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Zombies on Main Street. Not my finest moment.

The police aren't exactly thrilled with me, but when a cold case heats up and starts to stink of the supernatural, suddenly the sheriff is in my office offering me a job.

When the case hits boiling point, I'm dealing with monsters, black magic, and ritual killings. I even have to call on the two craziest witches in town for help. Things must be bad if the Blackwell sisters are my only hope for survival.

Maybe I've bitten off more than I can chew. After all, those who fight monsters should beware that the monsters aren't frog-faced, soul-eating demons.

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Eden Winters says

I owe Adam J. Wright my thanks. First, my non-reader husband got hooked on this audiobook series, and wants to discuss books! He's talking about ogres and vampires and magic, and now knows what Excalibur is! It's like my wildest dream come to life.

Secondly, these wonderful stories have made a hellish three-hour daily commute not only bearable, but I don't want to get out of my car when I get there. (Please! Just one more chapter!)

And I am totally a Michael fangirl, but I digress.

Having grown up reading fantasy novels, this series is like coming home to all the things I originally loved about reading. Adventure, good triumphing over evil (even though the protags have to work really hard for it), comradery among a diverse cast, spells, magic, werewolves...

I no longer have to stay up late reading under the covers with a flashlight, but Harbinger P.I. takes me back to when I first fell in love with reading and did spend every free moment with a book.

Oh, and I think I should mention taking lunch break in my car so I can listen to more of the story.

Now, on to the next one!

Casey Carlisle says

Actual rating 3.75 stars.

As campy as the Harbinger P.I. series is, I was still lost and entertained in this paranormal tale. I wish Adam Wright would bust away from the tropes typical to this genre and raise this collection to another level, but nonetheless, the multiple mysteries and collection of cast members are both endearing and captivating.

Harbinger didn't seem as chauvinistic in 'Dark Magic' and we get many kick ass moments from his female co-stars. We also see plot points introduced in the previous two books resolved - but there are plenty more loose threads leading up to even more mysteries to be solved in future sequels.

The climax was all things apocalyptic, Wright is definitely upping the ante and improving with each installment of this series.

I feel I wanted some more development on the ongoing story lines, only because I wanted a bigger hook to have me reaching for the next sequel, 'Dead Ground.' Wright's books are falling into the category of reading I associate with the likes of Clive Cussler : adventurous, entertaining, with a strong masculine sense to the writing style and not to be taken too seriously.

With our protagonist Alec healing from a gunshot wound and straight into hand to hand combat... and even a shower afterward - the author should think a little before writing implausible scenarios to prevent the reader

getting pulled from the story with a wtf moment.

Still an element of misogyny- kinda like James Bond and Moneypenny- the male swoops in to save the day and solve the mystery where the female companion does all the hard work behind the scenes and fetches coffee. And of course the male lead has any number of attractive females around him, all trying to land him in bed.

Unfortunately I identified some spelling and grammatical errors that could have been solved with a simple read-through from an editor. But this is an entertaining collection and I am able to forgive a few oversights. Plus the cover art has been eye-catching and spooky, really capturing what Alec Harbinger is all about.

‘Dark Magic’ has great pacing with multiple storylines that kept me hooked. Beginning to love the magical mythology, it is unlike nothing I’ve read before, it’s intricate and we’ll realised. Bring on book four!

Logan Price says

This series just keeps getting better. I saw some complaints that it was too short but in my opinion the length worked really well. I always look forward to the Harbinger series, the perfect mix between investigation and magical beings. It being my first and only urban fantasy read, I have very much enjoyed it. The next one comes out at the end of this month I will surly buy it. Adam J. Wright you rock :)

Wendy Sahl says

Improved

I think the characters have come around a bit. Definitely the main character or we know him better and accepted his personality. Anything that is binge read with good characters deserves five stars. And, to the author, it’s not as sweet/cute as it was ;)

Panos Panagiotidis says

Wow that was a nice book. Looking forward to nr 4

Tameka says

Glad things are finally moving forward but man some of these things are just plain jacked when you start seeing stuff unfold. A wife that was murdered just because of an occult. I felt sorry for the Sheriff because his naivety in the paranormal finally brings him to his knees and it breaks my heart. Now the revelation about the bones and the memory is a stark and shocking mess and again another betrayal by a parent is a sad thing but for what purpose.

