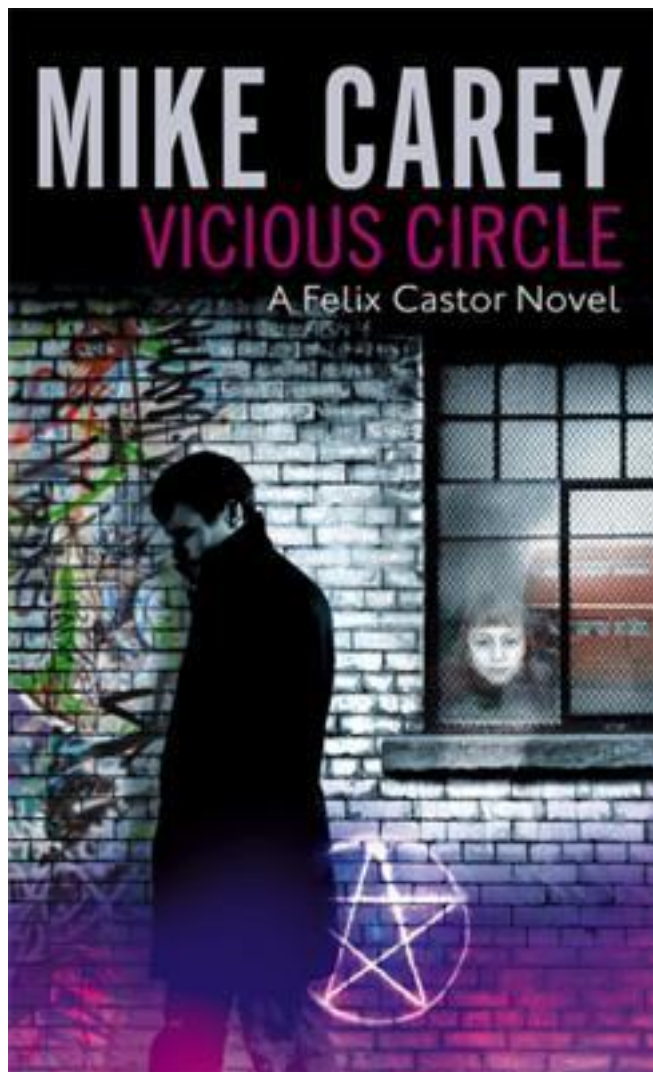

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Description

Felix Castor has reluctantly returned to exorcism after a successful case convinces him that he really can do some good with his abilities---"good," of course, being a relative term when dealing with the undead. His friend Rafi is still possessed, the succubus Ajulutsikael (Juliet to her friends) still technically has a contract on him, and he's still dirt poor.

Doing some consulting for the local cops helps pay the bills, but Castor needs a big private job to really fill the hole in his bank account. That's what he *needs*. What he *gets* is a seemingly insignificant "missing ghost" case that inexorably drags him and his loved ones into the middle of a horrific plot to raise one of hell's fiercest demons.

When satanists, stolen spirits, sacrifice farms, and haunted churches all appear on the same police report, the name Felix Castor can't be too far behind...

Insightful reviews

Erin: The cover blurb for this compares Mike Carey to Jim Butcher and Neil Gaiman - two of my favorite authors. And it's a fairly accurate comparison - I see elements of both in his books.

For me, because I'd so recently read a Dresden Files book, I struggled with the fact that Felix was not Harry. He didn't behave as I expected at times because he shouldn't. He isn't Harry. He's not a wizard, he's an exorcist. (Note to self, don't read Carey and Butcher back to back) But he does suffer from a similar flaw to Harry - he needs to do things himself.

Granted, the other characters in this book didn't give him a lot of opportunity to cooperate, so he was left to his own devices, but in some cases that also left those other characters a little two one dimensional and cardboard (Basquiat for example).

That said, I enjoyed the book, it's very well written with some great characters. I'll be reading the next one in the series.

Susan: Felix castor is a sarcastic, mountain of a man who was born with the ability to exorcize spirits from our earthly plain. A dark, fun read about a paranormal group that are suddenly thrown together in order to help Felix bind and extinguish a demon entity, who has a hold on one soul and needs one more innocent soul to return to our world.

The writing was good, had inventive characters, and the narration was fitting for the main character. I think this is probably a good series for those that love this genre.

Maggie K: Although I enjoy this series, this take was a little bit of a mixed bag. Maybe I have a thing about too tidy of an ending lately, but this case all came together with just a FEW too many coincidences. Everything was put into motion years ago by the same huy.....hmmmm

Some of it I could see...I think the bioggest turn-off was Pen dating that Doctor. It just didnt seem right that hearth goddess pagan Pen all of a sudden is doting on a young doctor and making nightly 'stress-relief' visits, and conveniently none of her friends had met him? I saw it as

a plot device from the first doctor word in print. And when Felix never noticed, it seemed like a big fluorescent orange light bulb flashing away in the middle of the book. I kept hoping I'd be wrong but nope, there it was. Sorry, did not make sense on many levels.

The writing, and the idea behind the story were great, and Felix character seemed true. But making any sense? not really

Danie Ware: This very swiftly grew to become a type of books that I did not wish fact to take me from - perfectly interwoven, each warp and weft completely crossed, and it all making a photograph of a supernatural London that is all too believable, populated via a compelling solid of characters. By a way the easiest factor was once using simile and metaphor, either so sharply saw and penetrating that they made me wince; if I've got a niggle, it truly is that the narrative did get very drawn-out and dry in places. Props, however, for the bichapter catch-ups the place the writer patiently explains to the reader precisely what is slotted including what, and the place every little thing stands. Plus, enjoyed the sly, tongue-in-cheek feel of humour and the Felix's personal repartee, either inner and external. sturdy stuff!

Helen: 3.5 stars Still loving the nature of Castor, yet this one wasn't as gripping as others I have learn within the series. nonetheless an outstanding learn for this actual model of city delusion fiction though.

Eric: Felix Castor, exorcist will get himself into scorching water again. For the second one installment of the Castor series, repair repeats a few previous error and reveals a few new ones. similar to before, repair ignores a caution and takes a task that leaves him excited by a much bigger mess than he observed coming. In a few ways, this was once an development over [Book: The Satan You Know]. The characters appear extra totally fleshed out, and we see extra of the supernatural facet of London. We additionally get a few extra perception into the way it interacts with the mundane. On the opposite hand, this e-book has a true challenge with infodumps and exposition. lengthy explanatory passages interrupt the circulate of the tale in different places, and do not rather belong. there is additionally somewhat "idiot plot," the place the tale calls for a personality to be silly or oblivious to work. the difficulty is that Castor is usually really clever, so the best way he misses noticeable issues is either jarring and most unlikely to miss for the reader. I'm now not able to surrender on Fix, however the moment access within the sequence used to be just a little a step backward.

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