few shakes before reshaping it into his own creature of his own design. I love that about his books. And his Fred books are no exception to the rule. So, would I recommend this book, oh yes! You can't read the first one without continuing on with this one! Fred leads a very exciting life for a boring, socially awkward accountant vampire. ;)

If you are looking at reviews of Undeath and Taxes, I hope you have read the first in this series, The Utterly Uninteresting and Unadventurous Tales of Fred, The Vampire Accountant. A friend recommended the series, but seriously, how could you pass up a story with a title like that? I adore this series. Told as a series of memoirs, Fred recounts his adventures (not that he was looking for any) of his not so mundane, life. The narration is wonderful, the cast of characters continue to grow as we get to know more about Fred and his friends who have become his family.

I simply couldn't pass up on the first book. Not with a title like that! After getting to know Fred and Krystal and the rag tag family, I simply had to know what happens next. This book was even better than the first and I loved it! More of Fred growing into his new life, the enchanting encroachment of the para world on an accountants sensibilities and the headaches there in. Wonderful continuation of a compelling character and his attachments.

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