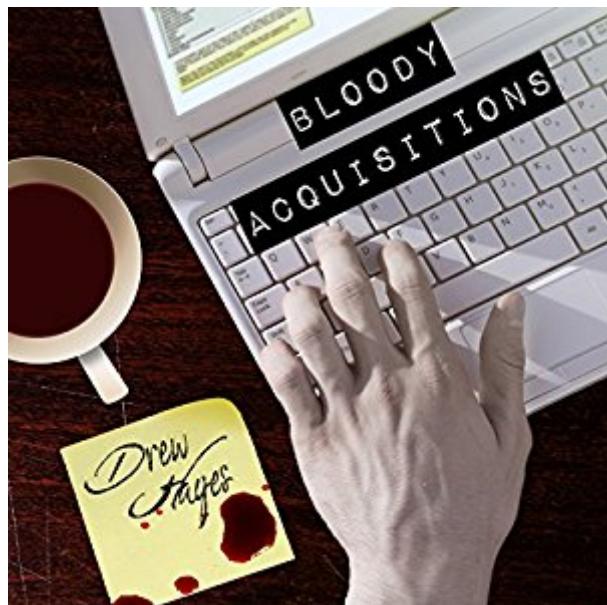


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Synopsis

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' 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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Customer Reviews

I am a big Drew Hayes fan. I liked the first two Fred books but had some issues with them - there was repetition in areas, kind of choppy (I think they came from different short stories and it showed) and I just didn't love them as much as some of his other books even though I was entertained by them. This book is the first Fred book that I felt was really cohesive and showed what Drew could do. Honestly, there were a few things that were kind of telegraphed but most of it was just -pure fun. Drew has great characterizations, well-thought-out stories, and fun ideas. I really enjoyed this book

Bloody Acquisitions (A Fred, the Vampire Accountant novel) by Drew Hayes This is the 3rd novel in the Fred, the Vampire Accountant novel. Once again, Hayes has peopled Fred's world with a wonderful array of paranormal folk and the proposition that loyalty and a creative mind can triumph over muscle. Mixing peril with humor, Hayes propels the reader through the story with finesse and an obvious amount of glee. Good editing and proofreading. Excellent characterizations. Wonderful plot and pacing. Fred's paranormal accounting business has really taken off in his hometown of Winslow, Colorado. He has so much business that it is a good thing vampires don't need much sleep. But, it also means he doesn't have much time for all the fun things in life, er, undeath, so at Krystal's urging, he is thinking of taking on another accountant. The problem, of course, is that the legalities of the undead accounting laws are different from those of the living, and whomever he hires will have to be aware of the paranormal world and willing to do the work required to gain the accreditations necessary to be licensed as a paranormal accountant. So, for the time being, he's working day and night to keep up with his busy practice and its demanding deadlines. One evening, as Fred is trying to finish details for the surprise party he is throwing for Krystal, he is attacked by a vampire hunter. Try as he might, he is unable to elude the determined hunter, who finally has Fred cornered and it looks very iffy for our mild-mannered friend. If it weren't for the intervention of Lillian, another vampire, Fred would not have escaped. As Lillian was not someone Fred had met before, he is curious as to where she came from. He discovers that a new clan of vampires has moved into town, and they are looking for a rumored super vampire who sounds suspiciously to Fred like they are looking for him. As an abandoned and unaligned vampire, this new event could spell lethal trouble for him. Krystal convinces Fred that he needs to get away for a while and accompany her, her fellow Agent Arch, Albert (the zombie) and Neil (the necromancer) to a small, virtually unknown small town, Boarback, Texas, where paranormals live openly with humans without a problem. One of the deputy sheriff's in that town is a Sword of Destiny holder, like Albert, and Arch is taking him there to train. Although he is reluctant to leave his work, he definitely wants to lay low for a while in hopes of staying off the new clan's radar. Boarback is unlike anyplace Fred has ever seen. Its inhabitants include both normal humans and paranormals of all kinds, many of which Fred had not only never seen before, but had never heard of. The town is very secluded, with no easily found or accessible roads leading into or out of town. In fact, the town doesn't even appear on any Texas map. It's a place where the Agency sends new agents to train, a place where paranormals hold prominent positions, and everyone, normal or paranormal seems to get along. The Sheriff trained Krystal, and she's really brought Fred along in hopes of convincing him to relocate to Boarback, where he would be safe from the threat of the new clan. But Fred just can't do it. He likes Boarback

