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Â The Presidential Campaign Trail, 2012:Â A political operative and a volunteer are brutally murdered while caught in a compromising position. Written in their blood on the wall of the crime scene: ITÂ€™S GOOD TO BE BACK.

Red White And Blue Flags

And with that, a centuries-old horror known only as the Boogeyman returns to taunt Nathaniel Cade, the President's Vampire. Against the backdrop of the 2012 presidential race, with the threat of constant exposure by the media, Cade and Zach must stop the one monster Cade has never been able to defeat completely. And they must do it before the Boogeyman adds another victim to his long and bloody list: the President of the United States himself.

Vampire super-agent Nathaniel Cade vs a supernatural serial killer with a 'luck,' effect.

The question is, who is the greater threat, a supernatural serial killer who's always lucky, or a secret cabal within the US Intelligence Services with the goal of bringing on the Apocalypse.

Will Vampire agent, Nathaniel Cade, be enough to stop these threats?

This book will suit those who enjoy a good, solid conspiracy, some supernatural elements, and thriller and suspense style action.

Red White And Blue

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Red White And Blue Nails

Another Cade book read, another fantastic read by Christopher Farnsworth! I DID NOT see the ending coming at all and was totally surprised & shocked!

these books continue to get better and better and I find myself only setting them down because my eyes refuse to stay open any longer!!

This could be the quote of the century. Who said fiction can't mirror real life, even a book about vampires!?

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Farnsworth, Christopher (2012-04-26). Red, White, and Blood (pp. 134-135). Penguin Group. Kindle Edition. ...more

Red White And Green Flag

You know what this book is like? It's like watching a season of *24* but instead of a very human Jack Bauer we have the preternatural Nathaniel Cade, a vampire bound by oath to the President of the United States. And just as for Jack Bauer, things for Cade go from one bad situation to the next and the bad guys just keep upping the ante. The body count is high and just when you feel like you've caught your breath the plot sends you hurtling towards the next insanely impossible situation.

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Told in third person from multiple points of view the story raced by even though it topped out at 466 pages (paperback format). I just kept turning pages. I read this book realizing only after I started that it's actually the third book in the series but it worked extremely well as a standalone. I will be picking up the first two books, *Blood Oath* and *The President's Vampire*, but, as I said, it's not necessary to the enjoyment of this book. Though the ending left me extremely frustrated considering everything that the characters had endured, it definitely left me needing to see what comes next.

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Red White And Blue Popsicles

This series just gets better and better. In this one Cade may have finally met his match in the Boogeyman. Zach and Cade make a great team. I love the interplay between them. While it is not totally necessary to have read the first two books in the series they really should be read in order. As if you haven't already read the first two...

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In 145 years, Nathaniel Cade, the President’s vampire, has fought one particular evil over and over again: the source of urban legends and nightmares across the country. It has gone by many names and guises, but is best known by the one that all children instinctively fear: the Boogeyman. No matter how Cade kills him, the Boogeyman always comes back. When the killer begins targeting the president’s

people on the campaign trail, Cade and his human handler, Zach Barrows, are tasked with cleaning up the mess before it spills over into the upcoming election. Cade and Zach must stop the one monster Cade has never been able to defeat completely. And they must do it before the Boogeyman adds another victim to his long and bloody list: the President of the United States himself."

As expected from a thriller/horror blend, the book itself is very gory, bloody and doesn't let up throughout the book. There are deaths right the way through the book and all the victims of the Boogeyman are dying in gruesome ways. Cade is really tested to his limit in this book and Farnsworth has managed to make the book unpredictable, making it a very entertaining ride particularly as Cade and Zach are as strong characters as ever.

Farnsworth sets the book against the backdrop of an election campaign and it's very interesting to see the political plotting of both sides and the lengths that they will do to control the White House. The political thriller aspect of Red White and Blood is very strong as well, and I would have enjoyed this book on its own if it was just a human serial killer being traced by an agent of the FBI in this political setting. But it's more than that, the supernatural side of the book that Farnsworth brings to it manages to make it doubly entertaining, especially as vampires actually behave like monsters. There's no Twilight nonsense here, and fans of the series will already be aware of what Cade is like as a vampire.

