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Demon hunter Ty Burdin hung up his guns, knife, trench coat and fedora a year ago. Bags packed, hands washed of all demon politics, he's done. Forever.

In fact, to get far far away, he dragged Nora, his rockabilly secretary, from Miami to the Tennessee mountains where he's lived a life of peace—if peace can be defined as drowning in scotch and taking private eye jobs to keep the lights on. Jobs for real people. Not demons.

No demons.

He's retired from that. Remember?

Demon hunters aren't a dime a dozen, though, and when Ty's brother asks him for a favor—just one—what's a brother to do? Agreeing to take down one hillbilly demon shouldn't take that long. In. Decapitate. Out. Favor complete. Back to the office where Nora and his bottle of whiskey are waiting.

Unfortunately for Ty, staying retired doesn't seem to be in the cards, and an avalanche of bad luck draws him right back to an agency he despises and the career that nearly cost him his sanity.

This time, Ty has no way out and will have to face his own demons just to survive.

## **Beasts of Burdin Details**

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## J.A. Belfield says

Beasts of Burdin by Alex Nader is one of those surprise reads. A debut author with a tale about a demon hunter turned P.I.? One has to expect dry humour, a bit of sleaze on the lady front, and more personal demons of his own than he's probably hunted his entire life. Right?

Well, okay, maybe Beasts of Burdin is a little like that, but it's also a whole lot more.

It's unusual for a book that isn't by any means romance to make me have a massive soft spot for the MC, but Ty Burdin is one of those types who, despite all of his flaws and issues and attitude, you just can't seem to help but love the dude. I'm guessing this is mostly to do with his sense of humour. Sarcasm and sardonic retorts are a major part of my family household, so I could 100% appreciate the tone of this book. But more than that, I loved his reluctance over everything; the way his brother was the one who dragged him into the mess of the plot, but then ended up being the one who was tagging along in support; the entire world building with the agency; the imagination of the demons and the execution of such; the plot itself; and even Ty's aforementioned brother is a bit of smooth eye candy to Ty's rough. On top of all these was Ty's trusty and loyal secretary, writer-wannabe with a very realistic bent, Nora. She's so vibrant and an overall great addition to this already colourful cast—and I couldn't help but hope for a little spark between her and Ty. Maybe in a future book? I hope so, because they're so good together, the relationship between them and the subtle chemistry are so natural, it would be insane not to.

In short, Beasts of Burdin is a fun read, with a great cast of characters, a decent plot, and will definitely keep the urban fantasy readers out there, who appreciate a bit of humour, entertained. Check it out.

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## Vicki says

The first chapter made me think this was just a typical noir private detective story. But wow did it get going after that with 10 different kind of demons with all the damage those demons can impart and great main character development. Ty Burdin has the typical noir detective addictions: with addiction defined by the author as "the ardent enjoyer of all things that alleviate the drudgery of daily life" and he definitely enjoys his addictions. His sidekicks, Nora his receptionist and police detective Hartnet, round him out and keep him continuing to fight demons. The demon hunting Agency head, Rancic, is someone you love to hate. I look forward to more novels with all the main characters and hope Jason Diaz continues to excel in the Agency. Thanks to Mr. Nader I have some researching to see if his demons have all the attributes he has described.

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## Cat says

What happens when a demon hunter from a long line of demon hunters wants to retire? Ty Burdin is finding that out, the hard way. This book is loaded with awesome characters and I really enjoyed all the humor. The plot moves quickly and Ty is all about rolling with the punches. His team - made up of his secretary Nora and his brother help carry the story and really show how big of a lovable guy Ty is, contrary to his demeanor.

Really liked the various demons mentioned in the book - not your usual demons!

Really hoping to see more from this author as his style was really enjoyable and entertaining.

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### **Danielle Shipley says**

I had a fun night with my ARC of this puppy. Ty's narrative voice was snappy and amusingly jaded, just as one would hope for in a whisky-soaked private eye with demon decapitation at the top of his résumé. Talking of demons, the sheer variety sprinkled throughout the story was impressive – from soul barterers, to fortunetellers, to those who specialize in seduction and/or heatstroke. I never knew what turn the tale would take next, putting me in the same boat as the book's good guys, minus any realistic fear that I could be shot with the devil's bullet at any moment. (Yes. The devil's bullet. It's a thing, and take it from Ty, you don't want it to hit you.)

