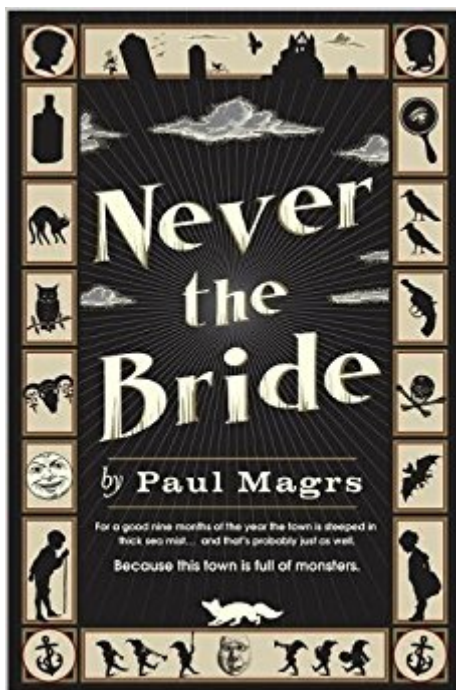


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Customer Reviews

The left arm of *Never the Bride* is Agatha Christie's *The Big Lebowski*, the right arm is Joss Whedon's *Canterbury Tales*. Both limbs are attached to the torso of Douglas Adam's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and run astride on the legs of Franz Kafka's *Romeo and Juliet*. What forms the head of this wonderful monster cannot be revealed, it must be experienced by the reader. Paul Magrs, in a Doctor Frankenstein like moment of feverish inspiration, has created a universe where nothing is as it seems and anything can happen and often does, much to the chagrin of the protagonist, Brenda. Constantly challenged by the forces of chaos, her desire for a normal life appear to be rather doomed, especially as we learn in this first book what her true destiny is to be. The only complaint I have with the novel is its cliffhanger conclusion. Fortunately, that complaint is ameliorated by the knowledge that there are more Brenda and Effie adventures to come. And it is impossible to stop reading Brenda's exploits, especially after we learn

I do pay attention to the "if you liked THIS book ... you might like THIS one..." on . I have taken their advice a few times and been generally pleased. I am very glad I took the advice of again. I liked *NEVER THE BRIDE* very much because it speaks to my love of eccentric British characters in literature. I can't get enough of that. Then you throw in mystical/magical elements and you have a charmer. I read it in one sitting and fortunately, bought the next in the series at the same time. I can feed the addiction I have. I could see the main characters vividly and feel the town through the author's eyes! It WAS a page turner and I hated to see the book end. The town actually reminded

me of the British version of Lilydale...sort of. I can't wait to see what Brenda and Effie get into in SOMETHING BORROWED. I laughed out loud a few times and that means a VERY enjoyable read! Thank you Mr. Magrs!

The book was okay, mildly amusing and entertaining. it was supposed to be a signed copy, but the page had been ripped out.

This is a great read. Brenda and Effie are colorful characters and feel like they could be someone from your family. An eccentric (perhaps supernatural) great aunt. Writing style reminds me a bit like Cory Doctorow, crossed with a little Doctor Who. I'm excited to get the rest of the series! My only wish is that they were more available in the USA.

Brenda and Effie are so fun! This first adventure was a treat. Can't wait to read the rest!

This is a book to cherish, the first novel in Paul Magrs's ingenious and inventive Brenda and Effie series, set in wonderful Whitby where, as we all know, Dracula landed and where Goths gather several times a year. If you like Pratchett, you should enjoy this. Who wouldn't root for poor Brenda, the Bride of Frankenstein trying to eke out a respectable living as a seaside landlady? And what is the sinister Mrs Claus up to at the Christmas Hotel? Studded with horror references like plums in a pudding, this novel is a delight for lovers of the macabre who like a good dose of intoxicating wit to pour over the concoction and set it alight. Read this book! Read the whole series! And, if you haven't already done so, visit Whitby!

This book was highly original. It takes place in a small touristic town in England and includes lots of traditional horror characters and concepts. What I liked most about the book was that it had a strange and kooky (as the title of this review says) feel to it. I enjoyed how many weird and different characters the author employed. Some long established in horror literature, which he gave a new spin to. I'll never look at Ms. Claus and Dracula the same way again. What I didn't enjoy so much was that the book ended too quickly. A couple of different mysteries and bam, it's over. It didn't give the closure you expect from a book, even if it's a series. If you'd like an unusual and light read, with a major dash of mystery, this is the book for you.

It's a page turner for sure, but it lacks that something that gives you satisfaction once you've got to

the last page. I expected more from a story that tells us about the bride of Frankenstein, who - as the title reveals - never gets to be one, and then enter Count Dracula in a cameo that makes you wish you could go back an edit out that blasphemous alteration of the image you had had of this extraordinary Count. But I must say, the book was unpredictable, which I think I must credit the author for. He is original. I think the book ended too soon. It's as if the last chapter was ripped out of the book. Some characters that seemed important simply dissolved into insignificance towards the end. What happens to Robert, who was described as a young and bright man being controlled by an evil Mrs Claus? What happens to the missing staff of her hotel? What happens to her? I certainly would have loved to know. The book has an open-ending, and we're supposed to imagine what happened next. Like I said, it ended too soon, it didn't even make me want to imagine what may have happened. I don't know if I would read a sequel, though.

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