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The third book in Drew's outrageously adventurous and satirical series, including **THE UTTERLY UNINTERESTING AND UNADVENTUROUS TALES OF FRED, THE VAMPIRE ACCOUNTANT** (Book 1) and **UNDEATH & TAXES** (Book 2).

With a thriving parahuman accounting practice, a steady relationship, and a circle of trusted friends, Fred's undead life has become more enjoyable than his normal one ever was. Unfortunately, it also seems that he's no longer the only vampire to appreciate the up-and-coming city of Winslow, Colorado. A new clan of vampires is moving in, and they aren't well known for tolerating outsiders in their territory.

Now, Fred must cope with the growing presence—and threat—of other vampires even as he struggles to keep up with his business's demands and make time for his friends. Between hidden parahuman towns, crazed vampire hunters, quarreling mages, and the world's least subtle spy, it will take all of Fred's wiles just to keep his head above water. And as the new clan sinks their fangs deeper and deeper into his city, the undead accountant is faced with a choice between two equally unappealing options: flee his home, or stand against an entire clan of fellow vampires.

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Anne - Books of My Heart says

I really enjoyed this next installment. Fred continues to grow and learn about the para-human world. He is doing an amazing job - because he is awesome with paperwork and cares about people. A killer combination.

Nathaniel says

This has definitely been my favorite Fred, the Vampire Accountant yet, and I really hope Drew Hayes keeps writing them. In a way, the series has supplanted the Dresden Files in my heart (words I never thought I'd speak!) The two series are similar in that their first-person narratives with a mixture of action and humor where the main character assembles an unlikely crew of supernatural allies to defend their hometown from threats (Chicagao for Dresden, the fictional Winslow, Colorado for Fred).

The main difference is that Fred, the Vampire Accountant is a lot lighter. There's a lot less violence (and it's generally a lot lighter) and Jim Butcher's obsession with sex (which was always the most awkward part of the Dresden Files for me) is also absent.

Now, ordinarily I like my fiction rather gritty, but maybe I'm getting too old for that. Over the years, the best part of the Dresden Files was the warmth and camaraderie between Dresden and his crew. Well, that warmth--while always a key point of the Dresden Files--is even more front and center for these books by Drew Hayes. They are really and truly about friendship.

I think for a lot of people the idea of reviewing this book in contrast with the Dresden Files might be weird or even off-putting. (The Dresden Files has a very, very committed and huge fan base.) I get that, and by all means: you can enjoy both!

But I couldn't avoid the comparison arising in my own mind as I sped through this third book. So much of what I, personally, liked the most about the Dresden Files has seemed to become more and more overshadowed by the larger plot machinations. The intimacy of the relationships has gotten more strained and less central to the stories, as the plots have doubled down again and again on the isolation and growing darkness within Harry Dresden. This has been going on ever since *Changes*, and it's gotten progressively worse as some of my favorite characters have been all but retired (e.g. Michael Carpenter) while others have had serious emotional/plot issues driving a wedge between them and Harry Dresden (e.g. Molly Carpenter and Karrin Murphy). There's too much realpolitik and not enough friendship. Of course: that's intentional, and so some people will prefer the Dresden Files *for that reason*, but as for me: I see enough of the cold and dark in my fiction. (See *The Fifth Season*, to see just how depraved that can get.) What I really love to see is the warmth and the light that refuses to give in to that cold and dark. I don't mean a sugary-sweet story where nothing bad happens, because (1) that's boring and (2) that's not Fred. I just mean an ordinary person who refuses to let go of their fundamental decency and empathy, no matter what happens.

And that's Fred.

If that sounds good to you: read these books. You won't regret it.

Melanie says

My review and an extended sample of the audiobook are posted at Hotlistens.com.

Once again, we are back in the world of Fred, the Vampire Accountant. This series continues to be a lot of fun as Fred and his gang of friends go through his utterly interesting and adventurous tales. In this series, each book has five shorter stories that all come together to tell a larger story about Fred.

A Hunter in the Streets

In this story, Fred meets up with a vampire hunter and the first vampire, besides his creator, that Fred has ever met. He learns that he is quite infamous amongst the other vampires.

A Sheriff in the Country

In this story, Fred and the gang travel outside of Winslow, Colorado to Boarback, Texas. Boarback is a small town that isn't well known to humans. In this town, paranormals live out in the open. Many live there because they can't live anywhere else without exposing themselves. It was really interesting seeing all of these other creatures of legend.

A Lawyer in the Mansion

Here, Fred is invited by an old friend, which we met in an earlier book, who needs help settling a dispute between two siblings. Their father had died and the estate was to be divided amongst the two. However, figuring out the even distribution was difficult. The siblings couldn't get along, so Fred was called in to do his accountant thing to assess the value of everything, including the business.

A Spy in the Company

There are new vampires in town and they offer one of their clan to Fred as a "gift". She works as his intern for a while. Fred doesn't want her to like the job, so he takes her on what he thinks will be very boring cases, but nothing around Fred is ever boring.

An Accountant in the City

This one was my favorite. The new vampires want to takeover the city. Fred, being a single vampire and not involved with a vampire family, is at a disadvantage. I loved watching Fred flex his muscles as on he can.