I enjoyed watching Ty relate to the cast around him. His brother Hartnet (who, free confession, I thought was kinda hot), adopted into the big-name demon-hunting family and fearlessly facing down the beasties the best a non-Burdin can. His secretary Nora, who will doubtless elicit the empathy of every writer out there who's trying to snag a publishing break while holding down a job where people keep getting shot and beheaded in their office space. (Inspiration can come at a heart-pounding price, eh, Nora?) And let us not forget the smug agency members with whom Ty probably couldn't play nice if he tried – and he wasn't trying. A wit like Ty's ought not be kept in a vacuum, so I was pleased to see him so often surrounded by good friends and... less-than-good less-than-friends.

If you're up for an entertaining adult urban fantasy, this is the book I'll point you to. From the small sampling I've had of the genre, "Beasts of Burdin" sailed smoothly to the top, and I'm looking forward to the series' continuation.

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### **Laney McMann says**

Still grinning.

I could say that the plot was tight, the story moved at the speed of light, and I liked the new approach on demons versus the world, and that would all be true, but even more than that— what kept me turning the pages was Ty. His voice is fresh and witty and sarcastic, and I found myself getting wrapped up in his words, the way he talked, the way he saw life. Really a great book that pulled me out of my own head and put me in someone else's. For me, that's the benchmark of a good story. Can't wait to see what Ty gets into in Burdin 2.

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### **Stephanie Embry says**

Loved this book so much. Another in a very satisfying recent run of indie books that is bringing my faith in books back to life.

Ty Burdin is a great anti-hero without being a cliché. His humor is exactly my style. His ultimate motivation for leaving the mysterious Agency blew me away--I was seriously not expecting that. It's so great to see an author embracing a more personal motivation, I've been growing weary of the bland "it's the right thing to do" motivations that are so prevalent lately.

The side character were just as great as Ty. Nora was a particular favorite, but Hartnet and the bartender were also great. Hell, even Diaz and The Agency's various members were well-written and interesting.

Putting aside the characterization, which I could seriously rave about all day, the action was PERFECT. Fast-paced without being whiplash-inducing. The twists and turns were unexpected but sensical, which really does speak volumes for Nader's ability.

One final note: my spouse is NOT a reader. Not even a little. He doesn't care for it, and he has dyslexia to struggle with. While I was reading Burdin, I laughed so often that he got curious, and took it from me. I had to wrestle it away to finish it, and I had to give it back the second I finished it.

We will have to buy two copies of the sequel, or else risk some major bruises in the fight over that one.

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### **Laurie says**

I just ate this book up! Totally enjoyable from the first page; Ty is a retired demon hunter. He is burned out, done in, just wants to be left alone. Unfortunately, for him, his brother needs his help, and Ty reluctantly accepts a job that promises big rewards. In so doing, he brings down a heap of trouble and a mess of a mystery.

I like Ty. He does not play well with others, and he marches to his own drum beat. Finding out his history during the course of the story was a lot of the fun of this book, for me. Ty is honest and straight-forward. He also has a rather jaded, but humorous world outlook. The story is well-told, flows smoothly, and continually held my interest. I cannot wait for the next book!

This book was given to me by the author or publisher in exchange for my honest review.

Reviewed by Laurie-J

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### **Jen says**

I received this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Here's a story about a man named Ty

Ex demon hunter, now private eye.  
He barely escaped the hunting life  
Grotesque demons and a hell of a lot of strife.

One year later he's being dragged back in

Back to killing demons and his own demon within.  
Only something is different this time around  
More demons than ever are here above ground.

Can this tortured man do what no one else can?  
Can he stop the demons and their master plan?  
Trust me, you will not regret reading Beasts of Burdin  
Because sarcastic wit, action, & mystery you'll find within.

Still not convinced? Perhaps Nora can persuade you  
Her confident style won me over and I'm sure it will you too.  
An undiscovered author who doesn't take any of Ty's crap  
She's a force to be reckoned with and well that's a wrap.

If you're still not convinced then I don't know what to say  
Other than it's great and I hope you pick up Beasts of Burdin today.

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## **Maghon Thomas says**

I love when I am surprised by a book that I like ALOT! I almost passed on this one, ALMOST, but I am SO GLAD, that I not only had a little inspiration, but that I took the chance to read something new. It's FANTASTIC! I think my favorite part is the most awesome sarcasm I've read in forever! The main character is full of shit, pardon that, but he even tells you, and though he is seriously crutching on his cigarettes and scotch, and he kills demons, and sometimes humans, he's a good guy, and sometimes, there is no black and white, but 50 shades of grey, and no, I don't mean that stupid novel of trashy sex scenes! LOL UhOh, now now, don't get mad, I'm talking about Ty and his demons here :)

