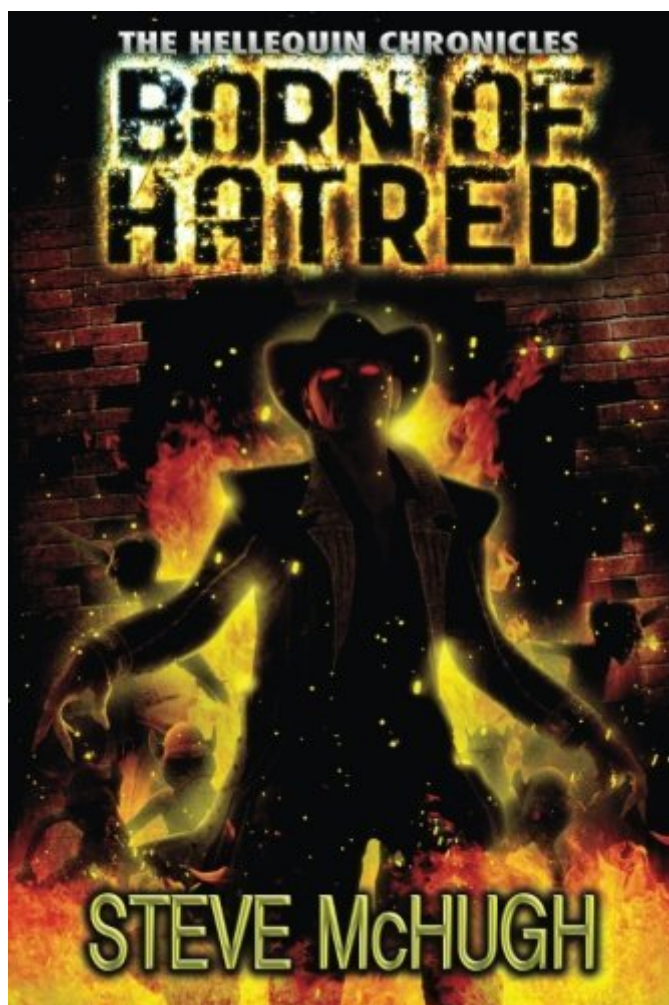


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Born Of Hatred (The Hellequin Chronicles Book 2)



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 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.

This book is so different from any others that I have read! It had me on the edge of my seat the entire book. It is very fast paced with something exciting always happening. I have not been able to put this book down and I can't wait to start the next book. This is by far the best book and or series I have ever read. This series is a MUST READ! and at the very top of my list to tell others to enjoy. Thank you Steve McHugh, you are by far my favorite writer.

I can't express enough how well done this series is. Its action packed with emotional ties between the characters and a created world that is awe inspiring. Nate is powerful and a formidable force on his own but when you include his friends and allies he is a force to be feared. This is only the second in the series and the anxiety created from having to wait till the next book is almost too much to bear. I just hope McHugh gets whatever funding or inspiration he needs to keep the greatness coming. This book is a must read for anyone looking to feel like your in the story and living the excitement moment by moment. If I was forced to say anything negative about this book or its predecessor it would be the depression that comes when you finish the book and the almost blood

lust for the next instalment. Steve McHugh you are a genius and a worker of magic on the page. Please keep doing your thing for many years to come because I don't know about your other fans but I'm losing my mind just waiting.

This is a little more gore than I usually like to read, but the storyline kept me going. The characters are well developed and I like their background stories. The more I learn about Nate the more I like him (and am secretly scared of him!). Ready to red book 3!

A stunning new release from Steve McHugh this new series has earned itself a place in my top 5 picks for all time next to Brent Weeks, Peter V Brett, Terry Goodkind & Kevin Hearn. The main character is one of the best, most gritty and enjoyable characters that I have ever come across. This guy is not the shining prince. He's the dark prince. The bogey man with morality - albeit a somewhat harsh and skewed of morality. He sits somewhere between Durzo Blint and Jack Reacher and in my mind combines some of the best features of both.

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!

Let me put this out there. This series is underrated and needs a lot more attention. No other book except the Dresden Files uses magic like a spellslinging cowboy that I have read. Steve McHugh does amazing things with Nathan Garret, the main character of this series. And in this book, we get to learn more about what has been going on. So we learn more about the world of the Hellequin and with this knowledge, comes exciting danger. Garret is helping his long time werewolf friend look into a nasty werewolf rapist on behalf of Avalon, the governing body of the supernatural. What seems to

be a simple recon turns into a twisting spiral of violence when the true enemy emerges and terrifies even Garret. I don't want to give away too much. There is a lot of things to be seen and get enchanted with as this world continues to grow. Check it out and really enjoy yourself.

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