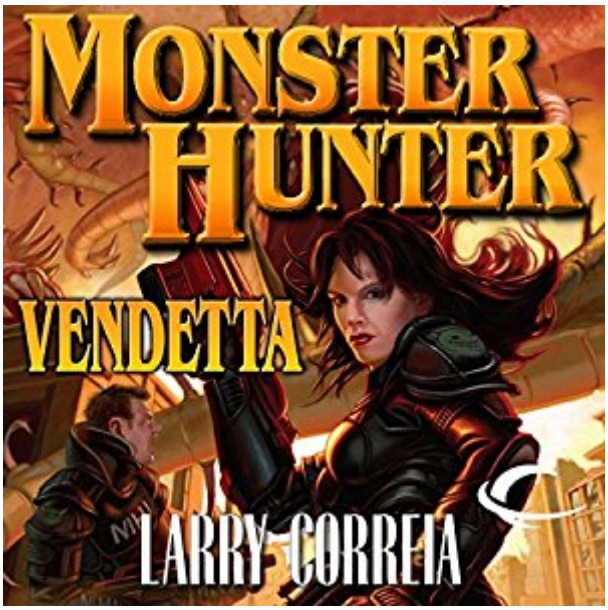
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Synopsis

Accountant turned professional monster hunter Owen Zastava Pitt managed to stop the nefarious Old Ones' invasion plans last year, but as a result made an enemy out of one of the most powerful beings in the universe. Now an evil death cult known as the Church of the Temporary Mortal Condition wants to capture Owen in order to gain the favor of the great Old Ones. The Condition is led by a fanatical necromancer known as the Shadow Man. The government wants to capture the Shadow Man and has assigned the enigmatic Agent Franks to be Owen's full-time bodyguard, which is a polite way of saying that Owen is monster bait. With supernatural assassins targeting his family, a spy in their midst, and horrific beasties lurking around every corner, Owen and the staff of Monster Hunter International don't need to go hunting, because this time the monsters are hunting them. Fortunately, this bait is armed and very dangerous.

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Customer Reviews

A federal agent in charge of biding the fact that monsters are real tried to stop the end of the world by dropping a pocket nuke on a bad monster outbreak. Unfortunately, the pocket nuke drops through a a gateway that is in the process of being opened and instead of nuking the monster outbreak in Alabama, it instead injures a Great Old One. But the feds don't get the blame for the nuke, the Great Old One blames Owen Pitt of Monster Hunters International, who was trying to keep the gateway from opening at the time. Now the Great Old One is angry at Pitt, and directs all of his worshippers to find Pitt so he can suffer etermal punishment. Now Pitt is being chased by cultists, both human and monster, with evil magic who want to gain favor with their evil master by capturing

him. Meanwhile the Feds, worried about what a death cult with evil magic, evil men, and monsters might do decide that the best way to get at the cult is to use Owen Pitt for bait.This was fun to read. I found myself stil turning pages well after my bed time. I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the series.

If you had told me at the beginning of last year that one of the writers I would discover in 2014 wrote urban fantasy, telling stories of a heavyset man who blows away monsters with high-tech weaponry, I would have scoffed. Yeah, monster-hunting is a lot of fun and has entertained audiences at least since Gilgamesh and his pal Enkidu fought Humbaba in the Cedar Forest, but you're supposed to fight legendary beasts with your hands, enchanted weapons and other tools from an ancient or medieval armory, not with refurbished firearms.Well, thanks to Glenn Reynolds, I discovered Larry Correia. And thanks to Sarah Hoyt, I got to meet the guy. Last year, I read his first Monster Hunter book, Monster Hunter International in paperback. This evening, I finished this book, the second in the series, on kindle. And yea, it's all about a private organization, Monster Hunter International (MHI) that fights the menace of monsters with firearms.So much for Beowulf and Heracles wrestling beasts with their bare hands. Or Perseus slicing off the head of a demoness whose looks really kill with the help of a female deity and skill with a sharp sword.This book is even better than the first in the series. Or, maybe I'm just saying because I just finished it. The story is fresh in my mind. It was a delight to read. And it's got a fun little twist at the end. (Just remember Mr. Trash Bags.)Since I read my kindle at the gym, this book helped me burn a few extra calories.Not only does Correia have some great action-packed monster-killing scenes, he's got some really great quips too. They're half the fun of the book. So, if you're reading this in public, be prepared to laugh out loud (quite literally) and to have your neighbors on the cardio machines look up at the television monitors and wonder what Anderson Cooper said that was so funny.There are very few breaks in the action of this book. From fighting chupacabras in the opening of book to fending off a zombie horde once those beasts are dispatched, Correia's hero Owen Zastava Pitt leaps from one monster battle to another, with little time to probe the life lessons he learns as he blasts the evil things to bits. Perhaps the most entertaining of the battles was when he prevented Bia and Cratos from kidnapping his brother at a rock concert -- and then had to face those oversized critters not just backstage, but also on the highway.At the same time, Pitt had to submit (quite reluctantly) to federal protection, given that the crazed necromancer heading the Church of the Temporary Mortal Condition, a bizarre cult with numerous human acolytes (not to mention allied undead beasts) wishes to sacrifice Pitt to an Old One, a creature from another dimension whose plots our hero had

