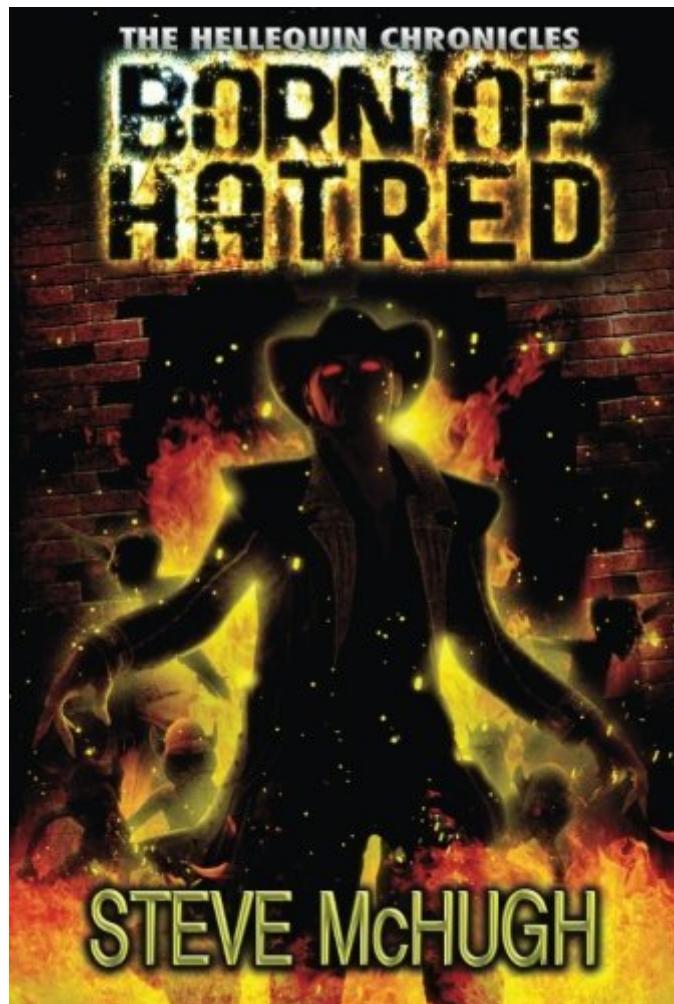


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Synopsis

There are some things even a centuries-old sorcerer hesitates to challenge. When Nathan Garret's friend seeks his help investigating a bloody serial killer, the pattern of horrific crimes leads to a creature of pure malevolence, born of hatred and dark magic. Even with all his powers, Nate fears he may be overmatched. But when evil targets those he cares about and he is confronted by dire threats both old and new, Nate must reveal a secret from his recently remembered past to remind his enemies why they should fear him once more. *Born of Hatred*, set in modern London with historical flashbacks to America's Old West, continues the dark urban fantasy of *Crimes Against Magic*, the acclaimed first book in the gritty and action-packed Hellequin Chronicles.

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Customer Reviews

This was a very enjoyable follow up to *Crimes Against Magic* (Hellequin Chronicles Book 1) and take place a couple of months after the end of that book. I admit I was a little confused by the character Sara at the start of the book as she was written as someone I should have been expected to know from book 1 in the series but didn't remember her being in it at all. This story fleshes out

more about Avalon and both Nate and Tommy's backgrounds as both an old and new threat come back to haunt them. I would say this is an improvement on the first book in the series and I'm looking forward to the next book in the Hellequin chronicles (now I know what that name refer to).

This was an excellent follow up book to Crimes Against Magic. If you enjoyed the first book then you should give this one a read. Good: Plot - I enjoyed the plots to both of the stories that get told in this book. The main story set in present day (I think), and the one set in the 1800. They both pertain to each other and give the reader a good bit of the history with having to have to break in on the main story. Characters - I would suggest rereading book 1. Took me a minute to remember a character when they pop up, but I liked them. Some more than others, but for the most part they all fit in perfectly. Bad: Hellequin. Maybe I just don't remember it from the first book, but this is the first time hearing about Hellequin. I am hoping it gets some background in the following books. Overall: This book does not sugar coat anything from the gore, the fighting/violence to the language. If you are looking for a clean book this is not it. If you are into books that swear, go into detail on the gore, fighting and sex, doesn't star a "Hero" who always does right, and doesn't set people up to be either completely good on one side and completely bad and evil on the other then you will enjoy this book.

Great book. I'm a big Dresden Files fan, so I thought I'd give this series a try. This book was even better than the first one, which I liked enough to buy this one. Have already pre-ordered the next one, and recommended the series to several other Dresden Files fans.

Another easy read. This is the follow up to Crimes of Magic, and follows in the same theme. The hero faces supernatural foes, and uses his magic, his ability to fight, and his cunning to overcome. This is a good book for those days when you just want to collapse into a chair in front of a warm fire, with a glass of wine, and relax, without having to strain the old brain too much.

My biggest complaint is that the next book isn't out yet:) My next biggest complaint is that the Protagonist keeps doing things with air magic that don't seem plausible to me. Of course if I think about the phrase "plausible air magic" for more than a few seconds I just start laughing. I have thoroughly enjoyed the first two books in this series and am eagerly waiting for more. Like many fantasy readers, the legends of Camelot and Avalon fascinate me, and this world includes those legends in a new and interesting form. It is fascinating to me to see Merlin portrayed as a bad guy

and Hades portrayed as a good guy (you mean you didn't realize Hades was included in the legend of Avalon?). The main story is interesting and well told, but I am more interested in the back story of Avalon and the disappearing blood curses, with which we are primarily tantalized. This character and story have great depth and potential, and I expect the author to keep me entertained for many years!

I completely enjoy the second installment in this series. I could hardly put down the first, and the second was the same way. There are several twists and turns in the book. The author tells two stories in two time periods at the same time. This is hands down one of the best modern fantasy series I have had the delight to stumble upon. Very few books can actually make me laugh out loud.

Both of these books have been great. I wish this was already a 5 book series so I could keep on reading. The best thing about this story, for me, is that it's not the standard; boy/girl rises into power to save the day. Here, we've already got an established "hero" who has a scary/fantastic reputation, and a mysterious past of over 1500 years! To add to this, he's discovering new powers and abilities even after all this time. I love that we don't know all the facts about his past. I hope it stays that way. As long as it's a mystery, it could be anything. The reputation of him being a nightmare doesn't need to be fully flushed out. Something that might be nightmarish to one reader might not seem that big of a deal to the next. Just my two cents, which of course will get you nothing. The other great quality about these stories is the mystery. Let's face it, most fantasy style writing holds little mystery. Hell, half the time you spend chapters with the villain learning what they plan on doing! Here, the author does a really good job of not letting the "cat out of the bag" too easily, and saves some surprises or strange coincides that come out of nowhere. The overriding questions with Avalon are really intriguing as well. I can't wait to see where this story goes. In summary, if you like modern day stories with magic, monsters, and mystery, (and a badass lead character) read these books. Then, you can sit anxiously like the rest of us for the next installments.

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