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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Adult/High School—This follow-up to Carey's *The Devil You Know* (Grand Central, 2007) returns readers to a modern-day London where ghosts and zombies have become part of daily life. The novel revisits the lives of many characters introduced in the first book, including the protagonist, Felix Castor, but it stands alone. Castor has returned to his life as an exorcist and quickly becomes involved in a "missing ghost" case that isn't as open-and-shut as it first appears. Similar in style and subject matter to Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child's *Brimstone* (Grand Central, 2005), the book combines the detective thriller with supernatural elements to create a plot filled with suspense, ghoulish apparitions, and the Catholic Church. The narration provides a nice mix of dialogue and action, with humorous undertones sprinkled throughout, as Castor must rely on the help of zombies, werewolves, and a succubus to solve the mystery. Although the story begins slowly, it quickly picks up and comes to a satisfying end, finishing Castor's current adventure with a few subplots that are likely to be tied up in the next novel in the series.—*Kelliann Bogan, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH*

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Starred Review Carey, a noted comics writer and creator, follows up his excellent debut, *The Devil You Know* (2007), with this even better, and even weirder, sequel. Felix Castor, a freelance exorcist, is hired to find a missing person—well, technically, a missing ghost: a young woman who died last year, and whose spirit returned to her family home but now appears to have vanished. (We told you it was weird.) Little does Felix suspect that this seemingly minor case will lead him into dangers more terrifying than anything he could imagine, or that he will soon be trying to stop the resurrection of a demon of almost limitless evil. Considering its scary subject matter, the novel is relatively light, almost breezy, a traditional first-person detective story with a supernatural twist. The cast of characters is appropriately offbeat (Castor's old friend is possessed by a demon; the object of Castor's romantic crush is a succubus), and the story is full of scares, then laughs, then more scares. A treat for fans of supernatural fiction and of private-eye yarns. Genre-bending at its best. --David Pitt

Review

"[A] deftly crafted, can't-turn-the-page-fast-enough read."? **Kirkus (starred review) on *Vicious Circle***

"Felix offers a darkly droll take on the circumstances of his world, which is just as familiar, intricate, and morally tangled as our own."? **Entertainment Weekly on *Vicious Circle***

"A treat . . . Castor follows up his excellent debut with this even better sequel . . . Genre-bending at its best."? **Booklist (starred review) on *Vicious Circle***

"*The Devil You Know* is a spectacular novel, one of the best supernatural thrillers I've read in years."? **Douglas Preston, New York Times bestselling author of *The Book of the Dead***

"Engrossing . . . perfect . . . an ingeniously multilayered tale."? **Publishers Weekly (starred review) on *The Devil You Know***

"An imaginative spin on the hard-boiled detective . . . mixes horror and humor in a way that spells good omens for future Castor novels."? **Entertainment Weekly on *The Devil You Know***

"Carey transcends his comic roots in this quirky, dark and imaginative tale that compels reader to keep turning pages long after they should have gotten to sleep." **Kirkus (starred review) on *The Devil You Know***

"Every bit as good as Jim Butcher, Carey hits his stride."

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"The Felix Castor novels are splashed with color and texture, their characters are larger than life (or death), and the stories are, well . . . out of this world. Castor is a remarkably believable character... A wholly engaging blend of the detective and fantasy genres."

Booklist on *Dead Men's Boots*

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