Karsyn says

These books are quick to read and enjoyable stories. The characters are pretty normal, not over-the-top or annoying. Just doing their thing, knowing there are things in the world not everyone knows about. Good characters and stories.

Dee Wy says

Still enjoying this series, must read on.

Kris says

This book was so good

I absolutely loved this book. I couldn't put it down. Alec is a wonderful main character, he knows he's not perfect but he is going to do his best to stop the bad guys. I like how he has to figure out his past and what it means to him now. I can't wait to see what is in store for him and the rest of his crew. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

Amyiw says

This starts right where the last one stopped. He is being helped into the house by Felicity. Pretty much this is the second half to the story. There are plot lines that are not totally fleshed out and answered, but mainly, this answers most of what was left from the last installment. Put book 2 & 3 together and you get a novel with a beginning middle and end and it was really good, really excellent in some points. I still want more and think all the characters need more time. I like them a lot but maybe if he did give them more page time, I wouldn't like them or the book as much. Hmm....

Well in this one we get the sheriff asking for help with a case that happens to be related to the church case his daughter, from the last book, asked for help with. The sheriff is coming, grudgingly around to believing in these things. Alec gets help along the way from his many friends and colleagues and now there is a new one, Sherry. I like that the women he deals with, for the most part, are smart and helpful, not spiteful and evil, but strong good females, yea. The sheriff insists on working with Alec and gets to see more of the paranormal. I think the ending brings him more into the fold. The church is glamoured and Alec sees right away the evil that it has been worshipping. This was really the 2nd half of the story and furthers the characters and the future for Alec and friends.

We still have unanswered questions like Mallory and what will happen with her after the book and what exactly did Alec's dad do to him. Also the questions about his mother but the plots of the town are wrapped up. I think I'll hold off going to #4 until there is a #5 out, just in case. This is a good stopping point. Not sure why I liked the plot and characters so much, maybe because it is not as complicated as Dresden or some of

the other UF mystery series. hmm...

Will definitely go on.

Holly says

easy and entertaining read

Ami says

3.75 stars rounded up

Not much progress from the Midnight Cabal plot -- and I really, truly, wasn't sure with the development over Alec-Felicity relationship ...

BUT, there was still enough action involving dark magic ritual/monsters that kept me entertained.

Plus Alec was able to get answers regarding the case which Amy Cantrell hired him for in book #2 about the Church massacre in which her mother became one of the victims.

Looking forward to book #4.

Alicia McCalla says

Very good short read. Lots of action. I enjoyed the continuation of this series and look forward to the next case.

? Garima ? says

Well this was real nice read! and I am looking forward to other adventures of Alec Harbinger now.

As I said before this was so refreshing and entertaining reads than all girly paranormal romance I used to read. and although Alec solves most of P.I. cases, he takes help of his friends and there are certain wonderful girls are there in his crew - that includes - Felicity, Mallory, Sherry, Blackwell sisters. Cheers to girl power!

In this particular book, Alec solves the mystery of Frog monster. I had hard time picturing this 'Gibl' as Google search comes back with nothing. May be it's brand new monster created by Wright.

Anyways, Falicity came back to Alec (that was nice) and being involved in 3 year old case, helped them stop the real apocalypse happening and they saved the world. Yay! What is amazing is that, it is fast paced, filled with action and adventure with little bit of romance, humor and friendship, thrown into mix. The writing is to the point and doesn't drag and pages literally fly when I'm reading this.

Alec Harbinger -

No no, not like that Pogo (blue one), more like -

Yeah Newt (pink one), you got it right.

When I said I'm looking forward to next in the series - I wasn't kidding.

The Midnight Cabal was gaining power. I was indebted to a faerie queen. There were marks on bones that had been put there with my father's consent. Mallory was living on borrowed time thanks to an ancient curse. I know the location of the Spear of Destiny, an artifact so powerful that nobody should ever get their hands on it. Just the fact that it existed meant there was potential for bad things to happen.

See, never a dull moment!

Montzalee Wittmann says

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Harbinger P.I., Book 3

By: Adam J Wright

Narrated by: Greg Tremblay

The sheriff that hates our guy now wants his help...with demons and

The witches help him with issues, good to have friends in supernatural places...

The series just keeps getting better!!!

Love the narrator. He keeps the characters fun, clear, and with their own flare!