The book itself, much like the first one, has a very cinematic feel and at times you feel like you're reading an action movie. This book fits right in with the books that you'll find on display in airport shelves but it still remains a welcome addition to any horror or political thriller fan's library, and that comes at a cost. There's little room for character development, which is probably the only thing that I disliked about the book, as the characters are in some cases one dimensional and difficult to attach to as it feels like you're reading a novelisation of a script. However, the premise is enough to draw you in – a vampire secret agent hunting a supernatural serial killer, complete with shadowy government conspiracies and an intense, thrilling read, you'll soon find yourself not caring about the characters.

The book manages to be gripping, page-turning and very awesome. If, like I said above, horror and/or political thrillers are your thing, then you'll want in on this book regardless of whether you've read Books One and Two. Superb stuff.

VERDICT: 4/5

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Red White And Blue Background

Christopher Farnsworth's third book in the Nathaniel Cade series, *Red, White and Blood*, isn't that great. I'm not too surprised because even though I enjoyed the first book enormously, the second book is so-so and this one is just plain silly. An old foe of Cade's called the Boogeyman (yes, really) is back and killing people. With the help of another enemy of Cade's, the Boogeyman decides to kill President Curtis while he is campaigning in the 2012 election. Vampire Nathaniel Cade and his helper Christopher Farnsworth's third book in the Nathaniel Cade series, *Red, White and Blood*, isn't that great. I'm not too surprised because even though I enjoyed the first book enormously, the second book is so-so and this one is just plain silly. An old foe of Cade's called the Boogeyman (yes, really) is back and killing people. With the help of another enemy of Cade's, the Boogeyman decides to kill President Curtis while he is campaigning in the 2012 election. Vampire Nathaniel Cade and his helper Zach Barrows are given the responsibility of protecting the president, stopping the killings and finding the Boogeyman.

I don't like anything about this book. The writing seems awkward and boring and scenes don't flow, especially the fighting/killing scenes. The witty, funny dialogue between Zach and Cade is completely gone and replaced by lame jokes. In fact, what made much of the first book so enjoyable is the not-quite-friendly relationship between Cade and Zach and that is practically non-existent in this book (as it is in the second book, *The President's Vampire*, but for different reasons). As for the other relationships, Zach and Candace and Zach and his father, I wasn't interested. I didn't care for any of the characters and so was less than concerned about their safety. They are mostly one dimensional and represent either future Boogeyman victims or the Good Guys.

The biggest cause of my disinterest is the silly plot. The fact that the bad guy is called the Boogeyman just made me laugh. Really? This would have worked if Boogeyman is even remotely scary or creepy. Nope, he/it isn't. Mostly he just seems like a spoiled, overgrown child pissed off about never getting his way and he takes his revenge by killing people. And not just any people—people having sex. If he can't have sex, no one can have sex! So he sneaks up on a nice couple (well, almost always cheating spouses) and axes them in half. It gets boringly repetitive. I know as soon as a chapter begins with two newly introduced characters that: a) they are going to have sex and b) Boogeyman is going to show up and axe them before they can even enjoy a happy ending. I started skipping those scenes because it was yawn-worthy. Boogeyman is a very underdeveloped bad guy and he lacks the mad genius of the villains from the earlier books. He seems dumb and boring even though he is supposed to be some kind of soul-sucking demon from the Other Side. Yawn.

The Boogeyman plot takes place during the 2012 election in which incumbent President Curtis is struggling to keep ahead of his competitor, a Governor Seabrook. The political details are exhausting and annoying. We are just now entering what promises to be an ugly and annoying campaign in reality so the last thing I want to do is read about a fake one in this book. It's not interesting and I don't care. As a fan of Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, I don't appreciate the author including excerpts

from their shows (fake excerpts, obviously). They are way more funny, smart, and witty than anything Farnsworth can write. He got close to capturing Colbert's snarky tone, but totally bombed with Jon. Farnsworth, please let these two men handle their own material, okay?

Another aspect of the novel I think is overplayed is how scary and intimidating Cade supposedly is. There are a few scenes in which he intimidates people merely by showing his fangs. That's it, fangs? Big whoop. Today's culture is so inundated with vampires and werewolves that if someone tried to intimidate me by baring his fangs my first thought would be: who's your dentist and how much did that cost? And if he proved to me beyond all doubts that he is a vampire, then I would probably be excited and ask if he watched True Blood and did he love Vampire Eric as much as I did? It really takes a lot to scare us these days and even though Farnsworth describes people feeling uneasy around Cade, as if they can sense something is off about him, I didn't (at least in this book) get the impression that he is all that scary.