foiled in Monster Hunter International.On the way to finding -- and facing -- this necromancer, they seek assistance from cantankerous gnomes in rooting out a spy -- and try to gain some intelligence from a rubbery troll. And they encounter a few werewolves (not all evil), a zombie elephant beast and even a shoggoth.Our hero even attempts to make alliance with a powerful vampire. This one may have been "evil incarnate," Pitt quips, "but the enemy of my enemy is my friend." One thing he will learn is that you should "never trust the undead."The book is in short a lot of fun, an ideal read if you want to add some excitement to your relaxation or a few steps to your cardio workout.And when you read this book, make sure to pay close attention to Gretchen’s wedding blessing.

Alright first of all, I’m a gun enthusiast. I own firearms, I shoot firearms, I enjoy looking at firearms I hope to one day have enough disposable cash to own. I also read books, quite a few books actually. It’s always an aggravation of mine to read a book that has firearms in it and the author either:A) Gets the descriptions wrong.B) doesn’t describe them or give them enough detail.)C) doesn’t describe them or their effects at all, it’s just "He pulled a gun." what kind of gun? a S&W .38 snubby? a .454 casull? a Sig 9mm? what!?!?It gets agitating, like watching movies from before about 2004. the Army still wears tin pots and OD green and carries A2s and still flies in Huey’s. Yeah, no.So in THIS series, when I started it I was so happy to see that the author paid attention to those details. Yeah, you’re hunting monsters, probably don’t want to run with a .223 .308 at the least. If it were me I’d kit like Sam, 45-70 and add a .454 revolver. Nothing says "Frak you vampire" quite like a .45-70 hollow point (silver of course). If only buffy had understood that.Anyhoo, to make a long review short, it’s a great monster book, the hero isn’t invincible, and it’s got rare and awesome firearms. all in all, great books to read.

I’m really enjoying this novel. The main reason I’m writing this review though, is the beautiful leather binding. I’m a sucker for a sharp looking leatherbound book. I’d say this would make a great gift, except it’s the second book in the series, and the first is sold out. I just wanted to say something nice for the publisher, since so often I’m disgusted by how book binding quality in the industry has been going to crap. I also can’t believe that the first book didn’t rate a hardcover edition for the first printing.

Correia continues to demonstrate his mastery of the writing craft. The second in the MHI series, it fills many of the questions left unanswered on the first novel. You will enjoy the relentless pace, heroic bravery and sacrifice and irreverent humor. Looking forward to number three!

Friend asked me to read the series saying "you'll like it". Starting out I was afraid it was just another Gun Porn book with an excuse to talk sexy about "slides, that are smooth as a baby's bottom", etc.. But I have been surprised. Once you get past the description on the armory things like that settle down.The series is growing on me. I'm at book 3 and have bought 3 more. Very interesting way of bringing in other races (orcs, elves,trolls, g-nomes)Worth the effort and it my be your cup of tea.If you like it check out the Arisem series. More military and "realistic" but not as humorous.

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