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A failed paramilitary assault on a nest of vampires gives a group of monster hunters called the Blackguards a terrifying glimpse of how deadly the bloodsuckers really are. Now, hunted by the ones they failed to kill and on the run from the law, they're forced to puzzle together the mystery of a strange carcass from colonial times that their ruthless billionaire nemesis will stop at nothing to possess.

With one of their own bitten and mutating into a deadly creature of the night, they race against time as they travel the back roads of the Carolinas in a desperate attempt to save her life. But their journey toward salvation will lead to darker places than they ever could have imagined.

Blood Savages is the first novel in the Blackguards series about a misfit band of Southern heroes with extraordinary abilities. But these ain't your high-browed superheroes flying invisible jet planes, living in fancy mansions, and sporting glittery spandex getups. The Blackguards drink too much, they tote guns, they drive muscle cars and beat-up trucks. None of them can claim a squeaky clean past and some ain't even exactly human. But one thing's for certain; they'll stand against the denizens of the underworld and the corrupt men that seek to harness its dark powers, fighting the battles that no one else can.

Because, down South, sometimes the heroes are the monsters.

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Scott says

Blood Savages is an action-packed adventure novel dealing with The Blackguards, a team of monster hunters who are for the most part monsters themselves. It contains elements of the "men's adventure" genre that I loved so much as a youngster, but with an added element of the supernatural and characters that aren't just cardboard cutouts.

Much of the fun in this first book of a projected series is getting to know the players. Each has a backstory that is both entertaining and informs who they are in the present day. There is enough mystery left about the Blackguards and its individual members to carry through in to future volumes.

The novel ends with a bit of a cliffhanger, but it is like the post-credit bits of Marvel films that whet the appetite for the next adventure. The main story is wrapped up so the reader isn't left in the lurch. There are few things that annoy me more than finishing a novel and running in to a "To Be Continued"; thankfully that doesn't happen in Blood Savages.

As the first book of a series Blood Savages does exactly what it should: it sets up the world, introduces us to the characters, and still provides a great story on its own. I'm definitely a fan and will be buying Book 2 as soon as it is available. Write faster, Mr. Ward! 5 stars, highly recommended.

Bernie says

A different slant on the paranormal world. An interesting view of natural paranormal entities and man made ones. Moving the discrimination discuss to a new setting.

Pamela says

Think of it as the Winchester Boys, but with a whole team of monster hunter and everyone has an ability or is a monster. Action packed, it is urban fantasy more than straight, unsettling horror. I had to keep reading it once I started as it drew me into the story.

Liz says

I won this book in a Goodreads giveaway.

Initially the gruesome cover of the book and the notes on the back that said this book dealt with defeating vampires had me expecting a story that I was prepared to dislike.

However, the first page got my attention and I discovered this story was way different than I expected. It turned out to be a fast paced adventure with a twisting plot that kept me involved. The characters of the Blackguards were all unique and interesting. The dialogue was sharp, the action was plentiful and there was plenty of humor to balance the dark stuff.

The ending left every indication that we will hear more of the Blackguards. I'll look forward to that.

R.K. Cowles says

a goodreads giveaway that was difficult to rate since there were interesting scenes and not so interesting scenes. some good humor. good enough for 3 stars but I just couldn't give more not even a half stars extra. yet it was still a good story in some respect.

Christopher Nelson says

The best action movie I've read in a long while!

As the first in hopefully a long collection of dark adventures, Blood Savages sets the tone for one of the fastest paced and most well written novels in modern horror. From character development to plot structure, I found this book easy to get lost in and hard to put down.

D. Alexander Ward presents each character in memorable detail, alive and often with a full spectrum of emotion. Each comes with monstrous twists touching on the wide array of horror mythos, from Gothic to Lovecraftian to Voodoo, and even those darker unknowns from real history. But despite incredible accuracy of research and presentation within the boundaries of charted territory, these characters bring their own unique design to the theater, adding facets and depth through great dialogue and interaction.

The plot moves at a brisk pace, through multiple and converging sub-lines, and with nicely played conflict and continually ramping levels of tension to keep readers at seat's edge. On the believability scale, Blood Savages does a hell of a job of maintaining accepted lore and modern military, then using what we already accept as real to interact with the fantastic for an unforgettable ride.

Overall, the writing is superb and puts readers right into the story with seamless presentation and professional prose. Backstory blends with and serves the main structure well without sacrificing momentum or interest, and the plot complications are easy enough to follow, albeit with tons of anticipation to keep the story alive. This first Blackguards novel delivers an introduction to D. Alexander Ward's unique world of characterization and storytelling that promises a memorable series. I recommend this for anyone who enjoys a good monster/ hero story with plenty of real people and graphic novel punch. An easy and unforgettable 5-stars!

Rochelle says

4.5* Full review here: <http://www.chocomeiske.com/2016/07/15...>

I received a copy from the publisher, Necro Publications, for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion in any way.

From the very first paragraph, the reader is thrust into a tension filled, nail-biting, fast-paced. action-packed plot that will have you on the edge of your seat, rooting for these unlikely heroes, as you cheer them on, fear for them and laugh out loud at the often hilarious dialogue and moments. I had to laugh out loud at what Danny thought an alpha vampire might keep in the trunk...boy was he off the mark! Fun is here to be had in spades and the characters are well-formed and memorable. They are who they are meant to be.; they play their roles well and I loved them because of it. They're so real, they practically leap off the pages. This banged up crew is far from ordinary, for they have been chosen by the General because of their special abilities, and they're all that stand between the vamps, clueless cops and the rest of civilization.

Shane Douglas Keene says

I'll be writing a full review in a few days. Suffice it for now to say this is a great book. Cover to cover action and some of the most entertaining antiheroes I've encountered. Gloriously violent and frequently hilarious, the Blackguard make Sam and Dean Winchester look like the Hardy Boys.

Stephen says

I won this book on Goodreads!

Unlike anything I've read before. To be honest, not the kind of thing I usually read. But I'm glad I did. Action-packed and very dark. I enjoyed it!

Leann says

This is a seriously fun romp! I loved the fast paced story and the nuanced characters. A book with vampires is normally not my thing but I loved how the author put a unique spin on the old mythos. I'm glad this is the first of a series as I can't wait to see what happens next. Totally loved this book!

Rose says

Havin' a drink and saving the world...

"Who..." the man stammered, "What are you people?"

Danny cocked his head and sniffed of the man's stink.

"We're the good guys."

Do you like your heroes a little more grounded? These guys might fit the bill then – they drink, they smoke, and they use bad language. Some of them aren't even entirely human. They get around in beat-up RV's and old muscle cars, and they put their lives on the line to take out the things that go bump in the night. Led by the General, a man who is older than he looks and a lot more experienced than he lets on, the Blackguards are an eclectic group with mysterious and interesting pasts. Danny Byrne is an Irishman with an ancient secret and a bottomless tolerance for liquor. Dixon Kane was once muscle for a Southern family, but despite his inhuman heritage he's still looking for redemption. Anyika was a schoolteacher and mother, but now she's using her Gullah background to seek revenge. Switch is a Choctaw with a degree from MIT and Belle

is a psychically gifted woman who runs a bar while raising her son. Together they make an unorthodox team who keep you guessing, laughing, and sometimes cheering.

In this, the first novel in the Blackguards series, they are after an ancient evil. Who knew vampires were real? But while these young bloodsuckers seem to embody every cliché from the movies, the truly ancient ones from which they were made are another monster entirely. So strap in and hold on. Blood Savages is fast and dirty, and you won't want to miss a thing.