Overall, I found this book poorly written, boring and very disappointing. Even though the book ended with a bit of a cliff-hanger, I don't care to read the next one. I've completely lost interest and there are too many other good books out there to read.

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The formula is basically Cade protecting the President by killing some really cool evil things. However that synopsis does no justice to the books because each book has been so unique. Each story stands on

its own, completely different from the others. Though it basically boils down to Cade killing the bad guy, the twists and turns they take to get there are masterful and in my opinion, this one was the best. This plot was full of Mystery, Suspense, Political Intrigue, Action, Adventure, of course no small amount of horror, and in any one of these aspects this author can go toe to toe with the masters of the respective genres. This author's interpretation of The Boogeyman is truly terrifying. I mean, this book basically boils down to vampire versus the patron saint of serial killers. What is more awesome and terrifying than that?

Candace frowned. "You're pretty scary, Cade, but I seem to be doing okay so far."

"No," Cade said. "You're not. I'm on your side. I'm leashed. And you're still terrified of me. You literally cannot imagine living in a world where the things like me—the ones that do not have to obey and protect you—are part of your everyday life. You try, in your movies and your stories. You rehearse the Apocalypse over and over. And all of those efforts are too small. Too human to grasp what any of it would mean. Those stories still have heroes and hope. You cannot fathom what it would do to you, to actually live in that world. Could you kill your six-year-old child when she woke with blood on her lips? What would you do when you found the place in the cellar where your husband stored human flesh? Could you do what it takes?"

There are so many more great things I can say about this book but I will let you read it for yourself. I can say that this was one of the best books I have read in a while. I am officially a hardcore Christopher Farnsworth fan who will be counting the days until the next book comes out.

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Red White And Black Flag

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In this third book of the series, Cade is not only battling the Boogeyman, he must endure that most punishing test of all: the campaign trail. Despite the loud objections from his "handler", Zach Barrows, Cade insists on traveling with the president in order to protect him. But, how do you hide a vampire in plain sight from the constituents and the rabid pack of journalists following the president? Given Cade's stoic disposition and glacial facial expressions, put him in a dark suit with sunglasses and a fake tan to hide his pallor and, voila, the perfect secret service agent. I loved it.

Surrounding the story with all the intrigue ubiquitous to a presidential campaign, the author has made Red, White and Blood an exciting political thriller with monsters. He brings back a couple of characters from earlier books. And we learn more about Cade's beginnings as the president's vampire. It's a fun book and I always enjoy the give and take between Barrows and Cade. The ending had a huge twist that I did not see coming but will make for a very interesting fourth book.

SPOILER

Not to be a nit picker, but the Boogeyman's ability to disrupt car engines, telephones, electricality, etc would definitely affect that airplane engine at the end of the book. But, I loved the book and I won't let

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that detail bug me.

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How great is the final part of the epilogue---that was freaking brilliant! Well played!

What I Liked: The Political side of Red, White, and Blood is done very well and Christopher Farnsworth manages to weave in some great satire. While I am usually not a fan of political thrillers, this one was done in a way that was both entertaining and at times *giggle* worthy. The online reporter was just a fantastic addition to the story!

Audio Specific Review: Y'all Bronson Pinchot did a FANTASTIC job! This is a series that I will be switching over to audio from this point out. I read the first two but pretty much loved Bronson's narration. The only reason that he did not get a 5 is because of the women voices which took some getting used too. 90% of this book is male voices so it was only a little distracting.

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Final Thought: Seriously y'all need to read this series. It is just fantastic! ...more

Red White And Blue Beach

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Ok...maybe one little request...would it kill you to throw a little more sex in Cade's direction? I mean, I love it the way it is, so I kind of don't want to mess with perfection, but..... ...more

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Red White And Blue Vodka

Mini-Review:

This book had me on a see-saw about Cade for about half the book. I kept wondering if the story was going to go in a bizarre direction. Instead, events fell into place to setup a whole different story and made me admire the way Farnsworth yanked on my emotional chain for the characters.

Where is book four?!?! No way there won't be a ton of uncomfortable things happening in the next story. I foresee hellish politics for Zack and Cade.

This was the best one yet. I've loved the series so far, but this one really left me asking when we can expect the next one. The action was non-stop and the setting within the 2012 Presidential campaign made it really feel current. If you like political thrillers combined with vampires and boogeymen, this is the book for you!