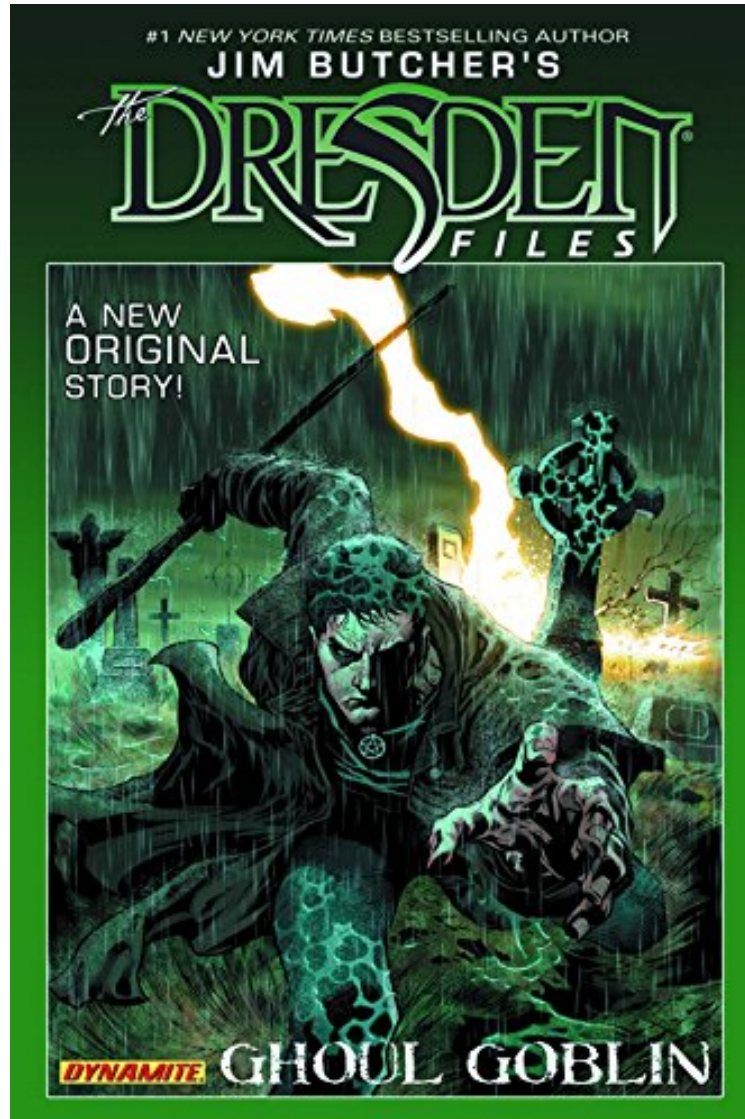


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Jim Butcher, Mark Powers : Jim Butcher's Dresden Files: Ghoul Goblin before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jim Butcher's Dresden Files: Ghoul Goblin:

126 of 131 people found the following review helpful. The Complete HC Collection - A Solid, Twisty StoryBy Pop BopFirst things first - This 162 page hardcover collects all six issues of the original Harry Dresden story "Ghoul Goblin". It also includes an original series summary, sketches and script to pencil story board sketches. There are individual comics that run about 30 pages that are available from third party sellers, but this is the only collection. There are some reviews on this site that refer to the first comic book, and I suspect that when that comic became

unavailable and this hardcover was announced those old reviews were incorrectly transferred to the site. That happens more often than one would like. So, that said, how do we feel about this collection of the entire six comic book story? Well, I like Butcher's Harry Dresden, and I particularly like the way the Dresden stories are presented in Butcher's published fiction. Butcher writes a good action sequence, but I especially admire the fashion in which Dresden communicates with and converses with other entities, especially powerful magical and spiritual entities whom he must placate and from whom he seeks assistance. Dresden is very formal and elegant in those scenes and the writing is well above the average. Dresden is not just a slam/bam actioner. The comics that make up this collection, which becomes, basically, a graphic novel, offer glimpses and suggestions of that style and substance, with the added virtue of generally expressive and reasonably immersive drawings. The story has a lot of twists and turns and surprises, with revelations sprinkled along the trail instead of all saved up for the end. Several characters besides Dresden are developed well, and the tale is logical and internally consistent. Dresden can be a little angsty, but that is part of his appeal, (aren't most superheroes tormented in some way?), and it isn't overdone. The upshot is that this is a nice intro for someone new to Dresden and a solid stand alone treat for fans. Sounds OK to me. Please note that I received a free advance copy of this book in exchange for a candid review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Curse and Conflict

