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Synopsis

There Are Reasons We Fear The Night. He’s Not One Of Them.This omnibus edition contains the first FOUR books of the bestselling Tome of Bill series - over 1000 pages of action, attitude, and geeky humor.Gamer, Geek, and Vampire - Bill Ryder is an unlikely hero trying to survive in a world of supernatural horrors. Despite awesome powers, loyal allies, and a Brooklyn-sized attitude; the odds are stacked heavily against him. Bill must fulfill his destiny and save the world from the ancient terrors that threaten it - all while trying to build some semblance of a social life.Includes:BILL THE VAMPIRE (Book 1) Bill Ryder was a dateless geek until he met a girl to die for. So he did. Unfortunately for him, that was just the beginning of his troubles. He awoke as a vampire, one of the legendary predators of the night. Sadly, fangs or not, he was still at the bottom of the food chain. Now he finds himself surrounded by creatures stronger, deadlier, and a lot cooler than he is ... and they all want to kick his teeth in. Join Bill in this hilarious tale of immortal monsters and the man who’s not afraid to tell them off, even if it gets him killed - permanently this time.SCARY DEAD THINGS (Book 2)One of the most powerful vampires in the world wants Bill RyderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s head. A pint-sized princess wants the rest of him. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s just not clear which fate is worse. All the while, new and powerful forces have begun to emerge from the shadows around him. Are they friend or foe? Knowing BillÃ¢â ¬â„¢s luck, do you even have to ask?THE MOURNING WOODS (Book 3)A war is brewing between vampires and sasquatches, ancient enemies from the dawn of time. If it can’t be stopped, the veil will be lifted and all of humanity’s darkest nightmares will be unleashed to wreak havoc. The vampire nation dispatches Bill Ryder to a faraway land to broker peace, but it’s not going to be easy. His enemies want him dead. Sadly for him, some of his allies do too.HOLIER THAN THOU (Book 4)On the eve of war, The Icon - legendary slayer of the vampire race - has arisen. There’s just one small catch: Bill Ryder is in love with her. Panic is about to break out within the ranks of the undead and Bill is caught smack dab in the middle of it. Now he finds himself in a race to save the person fated to destroy him. Talk about being damned if you do.Join Bill in these tales full of monsters, mayhem, and foul-mouthed laughs. If you enjoy The Dresden Files or The Iron Druid Chronicles then you’re in for a bloody good time. Read the complete series today!

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Customer Reviews

The Tome of Bill Compendim (Vol.1) is the collection of the first four stories in Author Rick Gualtieri's hilarious The Tome of Bill novel series. There's no real way to properly explain my love for this series in just a few sentences, so I'm going to post my reviews for each of the books included in this Compendium!BILL THE VAMPIRE (BOOK 1):Bill The Vampire is the first in Author Rick GualtieriÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Supernatural Comedy series The Tome of Bill, setting the stage for newly turned nerd vampire Bill.Before I begin this review, I have to say thisÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦ THIS WAS THE GREATEST VAMPIRE NOVEL I HAVE EVER READ! With the influx of vampire stories lurking around, this was the perfect counter. If this doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t get turned into a movie I will give up on Hollywood forever.Bill Ryder is a video game programmer, spending his days playing games (video, board, and role-playing) and trying to think of ways to get laid. He lives with his two friends Ed and Tom, who are both as equally nerdy and excited at the prospect of having a live vampire as a friend. Their interactions were absolutely perfect, reminding me greatly of me and my own friends. I related to those scenes very well, and I laughed out loud more than once while reading.After being turned as a part of a game a coven of vampires in SoHo were playing, Bill discovers that heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a legendary type of vampire that can resist being compelled by the older vampires. He uses this to his advantage, scaring the other, meatier members of his coven

to ensure his own safety as a fish in a tank of sharks.His arsenal includes his roommates, a sexy vampire vixen who loathes him, and the ultimate defense against just about anything: a smartass mouth.In honesty, I was a little apprehensive while going into this novel. I had read a few vampire satires in the past and, although they could elicit a few laughs here and there, they just couldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t do it for me. But Bill The Vampire hits the mark with precision. I was captured almost instantly after starting, and only put it down for extreme situations ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ during which I would itch to get back to reading. By the time I was done reading I thought IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢d have to massage my facial muscles out of their near-permanent smile.Bill The Vampire was a fantastic read! I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t say it enough.SCARY DEAD THINGS (BOOK 2):Scary Dead Things by Rick Gualtieri is the second in his Comedy/Supernatural series The Tome of Bill, transitioning vampire BillÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s already ruined, but salvaged life into more chaos.IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve heard of the old joke, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“just one more chapterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• before, but never truly understood it until I started reading this book. I found myself up at six in the morning, exhausted, but very unwilling to put down this book. I finally understand that it isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t a joke, but an actual thing that happens when youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re drawn into such an amazing book ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ such as everything IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read by Rick Gualtieri so far!Bill, now the leader of his own coven, has been loaded with a whole new slew of issues. Unable to talk to the girl heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s been crushing on for years, leading a coven of vampires who wouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t hesitate to tear his head off, being sent off to China, being hounded by an ancient vampire princess, and being hunted by Chinese vampire assassinsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦ Bill has a lot going on in his un-life.Once again full of the same wit and humor as the previous novel, Scary Dead Things is a phenomenal read. I couldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t put this book down for longer than an hour. Bill is my new hero! Except for all the beatings, I would give anything to be in his place!Rick Gualtieri is quickly becoming one of my top favorite authors with his wit, humor, incredible writing capabilities, and master story telling skills. I bow to this author and his The Tome of Bill series!THE MOURNING WOODS (BOOK 3):The Mourning Woods is the third installment in Author Rick GualtieriÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s The Tome of Bill series, pitting nerdy vampire Bill against an enemy that has hated his kindÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s undead guts since before his greatest grandfather was born.Being the third book in the series, there is always some worry that it may be the one to ruin it all ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ but by no means does this apply to the story of Bill and his gangly group of friends. This book was the final factor in my decision to add this entire series forever in my list of all time favorites.Bill, although still the snarky smartass that he is, has grown throughout the story. He

isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t just jumping head first into things any more. He takes the time to consider the consequences of his actions, worrying about more than just himself in this book ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ a departure from the previous novels where he was mostly just trying to survive. The fate of the world has fallen into his lap, much against his will, and he tries valiantly not to screw it up.Although, heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s still BillÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦ and whatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Bill if not a bit of a klutz?The wit and humor are still very much so present that made this bookÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s predecessors so amazing, and even adds an element of serious drama and worldwide peril. The ending to this novel left me utterly shocked and prepared to read the next one ASAP!HOLIER THAN THOU (BOOK 4):Holier Than Thou by Rick Gualtieri is the fourth installment in the The Tome of Bill series, bringing the cataclysmic peril of the third book right up to BillÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s doorstep.ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s been a month since the third bookÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s epic cliffhanger, and Bill hasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t come any closer to solving his dilemma. The Icon ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the very woman heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s in love with ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ has risen and threatens all of vampire kind. Unfortunately, thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s only the beginning of his troubles. The Magi are up in arms over the IconÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s appearance, and an attack on BillÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s coven leaves him and his allies severely lacking in man power. Now heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s gotta figure out how to outrun the vampires, Magi, and a group of religious fanatics straight out of an Indiana Jones movie.All in all, a normal day for Bill The Vampire.As the fourth book in the series, The Tome of Bill takes a major character development turn for its main character. Things are getting heavy for Bill, and heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s definitely feeling the stress. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“When it rains, it poursÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• is an apt statement for the theme of this installment. But, despite this, Author Rick Gualtieri maintains his signature wit and humor throughout this novel. It just so happens between those funny scenes thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s some awesome action taking place.I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t think I could sincerely love a series as much as I love this one! IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve been hooked since page one of book one. I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t imagine giving up any time soon!Besides, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m totally in love with Gan!ADDITIONAL CONTENT:In addition to the four novels, there are two new shorts and a character interview. The two shorts are fantastic add-ons to the series - keeping the same comedy and light darkness the main series has - and the interviews were hysterical. My favorite, of course, was Gan's! How can you not love her?As a series, I give it a whopping FIVE out of FIVE stars!

More like 4.75 stars, but close enough. This is an interesting take on the vampire genre...laugh-out-loud funny in some spots and shockingly realistic in others. Bill is an

Everyman...who happens to be made into a vampire. He’s not suave, he’s not cool, he’s not rich, he’s not strikingly handsome. He’s just an average decent guy who has a major stroke of bad luck masquerading as unbelievable good fortune.If you’re sick of the chick-centric vampires flooding the market...all handsome, rich, powerful, dark, brooding and oh-so-misunderstood and sexy with it...get to know Bill. He’s the vampire you’ve been waiting for.Minor spoiler: the reason for the .25 star being docked? 5 books (six if you count Sunset Strip) and a couple years of vamping and Bill *still* hasn’t scored in a `real’ fashion. Even Harry Dresden gets way more action.

Every once in a while a book comes along that you hold on to when you are finished and just think to yourself :"That was one hell of a ride!" This is that book for me. I picked up a set of books written by several up and coming sci fi/fantasy writers. I had never heard of The Tome of Bill (I know..I live in the dark ages!) but delved into it thinking after a few pages that it would be a really funny spoof. Boy...I got that and more!This is the first time (other than my images of the old Nosferatu movie) that I have heard of a vampire in less than a 10 out of 10 in looks. And I am soo cool with that! There is humor galore (I laughed out loud in the doctors office several times while waiting for a shot) but more than that, there is a wicked cool story that unfolded before my eyes. OMG...I can’t even begin to tell you how utterly wonderful these books are! I found it impossible to even try do anything but hang on for a helluva ride and that’s what I got. Ye gods! Mr. Gualtieri is a genius!I promise you, you will not be disappointed in these books. Run, with scissors in your hands even, to get this series!

Really enjoyable and a different take on the whole vampire genre. I would say that it is more like something from the True Blood series but at the same time it’s original and very easy to read. There are many moments throughout which are genuinely laugh-out-loud and the humour and wit is a constant welcome theme. The series flows along nicely with interesting characters and in my opinion I think this would make a great TV series. I could imagine watching and enjoying Bill’s adventures on TV and I think the story development over the series of 4 books (and now 5) would ensure it didn’t tire as so many other series seem to do after season 2! What I’m saying there is that this is consistently good over the 4 books, funny, original and keeps you coming back for more.

The first couple of books were a good read but after a while the profanity becomes annoying. It seems like there’s at least 3 for every line in some paragraphs, so there’s no humor or shock value left, it just becomes another word that gets in the way of the story. It makes me skip ahead sometimes just to get through the book. I’m not averse to using a few well placed profanities myself

but reading them becomes tedious and makes it seem as if they are added after the chapters are written, in order to meet the word quota..

I purchased this book as part of the first four books set and had high hopes for the series...alas, the character of Bill was so unbelievably infantile and just plain stupid that I could hardly finish the first book....I cannot in good conscience recommend this series...if I could reach through the book and kill Bill myself, I would.

Interesting premise, ok theme and plot, almost interesting enough to finish it. Seems to want to feel like the first couple books of the Dresden Files.That being said, its shallow and juvenile. Obviously aimed at older teenagers but will leave mature audiences wanting something better.

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