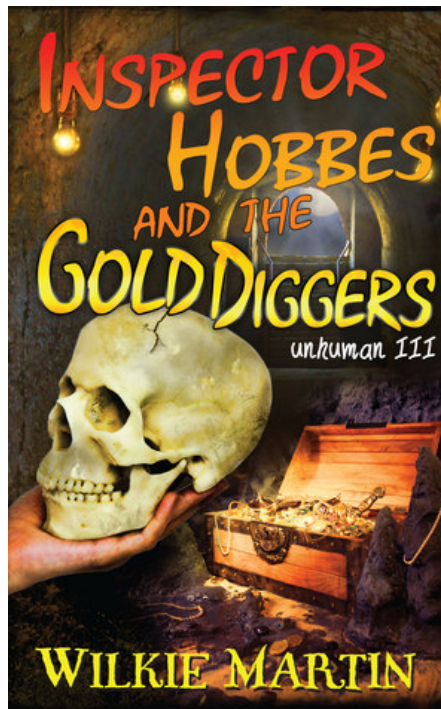




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On their return to the sleepy Cotswold town of Sorencester, Hobbes is dumbfounded when Kathy, a reminder of his hippy days, turns up on the doorstep with her baggage. Since Hobbes has to solve a gold robbery and contemplate some perfectly ordinary rocks, Andy must entertain Kathy while trying to protect his new love from a monstrous opponent working for the sinister Sir Gerald Payne. Despite his usual blunderings and an inability to throw straight, Andy displays genuine courage.

Can Andy survive dinner with a vampire? Can Hobbes recover the gold? And what is Kathy's relationship to Hobbes?

This, the third in Wilkie Martin's unhuman series of fast-paced comedy crime fantasies will reveal all.

'I always knew you'd get ahead some day.'

From Reviewers:

'Hobbes and Andy follow the Hobbes-Watson dynamic', 'had me giggling' (book reviews forevermore <http://clsiewert.wordpress.com>)

'Once again I was transported into another world', 'This author has become one of my favourites' (Koeur's Book Reviews Blog <http://koeur.wordpress.com>)

'dastardly villains', 'serves well as a stand alone novel' (carolyninjoy's blog review <http://carolyninjoy.wordpress.com>)

'as inventive as they are entertaining' (Cotswold Life)

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Kim says

This is a really entertaining book and the latest in the Inspector Hobbes series, but, the first one I have read. I want to rate it 4 1/2 stars, actually, but, I can't give that rating here.

The world of Inspector Hobbes and his side-kick, Andy Caplet, is a fantastical place filled with unsuspecting humans, other-worldly folk, vampires and lots of mythical and unusual creatures, all living together in rural England. Hobbes is a policeman and has super-human strength and power beyond any ordinary man. He is a kind and caring man and takes the hapless Andy under his wing when he loses his job as a reporter. Living in Hobbes's house with his housekeeper, Mrs Goodfellow, Andy often helps Hobbes with cases he is working on, very often, causing more confusion along the way!

I loved this book from the first page. Andy is the narrator and is such a self-deprecating character that it is hard not to like him whilst feeling a little sorry for him, at the same time. The world built by Wilkie Martin is really unusual and is teeming with all kinds of creatures living together, but, seemingly unbeknown to most humans. It is amusing from the start and a really enjoyable read. Whilst this book does stand alone and the characters are easy to pick up with, I do think I would have benefitted from reading the series from the beginning, even if only to get the full back story on why Andy lost his job and ended up living with Hobbes and Mrs Goodfellow, in the first place.

If you like to read light-hearted, enjoyable books with a twist of the unusual about them, then I can highly recommend the Inspector Hobbes books.

? Irena ? says

Compared to the previous book, this one has a couple of huge improvements. Andy's behaviour isn't as obnoxious. I mean, he is completely dumb only once here. He no longer jumps when Mrs. Goodfellow speaks and he genuinely cares for Hobbes. He cared before too, but this time he shows us that too. In 'Inspector Hobbes and the Gold Diggers' Andy finally settles with these weird and wonderful people.

Another thing I loved is you finally get more information about Hobbes. And I love this character so much.

The mystery is decent too. There's a bank robbery, a skeleton and corrupted people to be dealt with. Even Andy finds more courage than before.

I really didn't like their American visitor, although she redeems herself a bit in the end.

Beth says

fun

Arnis says

<https://poseidons99.wordpress.com/201...>

Carolyn Injoy says

[He discovers a skeleton, the police are called, the widow arrives to identify the remains & over it, And

Sherry Wilson says

A thoroughly delightful story. As before, Andy's misadventures had me in stitches laughing. It so nice to occasionally read a mystery with humor. I only hope there will be more adventures with Andy and Hobbes.

