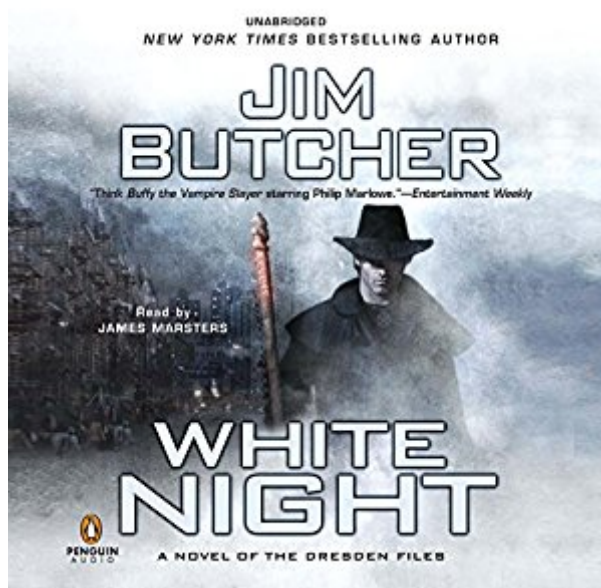


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Synopsis

Meet Harry Dresden, Chicago's first (and only) Wizard P.I. Turns out the 'everyday' world is full of strange and magical things - and most of them don't play well with humans. That's where Harry comes in. A series of apparent suicides rings alarm bells with the police, and Harry is hired. At the first crime scene he hits pay dirt, discovering an unmistakable magical taint. There's also a message especially for him, and it ain't pretty. The 'killings' will continue if Harry can't halt his tormentor, but the evidence implicates his half-brother, which just doesn't add up. Unfortunately Harry's digging around attracts some powerful vampires with a stake in the result. Soon, whichever way he turns, Harry will find himself outnumbered, outclassed and dangerously susceptible to temptation. And if he screws up, his friends will die. Magic - it can get a guy killed. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I have been reading the Dresden file books almost from the beginning, and I have all of the novels on Kindle, watched all the TV episodes on Netflix, and have many of the graphic novels. If you're into fantasy at all, you can't find a better group of stories. It's like Dashiell Hammett had sat down to write a Bram Stoker novel starring one of his own characters. Any of the novels can be read on its own, but there is an overall development as Harry gains experience and grows in power, so it's best to start with the first and follow them in order. This is toward the later part the series And by this time, Harry has grown into a powerful wizard. He is also carrying around a lot of grief due to the loss of so

many friends to various evil things. He has also made a lot of enemies of the evil kind, who realize that he stands in the way of their plans for conquest. Like all Dresden File books, this is a can't-put-down roller coaster ride through a world of light and (mostly) dark magic.

I thought this installment of The Dresden Files was far superior to Proven Guilty. The characters were better. The plot was better – though incredibly complicated in places. And the foreshadowing in this book was epic. You can definitely see the threads connecting White Night and previous installments of the series, slowly but surely building up to a number of explosive reveals in the following books. I also enjoyed Harry's development in this one. Given the contrast between himself and various other characters, like Molly, it's clear just how far he's come since Storm Front. Butcher keeps Harry in a constant state of growth, but unlike some protagonists, Harry never gets too perfect. He continues to make (often bonehead) mistakes that cost him dearly, and he always has limitations to overcome (or not). There was a rich mix of action, world-building, and character development throughout White Night. Everyone from Murphy to Marcone to Thomas got singled out for additional development, and it served to make the world a lot richer than it would be if it Harry was the only one to ever get such treatment. In addition, Butcher yet again expands the world. Every book, he adds a little more to the reader's understanding of various supernatural forces and organizations, and in White Night, he covered a lot of ground. Overall, a great installment of the series.

Chicago has been hit with a rash of suicides. All women. All entry-level practitioners of magic. Karrin Murphy of the Chicago Special Investigations Unit asks wizard Harry Dresden to inspect the latest "suicide" scene. Utilizing his magical senses, Harry realizes the victim did not kill herself--her emotions were manipulated to do herself harm. And who has the power to bend human emotions to their will? The White Court of Vampires. And who is the White Court vampire residing in Chicago full-time? Unfortunately, it's Harry's half-brother, Thomas. So Harry has some real incentive to exonerate his brother; his adventures in doing so--along with rounding up and dueling some malicious White Court vampires in a showdown for the ages--make up the action-packed WHITE NIGHT, the 9th installment of Jim Butcher's deliciously fun Dresden Files series. Several characters return for this installment, including potential romantic interest Murphy. Molly Carpenter, Harry's impulsive apprentice, plays a role, as does Thomas himself. Deadly Lara Raith, Thomas's sister and the head of the White Court, returns--but the ultimate reintroduction comes in the form of mob kingpin Gentleman Johnny Marcone. When Johnny and his hired thugs come blasting into the White

Court lair to save Harry and fellow wizard Carlos Ramirez from grotesque ghouls released from the Nevernever, it's a bona fide page turner. And, as always, Harry is never far away from an off-the-cuff quip; he may be slicing and dicing relentless waves of ghouls, but he's never going to take things seriously. Also, as always, the novel is furiously paced; Butcher's novels move like a runaway freight train. Look for a surprise ending between the two brothers. In WHITE NIGHT Harry has never been better; this is one fun read that will have readers happily reaching for the next installment.~D. Mikels, Esq.

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