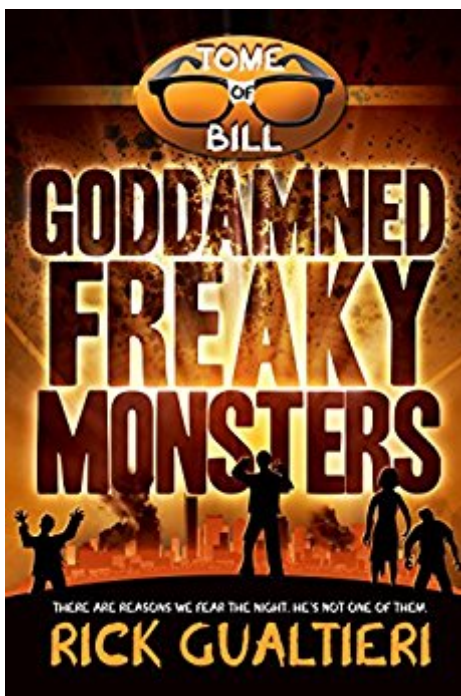


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Goddamned Freaky Monsters (The Tome Of Bill Book 5)



Synopsis

THERE ARE REASONS WE FEAR THE NIGHT. HE'S TRYING TO STOP THEM. Three months have passed since the fateful encounter in New York City that ended with the disappearance of Bill Ryder - gamer, geek, and legendary vampire. Now he's back, awakened halfway across the globe with no allies, clothing, or clue as to how he got there. The only thing he's certain of is that his captors plan to use him for their own nefarious ends and don't care how much blood they spill in the process. Escape might be the least of his worries, though. Civilization teeters on the brink of chaos. Mythical beasts, once thought the stuff of fantasy, are breaking through the veil, intent on waging war against mankind. At their forefront stands an ancient evil, the last remnant of a cult thought long dead, and he's about to cut a swath of destruction through the world not seen since biblical times. Bill's only chance is to reclaim his life, reconcile with his friends, and muster every bit of attitude he can - because if he fails, Hell on Earth will become far more than just a corny saying.-----Goddamned Freaky Monsters, book five in the bestselling Tome of Bill urban fantasy series, is a hard-hitting horror comedy with a title that really irks the author's mom.

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Customer Reviews

Book 5 is another one in the Tome of Bill series. If you've read any of the previous books then you know exactly what the characters are going to do in this book. Bill is going to say stupid things and get beaten up, a lot. Sally is going to smart off and be the smartest one in the group. The Bill and the bromance with his roommates continues. If you liked the first four books then you'll like 5 as well. If you were hoping for character development then don't bother. That's not a strength of this series. Don't get me wrong, I like the series for what it is, but it could have been so much more. Mr Gualtieri has the story arc and power level (no omnipotent characters right out of the box) just right for the series. Nothing seems rushed in it's presentation. The problem is that the characters do and say the same dumb things they did in the first book...you'd figure they might just grow a bit over five books.

Let me start by saying, I really like the Tome of Bill series and I was excited to see this new installment. This book is setting the stage for the remainder of the series. The world gets bleak and crazy with a lot of bad supernatural stuff happening. It's kind of like "The Empire Strikes Back" in that way where this isn't a happy ending. I was disappointed however in the lack of a big ending of any kind. There's a showdown, of course, but it doesn't have a real conclusion. Overall it was a pretty soft ending which was disappointing and caused me to deduct a couple stars. Overall this felt like a brief transitional title, wrapping up the end of the events in the last book and setting the stage for next few. If you've been reading the series you still -have- to buy this one (and it definitely is priced right) but you should lower your expectations on what to expect from this chapter of the story.

Sally returns with snarky flirting, Bill and his nerd friends continue on the edge of stupidly, baiting those who can rip their throats out. The war enters early stages and at least one major new player is introduced. While Bill does not show any signs of brilliance his previous total lack of a clue and ineptness is also missing. He reacts as if he is not a complete dimwit as he faces new challenges. Unfortunately this results in a much more traditional story. A good story but lacking the unique quirkiness of the first Bill vampire novel, which I feel was the best in the series because of this blend of monsters, humor and the ultimate dweebs. So if you like vampire versus monsters with humans as a sideline this still a good book. But it more of straight forward monster story and the overall plot of Bill's final destiny and the war between monsters does not progress much. Gan, the teenage

kickass, anime look alike, does not make an appearance. Alexanders showing is fleeting but the Wanderer (James) has a large role albeit little insight into his character or past. Although you can read this book stand alone, don't start series here. You will miss the sly innuendos, the references to past happenings and mostly this book is just not as much fun as earlier books in the series. While this book is OK for followers of the series to keep track on Bill's progress and entertaining, it leaves no closure and opens new mysteries creating a slightly frustrated reader hunger for closure on some topics. Also as a passing thought since Bill is such a sympathetic smuck I am also rooting for him to take advantage of opportunities and get laid more often (not just in his make believe fantasy lies to his friends).

Goddamned Freaky Monsters is the fifth installment in Author Rick Gualtieri's Comedy/Supernatural series, The Tome of Bill. Bill has been on vacation, but his return will be far from relaxing. It's been three months since the ending of Holier Than Thou and Bill has been rather busy. But now he's back, and it doesn't take him long to screw the pooch epically. Now, to face the evil he has unleashed onto the world, he must collect all the powers (and smartassery) he can to save the world... pretty much from himself. As the fifth installment in the series, Goddamned Freaky Monsters sets the stage for the latter half of the story. Bill has grown up since the beginning of the series, and things have become way too hectic for him to ever go back. His friends are different, his enemies are different, he's different. The powers that be are stacked against him, but he's determined to face it head on. His greatest asset? His snarky attitude. Rick Gualtieri has created a world full of unique characters and creatures. At the beginning of the series there were only vampires, but now there are so many monsters lurking in the shadows that it could fill up a bestiary page for page. Although, they won't be in the shadows for long... This remains one of my most favorite series, which is surprising since I don't usually enjoy vampire stories so much. But it's hard to resist the charm the author brings to the story and its characters. I'm not even sure what I'm going to do until the next book in the series comes out! Here's to hoping it comes out very soon!

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