Betty says

I have become a fan of Inspector HOBBS and Andy Caplet. This funny tale had me smiling and laughing as I read it. This story of the unhuman set in Cotswold. The players are so well developed that I can see them in action. The Inspector is huge, strong and fast. He can be either tough and friendly as the needs may be. Beware don't mistreat a woman in his presence. Poor Andy means well but makes a lot of mistakes. When he in in trouble HOBBS shows up. Other Important people are Mrs Goodfellow, Featherweight, Denny and Billy. In this book we find Kathy, his daughter(?), Daphne and Pinky. We must not forget Dreggs, his dog. I looking forward to reading the next adventure of the subhuman series.

Full Disclosure: I a free copy from the publisher through Netgalley for a honest review. I would like to thank them for the opportunity to read and review this book. The opinions are my own.

Wing Kee says

A strong focus on character makes this another good entry in the series.

World: The world building is good once again, it's very casual and cozy in the way in which it introduces new pieces to the world, especially the supernatural. Additionally the fact that the world building is mostly tied to characters and their origins and past makes this world feel lived in, cohesive and real. The new Vampire and also the gold angle was interesting and I really liked the locale change this time around, it was kinda fresh for the series.

Story: I liked how character driven and quiet moments this book was. There is a lot of bonding time between Andy and Hobbes and I really enjoyed it. It not only helped Andy as a character (which I am not a fan of) but it also gave a layer of depth to Hobbes which was missing. The story which is tied into their relationship and also the past is also an interesting one as at the core of this new book it's about family and finding a place in

the world for themselves and this book goes into that. I also liked the locale and the mystery, which was not really all that heavy and was kinda lost in the midst of all the drama, but it was still pretty good.

Characters: Andy is still a wet blanket but he has changed a bit over the series and this time he does come into his own a bit. He's still a wet blanket but there are some dry patches that are comfortable and relatable. Hobbes and his situation this time around was great, giving great depth for him and his past which I think grounded him and made him less an enigma and more of a relatable character. The new characters from XXXX to XXXX both serve well for this book, one for Andy and one for Hobbes, they did a good job at expanding the cast of characters.

I really liked this new chapter in the series, it was character focused and I am more and more connected with these characters.

Onward to the next book!

Koeur says

<http://koeur.wordpress.com/2014/09/29...>

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Publisher Description: Receiving unwanted attention after foiling an armed robbery, the unhuman Inspector Hobbes takes a long-overdue camping holiday, with Andy, his accident-prone friend, and Dregs, the delinquent dog. In the bleak and dangerous Blacker Mountains, Andy stumbles across something shocking, before falling for an attractive widow, while Hobbes wonders why an old gold mine has reopened.

Review: Pretty lame cover art.

Once again I was transported into another world where the characters are interesting and build in tandem with the story line. This author has become one of my favorites as he uses his characters to showcase a dry wit in tense situations. No one character leaves the story unscathed by this rapier like wit.

We finally get an idea as to what Inspector Hobbes truly is while riding along in search of stolen gold and the mystery of the Blacker Mountains. Although the plot is easily figured out early in the novel, most of your interest is in Andy. Why Andy? Well you can't help but pull for the bungler especially when a cute damsel is in play.

Have fun with this one and hope that the author writes another.

AudioBookReviewer says

My original Inspector Hobbes and the Gold Diggers audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

Creepy, Kooky, Mysterious and Quirky!!! Hobbes and Andy are at it again! Hobbes takes a vacation to the Blacker Mountains and Andy goes with him – they are going to rough it ... and of course, poor Andy finds himself smack dab in the middle of a murder case, falling for a smart and beautiful widow, dinner with a vampire, and struggling to maintain his space in Hobbes' home!

Hobbes is investigating a series of bank robberies, a reopened gold mine, ducking reporters, and dealing with Kathy, his alleged daughter who hails from America. All the while, Hobbes keeps order and keeps Andy from getting hurt too badly!

The fun and action are non-stop. One cannot help but love the slapstick humor of Andy and the puns of Hobbes. Andy's growth in this book is far more than previous ones; one thing is certain – he is loyal and cares greatly for Hobbes, Mrs. Goodfellows, and Dregs.

Wilkie Martin delivers yet another delightful book of puns, crazy slapstick humor, and new interesting and dangerous characters! Each book is better than the last, new twists and character growth. I enjoyed the first book and the second one as well but this one is even funnier and more dangerous for Andy and Hobbes than any of the others. I also find that Sid, the Vampire Banker is downright lovable!

