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A new threat – the Caliphate – has arisen in the Middle East, and the Pentagon is stymied – how to thwart these fanatics without sending American troops into yet another costly, unpopular war?

One high-level official thinks he has found the ultimate counter-weapon: demons. Ted Burnett, head of the CIA's most secret division, has put in motion a plan to summon the denizens of Hell into our world, control them, and send them against America's enemies.

The plan is insane. Ted Burnett is insane. But no one with the power to stop him is even aware that the plot exists – except for occult investigator Quincey Morris and his partner, white witch Libby Chastain.

No humans can hope to control an army of demons – for long. If Burnett summons the Damned into this world, they will not depart until all of humanity has been laid waste. He has to be stopped. But with CIA-trained killers at his disposal, Ted Burnett is prepared to eliminate anyone who would interfere with his plan. It will take all the resourcefulness and power Morris and Chastain and their friends can muster to stop him...

"Justin is a first class writer; he's smart and he's fun, he moves quickly and he takes corners at speed. Every time you think you know where he's going, he makes a point of going somewhere else. His characters are sharp and vivid, his dialogue crackles with wit and tension, and when it comes to the scarier corners of the magical underworld, he knows his stuff."

– Simon R. Green, author of the "Nightside" series

"Justin Gustainis is a master of his craft."

– Eileen Wilks, author of Mortal Danger and Night Season

"Keep an eye on Justin Gustainis. You'll be seeing more of him soon."

– Jim Butcher, author of the "Dresden Files" series

"Gustainis' prose is sharp, fast paced, and highly entertaining."

– Dark Worlds Magazine

Strange Magic Details

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Terri Link says

Just ok.

The story is off to a good start. Then it comes to a screeching halt for me with the over the top characterizations of the bad guy. No subtlety here. Just wham on your head. It's one of those books you can put down and not be bothered if you don't finish. But you get through it because you have nothing better to do that day.

Zoe Tasia says

This series is different...off the beaten path, and I like that. I may have to invoke the spoiler alert because it is hard to describe characters that are so marvelously diverse and the relationships between them without depriving readers the enjoyment of discovery. I admit to geek proclivities. Every time Senator Howard Stark was mentioned, the Avengers came to mind. I loved that this series mentioned other chars from my fav fantasy books. Peters, the assassin reborn, so to speak, was ever steady. Very composed and able to handle anything thrown at him. Ashur Badaktu...she isn't my fav char, but close. I love the way she...counsels. I think Libby Chastain is my favorite. She resonates with me...her doubts and her strengths. Sounds like polar opposites, but I think it sums her up. I find myself amazed that there isn't more reviews full stop. I love this series and this book in particular. This author is gifted and compelling. In some ways....this reminds me of a Canadian television series which has characters of varying sexual orientations. Positive comparison.

Steven Allen says

I have enjoyed all this author's works. I hope that he is still writing as I have not seen anything new from him in a while.

alansplace says

Really enjoyed it!

Sean says

Another good novel in an excellent urban fantasy series. Surprisingly, less crossovers than in previous volumes - there's strong ties to Gustainis' standalone novel The Hades Project, and Quincey Morris refers to an occult investigator named William Sebastian who had a run in with Asmodeus in the '70s, referring to Gene Roddenberry's unsold pilot Spectre. Nevertheless, worth a read.

Kevin Wardrop says

Like all of the rest it was a quick easy read, I liked the earlier books but they were VERY named dropy for other fictional characters.

Sara says

This was a really brilliant book, with a plotline that initially sounds utterly impossible - but the more I thought about it the more plausible it seemed.

I love the interaction between the characters and it was definitely the type of book that was so well described it played perfectly as a film in my mind!

I have read other books by Justin Gustanis, but I've never caught up with this series. I received a copy of this book free of charge in exchange for an honest review - and although it may seem odd to start at book 7 in a series I will be downloading the other 6 to catch up!

Linda Howell says

Quincy Morris, a occult investigator and Libby Chastain a white witch are trying to stop some CIA people from summoning demons to destroy the Caliphate (Isis). President Robert Leffingwell doesn't know what's going on. So, you have Quincy, Libby, Ashley (a (good) demon), and Malachi or was a assassin for the CIA before he was killed in action. I know, it does seem a little bit confusing. They are up against not only the CIA, but also vampires, witches, and ghouls. All the ingredients for a great book. There is a lot of action. A little bit of sexy stuff. I haven't read books 1-6 but I will be rectifying that. I did receive this ebook for a honest review. I think I did my job. So did the author. Thanks Justin!

Nathaniel Hanley says

This is the latest investigation for Quincy Morris and Libby Chastain. It says that this is book 7, but if someone can show me book 6, I would be grateful.

Anyway, the book begins with our heroes separated as they accomplish their own individual jobs. Quincy must stop a nest of ghouls in the desert while Libby tries to track down a missing college student. These two randomly seeming jobs crossover into a conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of government when they discover that someone is trying to weaponize demons to use against our enemies.

Fun stuff and I wish there was more, but it was a short read that I got through in a few hours. It touches on some of the author's older works which gives a nice sense of continuity to the world. Our FBI agents and citizens of Hell return as all six heroes from the past books reunite to take out the plans to use demons as WMDs.

As always, there is enough sex appeal in the books to catch your interest while keeping violence in line as well. I hope that we get to finish some of the story lines that have been going on for a few books now, but for now, we must wait for the next adventure to come.

Tony says

It was good, but compared to other Morris & Chastain books it felt rushed, thrown together. It was ok, seemed like a rehashed story.
