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The moment of the demons' defeat became their greatest victory.

In the carnage after the last great battle against the demons, a doomed general discovers their hidden victory. Instead of being annihilated, unspeakable evil escaped into many unsuspecting worlds. To fight them, the men and women of the Crimson Pact must sacrifice everything—including their own lives.

In volume one, explore 26 stories (over 500 pages in print!) based on the worlds of The Crimson Pact about the valiant men and women who refuse to let the demons win, and those unfortunate souls caught in the epic struggle raging across the multiverse. New York Times Bestselling author and Campbell award nominee, Larry Correia and many urban fantasy, steampunk, sci-fi, horror, and fantasy writers tell the tales in this diverse collection of short stories, flash fiction, and novellas. Volume One has stories by Patrick M. Tracy, Richard Lee Byers, Jess Hartley, Donald J. Bingle, Chris Pierson, Barbara J. Webb, Kelly Swails, Sarah Hans, Patrick S. Tomlinson, Sarah Kanning, Isaac Bell, Elaine Blose, Kathy Watness, Daniel Myers, Justin Swapp, Rebecca L. Brown, Gloria Weber, Garrett Piglia, T.S. Rhodes, Lester Smith, Chanté McCoy, Suzzane Myers, EA Younker, Craig Nybo, and Larry Correia.

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From Reader Review The Crimson Pact Volume 1 for online ebook

Daniel says

Paul Genesse has done a fantastic job creating a universe in which stories from the same world can be told in a limitless number of worlds. I loved reading various authors' interpretations of similar demons inhabiting different worlds.

The other thing I loved about this book was the mix of short stories and flash fiction. Just when I was ready for a short story, a flash piece would come along and shock me with the quick ending.

The only reason I didn't give this 5 stars is because it was too dark for my tastes (personal preference). I wanted the demon fighters to have a little more success against the invading hoards.

I'm not a big reader of anthologies, but The Crimson Pact made me want to read more of them.

Blair Smith says

The Crimson Pact is an anthology that introduces a group of humans who have vowed to destroy demons that have escaped their world to wreck havoc in other worlds. All the stories share a common theme, but each author showcased has brought their own unique creativity to the table and has created different worlds and situations. I would even go as far as say that this book is a great blend of genres. I have read my fair share of anthologies, but this book truly is unique in that all the stories have the same basic background, but the authors are allowed free reign on where they want to take the story. Most Anthologies share a common genre but this book shares a common background.

All the stories were well written, some characters were more developed than others, but this is the first book and we will hopefully see more to come. All the story lines were well developed with just enough wit and charms to keep the reader interested. I did enjoy the book, and hope that the authors do not take to long in getting the full books or second installment out in stores soon.

There are a total of 26 short stories in the book, and they range from present day to futuristic, horror to sci-fi. I would recommend this book to people who are looking for new authors, new genres or even if you just want to read something different.

Enjoy-

Morgun Wolf says

An anthology of based off a short story entitled The Failed Crusade, many talented writers have contributed demon-hunter stories. I especially enjoyed the variety of writing styles, theme constructs, and approaches to continuing the premise introduced with The Failed Crusade beginning.

Donald J. Bingle says

Yes, I have a story in this anthology, so this review is just about the rest of the book. All I can really say is that this is a massive book filled with a wide variety of cool stories about demons in all sorts of different settings, different times, different dimensions, and different styles. Read it now, then look for The Crimson Pact, Vol. 2--now available in print, as well as Nook and Kindle.

E. Smith says

Finally getting to this! Great reading so far. It's hard to make a reader simultaneously suicidally despairing and wanting more in the first three pages, but somehow this book manages. Way to go, Patrick!

Dan Smyth says

Right between 3 and 4 stars for me. A smattering of short and flash stories about demons. Some really good stuff. A few fairly poor ones. On the whole, a decent read and fun to boot.

Read my full review here: <http://elitistbookreviews.blogspot.co...>

Wendy says

The Crimson Pact is an anthology based on the story “The Failed Crusade”. The premise here is that demons have come thru the veil, and are loosed upon the universe to wreak havoc in different ways depending on the type and level of demon, and world they find themselves in. The participants in The Crimson Pact have sworn a blood oath, doing whatever it takes to defeat and drive them from their world.

It is interesting to see where the stories lead given the origin story’s parameters. Every take is different in time and perspective. Many times I would find that the story ended too soon for my liking and was pleased to hear that in the next edition some authors may return, so if you were hoping for more in a particular story, you’ll definitely want to pick up the next volume. Some were very short and yet complete with a charming ending, others varied in length and scope.

Pros: I enjoyed the various perspectives, worlds, and timelines. There was a good variety of protagonists, and

the demon's perpetuation of evil in new and interesting ways.

Cons: There was a segment where there were a few submissions that were similar in type and I found that wasn't a good fit with me, (not my demographic~! LOL) so it was a bit tedious until I found one more to my genre. Perhaps if they were not in a cluster and separated out amongst the rest it would have helped.

Out of 26 short stories it is difficult to whittle it down to a few stand outs, but a shout out must be made to my favorites, in order of appearance: Jess Hartley for "To Duty Sworn", Patrick S. Tomlinson for "Monsters Under the Bed", Kathy Watness for "Sins of the Father", Kelly Swails for "Frankie's Girl", and Suzanne Myers for "Withered Tree".

Submissions for this EBook project are from indie authors, flash fiction authors and established authors, together to create this project where the authors are paid based on EBook sales and not an upfront fee. This is also a great opportunity for newbie authors to get published.

Anthologies are a great way to get a taste of many authors' style of writing and see if that is someone you'd like to read more of in the future. Overall it was an entertaining read, and I'm looking forward to the next installment to see what happens and catch up on some of my favorite authors.

Seth says

I did not know what to expect when I started reading the Crimson Pact, but I found it to be a great read. The variety of writing styles and settings were fun to experience. I liked getting the writers' insights as well.

The stories ranged from action pact to dark and despairing. There were even a few romances thrown in. This was actually my first experience reading steam punk, but I don't think it will be my last. A number of stories are left with an ambiguous ending, but I think that adds to the dark nature that comes with fighting demons. There were victories though, impressive ones at that. Even where things were left hanging, there is still hope that we'll see more of the story in the next volume.

The gambit ran the gambit from warriors on a quest to people in the wrong place at the wrong time. It was hard to not like the narrative of the mad homeless man in Nightmare Juice. Both of the officers from Things that Crawl and Monsters Under the Bed were very appealing too me. I look forward to more journal entries from the soldier in Brotherhood, fighting demons and natzis in New York City during WWII.

Pippa Jay says

A demon-infested anthology with a story to suit any fan of dark fantasy whatever your taste.

Patrick says

This anthology has stories of mine included, so it would be in bad taste to rate it. That being said, I'm quite proud to be involved with the project, and feel that I'm in the company of some excellent authors here.

