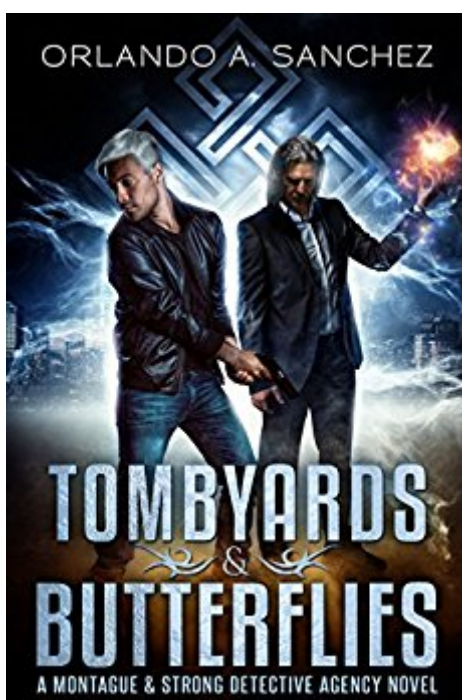


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Tombyards & Butterflies: A Montague And Strong Detective Novel (Montague & Strong Case Files Book 2)



Synopsis

A Kindle UK Storyteller Finalist
A Missing Ferryman. An Undead Dilemma. An Immortal Detective. An emissary from the Dark Council has just materialized in the office of the Montague & Strong Detective Agency, and makes Simon Strong an offer he can't refuse. Charon is missing. The legendary ferryman responsible for transporting sorcerer souls across the river Styx hasn't been seen in days. And with each passing hour, those unable to cross the river are left to walk among the living, tilting the world further out of balance. Meet Simon Strong, an immortal, who is also the best private detective in New York City. Together with his surly partner-Tristan Montague, a mage of indeterminate age, they must find the Ferryman and get him back to work before another Supernatural War ravages the earth, destroys humanity, and Simon's local coffee shop. Time is running out. His landlord wants the rent and Karma with a capital K is paying him a visit, and she can be a real pain. Join the Montague & Strong Detective Agency and help them locate Charon, so he can restore balance to the universe, put the dead sorcerers to rest, and maybe solve the age old conundrum-coffee or tea?

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Customer Reviews

The first book in a new series. I'm always on the look out for good books in this genre and with the review ratings on this book, it intrigued me to look at the blurb and a few of the reviews. The story revolves around Simone Strong, an immortal and a detective. His partner is a mage, not to be confused with a Wizard and don't ever call him a sorcerer. The pair is thrust into a seemingly impossible task from the Dark Council. It's emissary, a very powerful and deadly vampire who seems to be able to come and go as she please regardless of the safeguards placed on the office, needs the pair to do something important that she cannot be involved in. If this wasn't bad enough, the pair is also forced to do the bidding of a God. This god would be the last one you'd expect the pair to want to be in the presence of let alone doing the bidding of. The story of Simone is a murky one. He wasn't always an immortal. We learn the who of his change but not the why or the how. Knowing you can't die and testing it is something Simone wants to avoid at all costs but with his pension for letting his mouth get out of control, especially with a certain God, seems like it's not a matter of if but when. Tristan, his partner, is also an enigma. He's British, he's a mage, a former member of the Golden Circle, and there's something in his past but I guess we'll have to wait to find out what that is. We also learn that there are big differences in magic users but those differences are as clear as mud, yet another thing we'll have to wait to find out about. The story was well written with multiple plot lines woven together to keep me reading almost straight through. The author introduces a whole cast of characters that will surely be coming in the books to come. Many of the books I read today focus on one or two main characters and it's always refreshing to see an author come out with a storyline with multiple characters that capture the reader's interests, guaranteeing they'll want to stay with the series as it grows. If this a genre you're interested in then this book should be on your bookshelf.

Wow! I loved this book! It is one helluva roller coaster ride of laughs, thrills, chills, close calls and the bonds of friendship overcoming overwhelming odds. This is my new favorite supernatural detective agency duo. If you enjoy a hero whose mouth is a loaded weapon then Simon Strong is for you. His mage friend, Tristan Montague is usually the diplomatic one, trying to keep Simon from going off half-cocked at a moment's notice. He's not always successful, but he does try. However, you know the do-do has hit the fan when Tristan suddenly loses all restraint. Cannot recommend this book highly enough. Once I started it, I couldn't stop until the very last page. I will definitely be snatching up every book that the author, Orlando Sanchez puts out in this series.

This is the first book I have read by Orlando A. Sanchez and I am hooked. I really enjoy the

combination of smart ass humor, action and new takes on things I am already familiar with.

Excellent written, the people and others in the story are delightfully believable. I highly suggest you read this book, very enjoyable. I am going to purchase the second book in the series when I am done writing this review.

I use awesome too much, but I really enjoyed this story and incredibly enough the rice was great as well. This story had me at the Wolverine reference (gotta love Wolverine. Plus there is a smartass, and a British. This story was a bit choppy and each of the big scenes didn't appear fully flushed out. Don't get me wrong, it was a fun ride but there is room for improvement, it seems like Orlando was trying for Hemingway, when he should have been going for Heinlein (it makes sense in my head anyway) hope it helps. Like I said, great read.

This is how light urban fantasy is meant to be. Take your favorite buddy-cop movie/series, add some magic and demons and vampires, add a serious dose of snark, a dash of British pomp, and season liberally with refined cluelessness, and you might just find yourself with something like Montague and Strong. The bad: it's nothing you haven't read or seen before if you've watched more than an episode of Buffy or read more than three urban fantasy novels. If you want ground-breaking pulse-pounding

OMG-I-Can't-Believe-That-Happened-What-Sick-Bastard-Could-Even-THINK-Of-That?!?

reading...look elsewhere. This isn't early Sandman Slim. Instead, it's a *fun* book with really interesting characters, and that's where this book shines. On the surface, they're cliché...hard-bitten supernatural detective, powerful and proper English Mage, grumpy police Lieutenant. But they are handled *deftly*, and not at all as cliché as you might expect. In this book, we learn Strong's 'powers' but other than a few casually-dropped references, no *idea* how he got them or what they mean. And they're impressive and refreshing, and presented magnificently. Montague...or Monty...is equally powerful and equally mysterious. We don't *get* long-winded expositions about who they are and why they're here. We run into them on the street and get shanghaied into their adventure, and that's it. Like the guy sitting next to you in the DMV, he may mention an ex-wife but you don't (hopefully!) get three hours of backstory about how they met, what their romance was like, or how she liked to tie him up and bring in a gallon of used grease and a herd of goats. All that stuff comes over time, you're way more interested in getting through the DMV and heading over to the comic shop you learned he owns. We *know* there's more...and a lot more interesting!...stuff to learn. I confess I am (not literally!) *dying* to know about Strong's

legendary date! And a *lot* more about Chi! And what's the deal with Karma? Because these are interesting little tidbits in the Montague & Strong world that are hinted at, but not fully exposed. And done in such a way that we the readers...or at least me, the reader...are eager to know *more*! (For those of you a little wary of 'plot holes' and 'lack of backstory', let me assure you in book 2 and various short stories, a lot of information comes out, so...the author knows what he's doing) By way of comparison...hm. I'd compare this favorably with Hartness' Black Knight Chronicles...maybe even a smidgen higher on a first book against first book basis. It's not at Dresden Files level, no...but it's within spitting distance, if only because it's a lighter sort of series so they aren't fighting the same weight class, so to speak. Honestly, how can you resist? Strong gets a hellhound named *Peaches*!

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