By Arthur W Jordin

Ghoul Goblin (2013) is an original Fantasy graphic novel in the Dresden Files series, following Fool Moon. The initial volume in this sequence is Welcome to the Jungle. In this novel, Harry Dresden is the only Wizard in the Chicago Yellow Pages. He seems to be unable to restrain his mouth at the bad guys, but is a sucker for kids and some women. Bob is Harry's supernatural advisor. He lives in a skull and avidly likes nude women. Prescott Tremaine is a Deputy in Boone Mill, Missouri. Pres is the only fulltime Deputy in the town. Ambre Marie LaChaise is Pres' girlfriend. She is a student at the local community college. The Talbots are an influential family in Boone Mill. The oldest is Joseph Talbot. He has four nieces and nephews. Cedar is the Mayor of the town. She is an older woman with an air of confidence. Dagget is the Sheriff of the town. He gets along by getting along. Griswald is the town gravedigger. He lives in the cemetery. In this story, during World War I, a Talbot served in Egypt as a Major in the British Army. One day he tried to push around some locals and got cursed for his offenses. The Talbots started dying from the curse. Some now live in Boone Mill. In the current era, Harry is underwater being drowned by some kind of monster. The creature is man-shaped, but quite comfortable in the lake. Harry finally just shoots the thing and escapes. Then he spends several hours searching for the creature. All that water left Harry with a cold or the flu. By the time he gets to his office, he is hacking and sneezing. Harry discovers Pres waiting for him outside the office. Pres presents Harry with pictures of two messy killings. Pres thinks certain of the wounds are from animals, but others are not. Both of the victims are Talbots. Pres hires Harry to investigate the killings and to protect the survivors. Harry meets him later in Boone Mill. Pres introduces Harry to Dagget. Then Harry reads the case files and consults Bob. The next day, Harry fixes wards around the cemetery. Any supernatural creature will be obvious within the area. Then the people start arriving. Pres points out the Talbots and the Mayor. Harry asks him to check for unknown persons in the cemetery. Pres points out Griswald. When Harry confronts Griswald, his sight shows a goblin. The creature is also very agile and avoids Harry's blasts with his staff. Pres tries to arrest the goblin, but only warns the creature to avoid his shots. The goblin gets away. Dagget is very angry at Pres and Dresden. He has only seen the illusion instead of the true monster. This tale also introduces Harry to a Ghoul. The two monsters seem to be having a feud. Yet both are trying to kill Talbots. Harry also learns that the Mayor has a secret. She has been hiding it for years. The danger to the Talbot children cause her to reveal it to Harry. Harry is overmatched in this story. The next installment in this sequence has not yet been announced on , but should be a graphic novel version of Grave Peril. Highly recommended for Butcher fans and for anyone else who enjoys tales of supernatural creatures, heroic deputies, and courageous females. Read and enjoy!

-Arthur W. Jordin

55 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Bad Medium

By Rick

This is a hardcover collection of the 6-issue miniseries by Dynamite Comics. Butcher wrote the series, so it fits perfectly within the Dresden Files world in terms of atmosphere, tone, dialog, etc. The problem is that so much of what makes the novels so great are Harry's internal monologues. The graphic novel contains the action scenes, and just enough narration to move the plot along; but those long internal monologues wherein Harry alternately berates himself for his failings, pumps himself up for battle, and struggles with making the "right" decision are what gives the novels their heart. That is noticeably absent here.

From the mind of best-selling author Jim Butcher, an ALL-NEW, COMPLETELY ORIGINAL Dresden Files story that pits Chicago's mystical detective against bloodthirsty rural monsters. Harry Dresden, a Chicago private investigator and wizard, heads to a small, isolated Missouri town terrorized by Nevernever monsters. The singularly unfortunate Talbot family has suffered a curse that has decimated their number for generations, and only our hero can save them... that is, if he can survive hostile lawmen, the dark secrets of townsfolk, an ancient guardian spirit, and two

deadly carnivores! Can Dresden cleanse the Talbot bloodline of its curse without a blood sacrifice of his own?