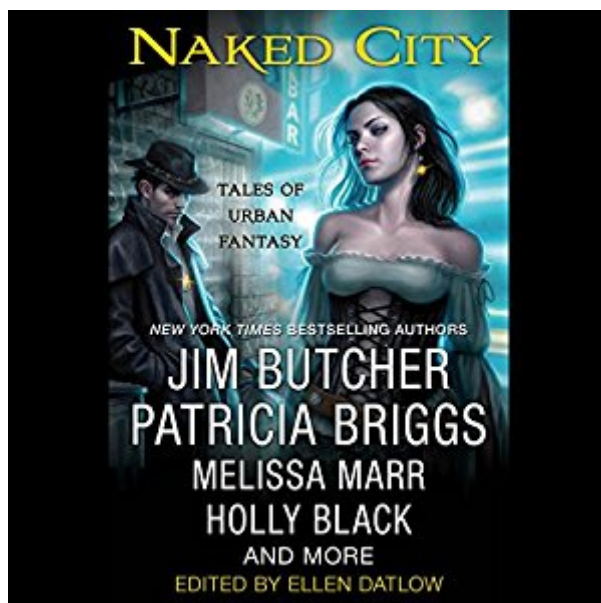


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# Naked City



## Synopsis

In this thrilling collection of original stories, some of today's hottest paranormal authors delight, thrill and captivate readers with otherworldly tales of magic and mischief. In Jim Butcher's "Curses", Harry Dresden investigates how to lift a curse laid by the Fair Folk on the Chicago Cubs. In Patricia Briggs' "Fairy Gifts," a vampire is called home by magic to save the Fae who freed him from a dark curse. In Melissa Marr's "Guns for the Dead," the newly dead Frankie Lee seeks a job in the afterlife on the wrong side of the law. In Holly Black's "Noble Rot," a dying rock star discovers that the young woman who brings him food every day has some strange appetites of her own. Featuring original stories from 20 authors, this dark, captivating, fabulous and fantastical collection is sure to have readers coming back for more. The complete list of authors includes: Ellen Datlow (editor), Peter S. Beagle, Elizabeth Bear, Holly Black, Patricia Briggs, Jim Butcher, John Crowley, Jeffrey Ford, Christopher Fowler, and Caitlin R. Kiernan.

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## Customer Reviews

I am hard core Dresden (Jim Butcher) fan. I bought this book on a whim because I was itching for more Dresden. Instead I found new authors to explore. My favorite story in this compilation is "Bottle Tree" a beautiful mix of philosophy, magic and romance. Highly recommended if you are browsing different authors and styles.

One story from Jim Butcher and the book is sold on that basis? Was really disappointed in some of

the stories, and incensed that I paid so much for the collection. Just because there was one short Dresden story in it. That said, there were about four other stories I felt were good, one about a pooka, one about a Chinese vampire, and can't remember the others. I read the anthology at least two months ago and wasn't even going to write a review, but I was doing a review and asked me about this book, so there it is. imo, the book is hugely overpriced. Worth about three bucks max. \*still smarting from the price\* Great premise, Naked City, fell short.

There were few good stories in this anthology but there were a LOT of stories. And the good ones were great: particularly Briggs and Butcher who are favs of mine.

Naked City is an anthology (collection of short stories) book. the Stories are a Urban fantasy genre (magic/supernatural in a modern world/city setting). Each stories is a unique blending of fantasy and modern world/life make this an entertaining read. I'm confident that there will be more than one stories that will have you coming back to read over and over again. Anyone who loves an action, drama, suspense, and humor that is creatively blended with fantasy, supernatural, this is a must buy!

The only story that was any good was Jim Butcher's. I did not like most of the stories, what a waste of money.

Bought this for a Dresden fix. Pretty much the only value here. Skipped a few of the stories after first few pages. Just didn't capture my attention.

This collection is bigger than it looks. Over 500 pages, but even more content. Some of it is perfect. The biggest complaint I have with the Jim Butcher Harry Dresden story is that it is flawless. Start to finish. Urban fantasy, Chicago, the cubs, an authentic niche group from historical (folk tale) fantasy and the urban legend of why the Chicago Cubs are cursed, all wrapped up in a story where Harry is actually polite to someone. Patricia Briggs "Fairy Gifts" is tight, haunting and, like the Butcher novel, evokes a niche historical fantasy creature and meshes lore and story with perfection. Her River Marked - River Marked (Mercy Thompson, Book 6) is tight too. Briggs is back to telling clear, direct stories (River Marked has her heroine on a honeymoon, yet has as much on-screen sex as a Zelazny novel, and is roughly as tightly plotted as one too. Briggs looks to have a great 2011). Holly Black introduces a ghoul, (actually more than one, but a real ghoul along with the metaphysical

ones) in a touching story I'd love to see spun out into a novel. Melissa Marr has a strange tale of the afterlife. Not urban fantasy as it is usually considered within the genre, but good reading about finding a place in a city. But, the rest? Some of the stuff is mainstream tripe, glossed a bit, with characters you would willingly root against, tales of psychological collapse, some good, some terribly flat. I guess the down side of this collection is that there is any tripe at all. I know, sturgeon's law, but still. Worth buying for the good stuff, just be aware that parts of it you will be well able to do without.

some of the stories were great others...meh.

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