and he likes the people he meets there. They have a need for his services, so his business would do fine. But he has friends in Winslow and a life/undead there and he is just not ready to give that up. So, it's back to Winslow for Fred. How will manage to protect himself from the legalities of vampire clan existence, or just from the danger that being an unaligned vampire against a large, established clan? How can he remain unaligned and keep not only himself safe, but his friends safe as well? Lots of twists and turns, with, of course, appearances of Richard, head of the therians, Bubba, the werehorse, Amy, the mage, Charlotte, the living house, and, last but definitely not least, Gideon, the dragon. A truly delightful tale of loyalty to friends, of the making of family, and of courage in the face of seemingly unavoidable disaster. My only complaint? That it will be too long before another Fred novel is published! Fun and feel-good read.

First let me start off with my three biggest gripes: 1) Why isn't there more? (Seriously, this is such a great series I want more. Now.) 2) There are a few formatting errors and one grammatical error, 3) Really, why couldn't there have been more? Just one more story, that's not too much to ask, right? If it isn't obvious that I loved this book, then either I'm not doing a good enough job conveying that or whomever isn't getting that is dense. Either may be possible. I've read and reread books one and two so many times I fear my kindle will get screen burn. I would always check on the author's website every few months to see if a new tidy bit of info was available regarding the series, or a release date for the next book. Now I have to go back to checking when book 4 will come out. One of my favorite things with this series is the humor and wit with which Drew Hayes writes. The turns of phrase and ways he describes a situation or scene was wonderful. Beyond the humor there's also heart, and a lot of it. Watching the growth of the ensemble is satisfying, though there are times when I want more of some character since not all of them get equal time on the pages. Hayes showcases all those things and more with his dialogue and banter. Each and every character has a unique cadences or way of speaking and they come through loud and clear. I have and will continue to recommend this series to everyone that will listen. I only pray that there's a book 4, and it will be here soon.

Light-hearted, friendly read that deconstructs the usual vampire cliches. The series goes a little deeper than just a fun read as it explores friendship and loyalty and shows how "ordinary" vampires and zombies dig deep and find resources and courage they didn't know they had when they or their friends are in danger. I love the way the reluctant heroes use creativity and intelligence rather than relying on their formidable physical strength. Fred thinks of himself as a coward, but deep down he's

a vampire of physical and moral courage when it matters:-). His solutions somehow end up with a win-win as he often turns potential enemies into friends, but the books aren't corny or soppy. Rather, they are creative bordering on genius. This book is a refreshingly good-hearted escape from the craziness of the real world. Thank goodness for Kindle publishing, which makes it possible for original, quality authors like this to gain an audience. Drew represents the best of this new Internet-age breed of smart, creative writers. I'm looking forward to reading many more of Fred's adventures.

After reading the first 2 Fred books, I was eagerly waiting for this book. I wasn't disappointed. Now to get the author to step up his writing so we won't have to wait so long for the next book, hint hint.

Third in the series of Fred the harmless Vampire accountant. I like Drew's work, generally, but this just seems like the first half of a very large novel. On its own...well, it took me awhile to get into it, and at the end I was left thinking "this is mostly setup...is this a transitional novel...no, it's just *half* a novel". It's not bad, by any means! But I liked Corpies a lot better. I even reread the prior two books before reading this just to ensure I was back up to speed. First book was cute and ok. Second book was actually pretty good. This third one left me slightly underwhelmed, but mildly amused.

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