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"THE THING ACROSS THE WAY billowed like funeral drapery. It stood upon two stilt legs and wound its torso about the bedposts, somehow rigid and boneless in the same instant, fluttering upon a breeze only it felt. A sour stench filled the air, fetid and cloying and strangely familiar.

"It slithered free of the bed, gathered itself into some semblance of a man and stalked forward. The beast crossed the room in two strides. She drew in a great breath, but a fleshy limb cinched about her jaw and held her screams checked in her throat. The beast's face lay inches away. Though it lacked eyes and ears and nose, she knew the appendage to be such, for the pit which must be its mouth puckered open and closed. It spat a single word into the air.

"Liar."

"Yes, she was. And now it was too late to confess..."

DIABOLICAL EVIL stalks the English countryside as childhood friends become entangled in a treacherous game of cat-and-mouse when they face off with a hellish creature bent on their destruction. So begins the saga of Sarah and Tabitha in THE DEVIL'S TRILL, the first chapter of The Ladies Bristol Occult Adventures series, a collection of thrilling supernatural adventures from the mind of horror and dark fantasy author Rhoads Brazos.

Like a dark version of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson trapped in a world of the macabre, two friends from Bristol open forbidden doorways into the arcane and mystical realm of the occult and awaken the deadly forces that reside within.

Fans of the BUFFY, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER horror franchise and the BURTON & SWINBURNE ADVENTURE series will find a new world of terrifying fantasy in THE DEVIL'S TRILL that puts a modern spin on the gothic thriller.

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Harry Jahnke says

What a weird little book. I got it on a whim and wasn't expecting it to be so short. All the same, it was short, sweet, and to the point. The monster is creative, it's weirdly sexy at times, and ultimately, I'm not disappointed that I read it. If you have a free evening and want to try something different, I'd definitely recommend it.

The Grim Reader says

Sometimes you pick up a book with the intention of getting started on it. You then find a couple of hours later you are turning over the final page with a huge smile carved on your face. Horror can be fun, y'know?

The Devil's Trill by Rhoads Brazos has been marketed as a the kind of book that will appeal to horror fans (obviously, Adrian!), fans of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Sherlock Holmes. Now, having never, ever seen an episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, it is a little hard for me to make that connection, but I like and see the similarities between these two ladies and Holmes and Watson. I will say is that The Devil's Trill is a slight departure from publisher Grey Matter Press in that I think this novella would also appeal to YA readers. Most of Grey Matter Press' other releases lurk in much darker waters than this, and although this book does have its fair share of scares (the Devil being particularly unpleasant), there isn't too much to displease watchful adults should they stumble upon their teen son or daughter reading such a book.

The Devil's Trill introduces us to two characters, Sarah and Tabitha. They are childhood friends and fantastic characters each in their own individual way. A song played brings forth the prince of darkness and what follows is a race against the clock, through the bustling streets of Bristol. The interactions with The Diablerie (the Devil) are both frightening and exciting, and the chat between characters sees them bounce off of each other superbly thanks to Brazos' sublime dialogue, which is witty and realistic. I really enjoyed my brief time in the presence of these two fearless females and was wrapped-up in their dark (English) humour. This short read is a novella to savour and this is largely due to the writing. Brazos captures the Victorian gothic atmosphere with some style and the period-style prose keeps you thoroughly engaged, adding another luscious layer to this dark adventure. I only wished there were more.

Thankfully, It seems as though there will be more adventures from these dynamic damsels, and I for one can't wait to see where their travels lead us to next.

5/5 violins from The Grim Reader

Dionaea says

I'm kind of upset that this was only a novella to be honest.

Lily G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

This was a downright fun read. Unexpectedly delightful, and bawdy enough to have me laughing out loud at several points, yet never crossing the line into comedy.

A supernatural gothic thriller in bite-sized form that will leave you wanting more from these cheeky ladies.

Full review later.

Homefrontgirl says

If you're looking for a supernatural, demon-hunting pair that have courage and vim but just happen to be ladies of the Regency, look no further. My favorite part of this story, other than the dedication, is the witty dialogue between Tabitha and Sarah. Funny and full of surprises, this book will also leave you wanting to sleep with the lights on.

Curtis says

I've been meaning to read this story for some time, but I never got around to it until now. I sat in my reading nook and began reading with a cup of coffee. I finished The Devil's Trill before my coffee got cold. It is a great one-sit read! It is a novella that packs a powerful punch. Rhoads Brazos can weave a great story!

To be honest, I didn't know what to expect when I first started reading this book, but it kept me wanting to turn the page. It isn't as hardcore as other Grey Matter Press titles, though. This could be categorized as an adult or YA read. It isn't very often that you see heroine bond and survive together (NOT a spoiler). I mean come on! Just look at *Thelma and Louise*!

Sarah and Tabitha have a relationship very much like Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. They are childhood friends who compliment each other marvelously. The characters felt real and so did the dialogue. A song plays and The Ladies Bristol must battle the Diablerie (the Devil). It is a non-stop race against time!

The English folklore and humor are also great. I love history and Rhoads Brazos nails the Victorian Period perfectly. I would very much like to visit Bristol, England one day.

The story flows well and the characters are relatable. The Devil's Trill is a blast from the first page to the last! That ending is crazy too!

I highly recommend this book to fans of horror!

5/5 stars!

Mommacat says

THE DEVIL'S TRILL is a bit of a departure for Grey Matter Press. It is a step into the realm of somewhat cozy horror. I do like that type of story every now and again; it's kind of nice to clear my own grey matter of all that I subject it to.

This novella takes place in Victorian England and was stunningly well written. So well written, in fact, than this American found herself tapping on her kindle for meanings heretofore unknown. Even my poor Dexter didn't know some of the meanings, but we managed to muddle along. I think we got the gist of most the happenings and maybe learned an insult...not sure.

British/American English aside, this was a wonderfully told story that I think many that enjoy gothic novels should be on the look out for.

Thanks to Grey Matter Press for the review copy!
