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Fat Vampire



Synopsis

Death Has a Whole New Appetite. When overweight treadmill salesman Reginald Baskin finally meets a co-worker who doesn't make fun of him, it's just his own bad luck that tech guy Maurice turns out to be a two thousand-year-old vampire. And when Maurice turns Reginald to save his life, it's just Reginald's further bad luck that he wakes to discover he's become the slowest, weakest, most out-of-shape vampire ever created â | doomed to "heal" to his corpulent self for all of eternity. But as Reginald struggles with the downsides of being a fat vampire (too slow to catch people to feed on, mocked by those he tries to glamour, assaulted by his intended prey and left for undead), he discovers rare powers in himself that few vampires have â | and just in time, because the Vampire Council wants him destroyed as an inferior representative of their race. Perfect for fans of Rick Gualtieri's Tome of Bill series or Drew Hayes' Fred the Vampire Accountant series, Fat Vampire is the story of an unlikely hero who, after having an imperfect eternity shoved into his grease-stained hands, must learn to turn the afterlife's lemons into tasty lemon danishes.

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Customer Reviews

*Book source ~ Picked up for free on .Reginald Baskin is an overweight treadmill company office worker who spends his days trapped in cubicle hell. Working with a bunch of jerks who think it's fun to bully the fat guy, Reginald just wants to get through his days with a minimum of whoopee cushions and fat jokes. There are a few others who are like him, the ones who are outside the clique of fit and snobby employees and there's one young-looking Goth IT guy who wears a sword on his belt and works nights that Reginald is sort of fascinated with and he's not sure why. One morning when their paths cross Reginald says, "Hey" and Maurice says, "Hey" in return. This simple hello eventually progresses to a guys evening out for some bowling, but before they can have some fun some of Maurice's buddies show up and Reginald's life changes forever. Who knew vampires were real? And that they don't get all beautiful and sparkly when they become one? Reginald just can't catch a break. Or can he?The writing is smooth and easy to fall into. I devoured it any chance I had to sit down and pick it up. The plot is excellent. Poor Reginald. I love this guy. He's 350 lbs and works for a company that sells exercise equipment. To top it off he has some really jerky co-workers though there are a few others in this story who are great characters. This book brought many of my emotions to the table. Anger at the jerks, frustration that Reginald put up with them, humor at a lot of his thoughts and then at some of his vampire situations, despair, pity, annoyance, surprise, more anger and hopelessness before finally busting out in hope and pride. Reginald rocks! I can't wait to read more about his adventures as a vampire.

It's kind of hard to think of a way to start this review off. After reading a book like this...it's hard to put my thoughts down.Let's start with how I found it.I was on looking up another story to get the links for my review of it when on the list I noticed this story. It was free, and after the disappointment of having read the other story I felt there was nothing to lose.That was two days ago. From the first moment to the last, I was so wrapped up in this book I couldn't put it down.The story starts off with poor Reginald - the main character of this book - being tormented by his fellow co-workers. You learn that Reginald is very much overweight and has been for a very long time, leading to a lot of bullying in his life. He's used to it, he doesn't have the courage to fight back, and he just wishes for his money back. He doesn't have many friends around, so when new night-shift worker Maurice offers to hang out, he jumps at the chance. Only to find out that it was the biggest mistake of his human life.Now he's a vampire - a fat vampire, which is very uncommon in their world. Vampires are supposed to be beautiful, fast, strong...but Reginald is none of the above. He's slow, weak, and is

way too anxious. But there is one thing that he indeed is: smart. Being a vampire doesn't just make you great. It merely enhances what was already great about you, and with Reginald that was his mind. So now he has to deal with the Vampire Council; who view him as a blemish on their perfect society of beautiful people. His mind is his greatest weapon, and he's going to prove brain definitely beats brawn. Reginald is a very relatable character. He's been hammered down his whole life because of his weight, and he just doesn't see an end in sight. Even after being turned into a vampire things are looking down. But despite everything he perseveres. Having grown up over-weight myself I felt this character was a great role-model, despite a few instances where let his stomach make decisions for him. Overall, this was a wonderful book and I definitely plan to get the rest of the series as soon as possible!

In a world of lackluster vampire stories that follow the same formula (give or take some sparkles) Fat Vampire takes the myth to a completely different place. I heard about these books from the excellent writing book "Write, Publish, Repeat", which I recommend as well, but I was NOT expecting to enjoy this one so much. For anyone who grew up as a fat kid who was teased, bullied, or, worst of all, ignored, Reginald is the kind of hero we needed. He's the world's only living FAT vampire, and expects to be put to death at any moment because of it. The writing is tight, which is unusual for supernatural stories, with very little gratuitous elements that make the whole thing drag. It's a short read, but that's largely because everything flows so nicely. I couldn't put it down! I went out and bought the whole boxed set after reading this. Can't wait to keep following the adventures of Reginald and Maurice as they continue to explore the world as the misfits and outcasts we've all felt like at one point or another. Great read!

Read this book for what it is, not what it isn't. If you go into Fat Vampire expecting a complex myriad of difficult decisions and killer jokes, then you might be a little disappointed. However, if you expect quick entertainment, Reginald's adventures as a newly turned vampire might be right up your alley. Parts that I particularly enjoyed were both the introduction to Reg's vampirism as well as the "meeting" at the end. I will avoid spoilers. I don't think it is a waste of time to read this FREE book. I ended up buying the entire series because I did find it to be a cute idea. I'm enjoying it. The reason I didn't give this book five stars is because it does not stand out. Typically, I would give this book 3 stars, but because it is free and light-hearted, I gave it four.

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