This series continues to be a very fun series. I love spending time with Fred. He is such a nice guy and doesn't want to hurt anyone. Just wants to live his life and keep himself and his friends safe. Oh, and he wants to grow his business. Business is very important to Fred, but not in a greedy way. Fred would never be so rude as to be greedy. To learn more about this series and the author, check out this great interview with Drew Hayes from The Reading Frenzy.

Narration

Kirby Heyborne continues to do a great job with narration of the series. He has a very calm voice that really portrays Fred to a tee. When I listened to book one, I wasn't in love with his women's voices, but I think they have gotten a lot better or I've gotten used to them. I can't imagine anyone else being the voice of Fred or anyone else in the gang.

**I like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest

review.

Jeremy says

Wow

I didn't think it could get better after reading the first 2 of this series, but drew has done it again. He has written a book that no matter how hard I tried I could not put it down, every page begging to be turned. Drew has created a slew of characters everybody can relate to. It is thrilling and laugh out loud funny. I hope there is another book to come.

Melyna says

I adore this series. (Yes, I think I have said this before) It is so much fun. I listened to all three books and the narration is very good. I love the way the story is told in segments as memoirs and how the author has other characters take the role of storyteller as needed. Fred is one my favorite vampire characters. Not a stereotype at all. I enjoyed the way the story develops the relationships between Fred and his friends. It is choosing who we are, who we want to be, and not who people think we should be. Our choices in life, ones moral compass and how family is more than blood or type of para-human. This book is humorous, at times predictable, but not always as I imagined things would go. For those who wonder, it is not MM which is my usual genre, but has LGBT characters. There is no on page sex and mild cursing. There is mage drug use (her own creations) and a lot of standing up for others regardless of your gender or para human form. I enjoyed this book and the ending very much and I am excited that there is a fourth book in the plans. Go Fred!

Tabea Vanessa says

Book three and it's still freaking awesome! I love this series so so much!

Brenda says

What's not to love about a vampire accountant that wears a sweater vest?!?! This series is a lot of fun.

Chasia Lloyd says

I came in at a disadvantage here because I hadn't read the first two books in the series, but I still enjoyed this humorous paranormal tale of a CPA vampire. Bloody Acquisitions drips with dry humor. Fred is analytical and sometimes dense to matters outside of complex paperwork, but he's got a good spirit and is willing to defend his lifestyle and home. With a quirky cast of supporting characters, this book is a fast and light read.

Barbara Douglas says

The best Fred yet. The plotting and writing have grown in fluidity since the first volume, which is a pleasure to behold. I give this five stars, not because it's the world's greatest literature, but because it is so much fun, and sometimes fun is what you need. It's also hopeful, because Fred is all about playing fair, and being kind and thoughtful, and working outside the box, and stories about a kind, thoughtful, loving nerd (or do I mean geek?) who remains himself while having adventures in a world of ruthless monsters is intrinsically hopeful. Sorry, Mr. Hayes, that last sentence makes your hilariously entertaining book sound terribly worthy. It is actually very funny. The eponymous accountant (who also happens to be the world's most un-threatening vampire) stumbles into all sorts of amusing encounters, from a vampire hunter to a whole clan of vampires who want him to be other than he is, via a legacy dispute between mages. After many, many stories about improbably gifted swordsmen, assassins, and magicians, enjoyable as they are (and I include Mr. Hayes' own Super Powered series), a story about someone who's really good at accounting is refreshing.

Melanie says

A light, comedic fantasy tale. The MC is (as the subtitle suggests) a vampire accountant and a coward. His moral compass, however, finds him over-work and in dangerous situations. What makes this series unique is that instead of one novel length story, each book is a series of interconnected novellas.

Wiebke (1book1review) says

The adventures of Fred and his friends are just getting more interesting as we move along. Alos like that his group of friends is going.

Highly recommend this series to people who like short adventures set in the paranormal urban fantasy setting.

muhammedallia says

This one has been my favorite of the series thus far for being exciting and surprising. The individual stories themselves are still not polished but as a whole the character arcs are fun. There is a lot more swearing in this book, so I could not listen to the audiobook with children audiences nearby.

Kristen Burns says

4 Stars

Review:

This was yet another sweet, light, funny, enjoyable audiobook in the Fred series. It's getting harder for me to review them though since I've liked the same things every time. Fred is definitely a unique, atypical sort of vampire, but that's what makes him so likeable. The found family aspect is great too. I also thought it was neat getting to see a vampire hunter from a vampire's perspective. There are lots of books/movies/shows in which hunters just go around killing any creature they find, but just because someone is paranormal, that doesn't mean they're a monster. Oh, also, I would totally read a book about Arch. Anyone who can sit at a table pointing a gun at hostile vampires with one hand and casually eat his meal with the other is someone I want to know more about lol. Anyway, these are not the most action-packed or gripping books out there, but they're definitely enjoyable to listen to!

Original Review @ Metaphors and Moonlight

Annery says

I confess myself surprised. This being the third foray into this world Drew Hayes could've just cruised on autopilot and I'm sure I would've been suitably entertained, however he chooses to go deeper. This installment explores the widening or deepening of Fred's character: who is he when it matters? what is it to really be brave? the nature of chosen family etc. and he approaches these themes with humor and generosity of spirit.

I'm delighted to have been derailed by this series, and the narration by Kirby Heyborne continues to be perfect.

Rhonda says

I really enjoy this series. It's a lot of fun.

I listen to the audiobooks, which are well done. They are narrated by Kirby Heyborne, who does a great job with different voices for all the characters.