So Ty is a retired demon hunter, turned PI. His family name is all people and demons need to hear, he and his family are legendary in the demon hunting community. And he's bad ass, and sometimes bad. LOL He has a serious issue with feeling, and has the best sarcastic humor I've read in a while. And though he will never ever admit it, he's a good guy, hiding behind the hard core look. If you took away the magical part, Ty reminds me of Harry Dresden, and let me explain that sentence. He has that calm about him. He knows he could die, he even says he's scared, but he's going to do it anyway, he's gunna go down fighting. He's not magical like Harry, but he has some serious weapons, and some very awesome sidekicks! And he has a past that's still haunting him :)

The writing is well done. I mean, who wouldn't snort and giggle at all of Ty's horribly sarcastic, dry, humorous comments. And you know that comes from somewhere, or someone :) And the world building is excellent, mostly because it's based on reality. There's not this big elaborate new deal, except that there are some demons and they are becoming more frequent, and they are killing more people. The plot line is excellent. You think retired demon hunter, and I kept thinking older guy, BUT Ty is in his very early 30's! He even talks like he's old sometimes. LOL I loved this. AND he has a very determined narration. He's very captivating.

There are some excellent side characters, like Ty's brother, and his secretary. Hart, his brother, and Nora his secretary, have completed Ty. The things that I would say lacked in Ty's character are made up for with them, and they are the perfect addition to the story, and I love them! And I loved that this is well into the

gritty, haunting Urban Fantasy Genre. It has so much to offer, and though this author is new with this book, I have so much to expect, because this one was great, which means it can still get better! I am definitely looking forward to book two. A well written, excellent beginning to a new series that I am so going to stalk for more! 5 FIERY DEMON HUNTING PAWS!

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### **Elyssa Marie says**

I had a lot of expectations for this book and I must say that I was extremely pleased! I was instantaneously interested in this book after reading the summary because I am a HUGE Supernatural fan! I mean, the Supernatural CW TV show. And this book really reminded me of the show and man, this book did not disappoint! This was such a fun read, I honestly could not put it down. If I didn't have other things to attend to I honestly would have just stuck myself in my reading corner and read this book in one sitting. The plot was so intriguing. I absolutely enjoyed reading about the supernatural world created by Alexander Nader. It's- WOW!!!

And Ty Burdin! As I read this book, I could not stop myself from picturing Ty Burdin looking like this handsome guy...

Dean Winchester. Yes, the dude from Supernatural.

O.O oh.my....

I think I may have a problem...

Yes! Dean Winchester is my Ty Burdin. Ty Burdin is a very interesting character. I love how complex he is with a very complicated past that greatly affects his present. And I love his personality!!! I enjoyed the sarcastic remarks and snarks. He's such a well- rounded character and in addition to his lifestyle, makes him such a well written and interesting character!

Overall, the book is an awesome supernatural read with very interesting and well- written characters! I would love to read more of Alexander Nader's work!!!

**My rating:**

**Would you recommend this book?: YES!**

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### **L.S. Murphy says**

Ty Burdin is a modern day Sam Spade fighting demons. his snark is almost as legendary as his bad attitude, both of which make him relatable. The plot rolls with ease, and the writing makes this a fairly quick read. Overall, an interesting novel that does exactly what a novel should: take the reader away for a few hours, especially since our lives have to be better than Ty's.

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### **Jessica West says**

Alexander Nader delivers a swift, round-house kick to the head right from the start. The action just does not stop. I have no fingernails left. Though this book is a complete knockout on its own, I definitely see more misadventures in Ty Burdin's future. I can't help but look for a bit of romance in everything I read, and Nader teases with the possibility. It's just enough to satisfy the girly part of me, but this book isn't a mushy, sappy romance. Beasts of Burdin is the very definition of action packed adventure, with a dark soul and teasing, rough-edged wit.

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### **Christina M Condy says**

Wow! This book truly surprised me. This book is about Ty an ex demon hunter turned private eye, who finds himself sucked back into the world of demon hunting. Ty is an overall ass! Sarcastic wit, dry humor, and a tiny bit of sleaze make this character not only fun to read but interesting as hell.



I actually loved Ty, and thought he was such a well rounded, well written character. Add in the family he has and his life style choices and it made him an amazing read.

This book has a fabulous cast of characters to go along with Ty. You will HATE Rancin, you'll love Nora and Hartnet. You will even come to love a demon or two. They kind of grow on you. This is a very fast read, has a fun plot, wonderful and smarmy dialogue, and with that dialogue that just right touch of humor.

If you like paranormals, angels/demons, fantasy, detective oh heck if you like books you will certainly not go wrong reading this beauty!

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