Tim Campbell's performance is spot on! Each character has their own voice and personality that shines due to Campbell's amazing talent. Campbell becomes each character, reflecting them and their personality accurately throughout the book. Love to hear him perform the Hobbes series. I cannot imagine another voice as Andy or Hobbes! This was a great listen - it has everything, fun, mystery, intrigue, romance and of course unhumans!

There no issues with the quality or production of this audiobook.

Audiobook was provided for review by the publisher.

carol. says

Something about this series has proven to be a perfect little in-between, amusing reads that go down smoothly without late nights or missed appointments. The third in a series about Inspector Hobbes and the hapless Andy, Inspector Hobbes and the Gold Diggers details the adventures of the two as they go on holiday and investigate a bank robbery. For those who have yet to read the series, this installment can stand alone. However, there is background mystery to a couple of characters revealed here, as well as interesting character growth from the first, all the more satisfying with the build.

Can I confess? I was on the lookout for the puns. This one had me giggling, probably because it was so unexpected:

“‘Hardly, old boy, I’ve slowed down with age.’

‘Age?’ said Hobbes, looking severe. ‘More like your drunken life style.’

‘Drunken? I haven’t touched a drop since 1950.’

‘Since it’s only ten-past eight, now,’ said Hobbes, ‘you’ve lasted all of twenty minutes.’“

There's an extended one based on Shakespeare that had me chuckling—and groaning. But don't worry; it's not all puns. There's some straight-forward humor as well:

“I banged my head on the windscreen, but I'll be alright in a moment.’

‘Yes,’ said Hobbes, ‘I saw that. What have I told you about seatbelts?’

‘Umm... seatbelts are for wimps?’

‘No... well, I may have said it once, but I also said that you should wear one.’“

In all seriousness though, Martin did a nice job of keeping within the structure of his world and character set-up and still managing to surprise me. Hobbes and Andy follow the Hobbes-Watson dynamic, with Inspector Hobbes is similar to his namesake; clever, observant and multi-talented, although with a penchant for cracking marrow bones over taking cocaine. Like Watson, Andy is usually two steps behind, frequently distracted by good food and a pretty face. As usual, Hobbes—and the reader—solve the mystery before Andy, so part of the enjoyment is seeing how it all unfolds. I also appreciate the development of Andy's character. Although Andy plays the role of fool, the laughter around him is more from fondness than mocking, and that Andy is learning to appreciate the humor in it as well.

All in all, this installment tied up a number of interesting background threads as well as a lovely sunset montage that would be a satisfying series ending.

“It was worth hanging in there because I'd seen so many things I wouldn't have otherwise. It was true some of them gave me nightmares, but it was great to have a life and to be building up a store of memories.”

kartik narayanan says

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This, he'd stated, was neither a punishment, nor that my name had sprung to mind as a competent and reliable reporter. It was because no one else was available. Such remarks, typical of the man, made me question why I worked for him. I wouldn't have, had I believed anyone else would employ me, and had I dared hand in my notice, for the Editorsaurus was a big, scary man, yet neither as big or scary as Hobbes, if rumours were to be believed ... and I believed them..

Introduction

The Unhuman series, written by Wilkie Martin, consists of four books so far. These are ‘Inspector Hobbes and the Blood’, ‘Inspector Hobbes and the Curse’, ‘Inspector Hobbes and the Gold Diggers’ and ‘Inspector Hobbes and the Bones’.

This series stars the eponymous Inspector Hobbes as well as Andy Caplet, the protagonist who is written in first-person. He is clumsy, unsure, dim-witted and possesses no redeeming qualities when we meet him. Inspector Hobbes on the other hand is the quintessential British Copper who is polite, smart, dynamic and not human. If Andy Caplet is best described as Bertie Wooster + Watson + Arthur Dent, then Hobbes is Jeeves + Holmes + Ford Prefect.

The stories revolve around solving mysteries in an outrageously punny way. These mysteries are set in the Cotswolds in the present world and are not too complex.

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Alisi ? wants to read too many books ? says

My favorite of this series. I loved it all, from start to finish. Well, mostly all of it.

Tanya Avines says

The magic is back! I was worried a bit when Mrs. Goodfellow went to visit a relative, and I absolutely could not stand Kathy's rudeness. But the old banter, witty jokes & Mrs. Goodfellow's return, plus a little mystery, made for another fun book. Love Dregs, Hobbes & Andy.

David Grieve says

More of the same. Great fun, intriguing and engrossing. If you like one you'll like them all. Gentle self-deprecating humour some of which is laugh out loud funny.
