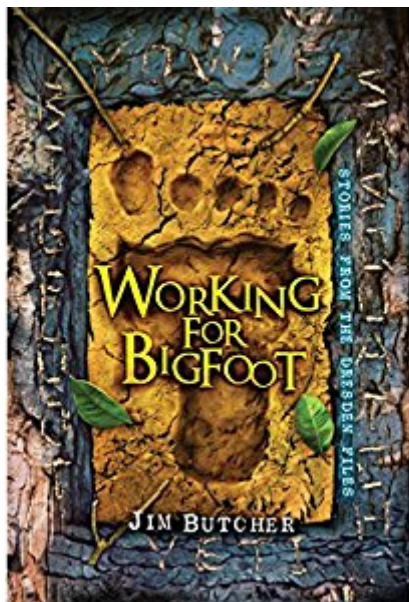


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Working For Bigfoot



Synopsis

Chicago wizard-for-hire Harry Dresden is used to mysterious clients with long hair and legs up to here. But when it turns out the long hair covers every square inch of his latest client's body, and the legs contribute to a nine-foot height, even the redoubtable detective realizes he's treading new ground. Strength of a River in His Shoulders is one of the legendary forest people, a bigfoot, and he has a problem that only Harry can solve. His son, Irwin, is a scion, the child of a supernatural creature and a human. He's a good kid, but the extraordinary strength of his magical aura has a way of attracting trouble. In the three novellas that make up Working for Bigfoot, collected together here for the first time, listeners encounter Dresden at different points in his storied career and in Irwin's life. As a middle schooler in B Is for Bigfoot, Irwin attracts the unwelcome attention of a pair of bullying brothers who are more than they seem, and, when Harry steps in, it turns out they have a mystical guardian of their own. At a fancy private high school in I Was a Teenage Bigfoot, Harry is called in when Irwin grows ill for the first time, and it's not just a case of mono. Finally, Irwin is all grown up - and has a grown up's typical problems - as a freshman in college in Bigfoot on Campus, or would if "typical" included vampires. New York Times best seller Jim Butcher explores the responsibilities of fatherhood and the difficulties of growing up with the elements Dresden Files fans crave - detection, adventure, humor, and magic.

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Customer Reviews

I can safely say that if you are a Dresden Files fan, you're going to read this. And for seven dollars, three short stories with Dresden is fine. But let me emphasize that these three stories are short, and

they're taking place earlier in the Dresden timeline. You're not learning anything new here, you're just getting a little bit of Dresden to tide you over until the next book. And for the Kindle price, that's fine. As far as the stories go, like I said, they are pretty short. Three short stories about working for Bigfoot. It was nice to set aside an hour with a new story. But just know you're not buying a book. You're buying three short stories.

I cannot say anything bad about this collection, other than it is short. Jim Butcher is my favorite author. Period. I will never say that I am someone's number one fan... Because Stephen King made that a curse (Misery). But I first read Harry the wizard when there were only two Dresden Files books on the shelf at my favorite book store (Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Book Store on Lake Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis MN). HBCD has evolved and grown from a story that could have first been imagined playing P&P RPG games on Saturday night in college, to a well developed, detailed and populated alternate Chicago, IL that teams with intrigue, conflict and paranormal normalcy. If you are a fan, this short collection of alternate Harry adventures is a must read. If you are new to HBCD, read it as one of his 'Side Jobs' that are fun and safe. If you think HBCD is a farce, why are you reading my review? Go look up William Shakespeare and leave us HBCD fans to our downfall. LOL. Or up rise as the case may be.

This book collects three related longish short stories about -- guess what? -- working for bigfoot. Sasquatch, has had a child with a (large) human woman, and since he cannot easily circulate in the world of humans, he has hired Harry to look out for the boy. Each time Sasquatch hires calls upon Harry, there is a fresh crisis to deal with. In the first case, the bookish boy is being bullied at school by a predatory pair of older boys who perceive his gentle nature as weakness. Harry gets to channel his inner Mr. Miyagi. A few years later, the boy is at a boarding school and is suffering from an ailment that can only be supernatural in origin. This one requires Harry to pull out his Sherlock Holmes pipe. Finally, the kid is in college and dating a gorgeous girl, and all heck is breaking loose. Harry has to convince dad to visit and explain the facts of life to his recalcitrant son ... while Harry explains the whole debacle to a police detective. It's not a long collection, and it's not nearly as satisfying as a full Harry Dresden novel, but if you're a Dresden Files fan and you haven't read the stories, I think you'll find this collection worth your time and money.

I really like the Harry Dresden books by Jim Butcher. In fact, they were my first introduction to the urban fantasy genre. I have been hooked on urban fantasy and on the conflicted wizard since

then. When I read some of the reviews for this book, some said this book was a good filler while waiting for the next Harry Dresden novel. In some ways, that is correct but this collection of stories is fun and a further look at the magical lurking behind Harry. I felt like I knew the characters better in these stories. One great thing about a collection of stories with common characters, you get to know them a bit better. I really liked these stories but I am not necessarily the best person to ask. I love everything about the Harry Dresden series. I can only hope Harry is around for a long time. Waiting anxiously for the next book.

I love the Harry Dresden Series. As far as I'm concerned, Jim Butcher can't write them fast enough. I have read the entire series so when I discovered these short stories I knew I had to have them! I wasn't disappointed. They were excellent and I needed a Harry Dresden fix BAD! This is one of my favorite series, so being able to spend a little bit of time with Harry was well worth it. Keep writing this series please. I love Harry and all the characters in the books. This was a chance to get to know a few other characters. Now back to my pins and needles waiting for the next book to come out.

I'm a huge Butcher and Dresden fan. Well, and a Bigfoot fan too for that matter. I often have enough on my to-read list that I don't focus on novellas or short stories, even of my favorites franchises, but on a whim I snagged this before a short trip. Ended up loving it, not surprisingly. Reading these three tales in sequence definitely left me with more of a sense of them as "one story" and likely with a greater appreciation of them than if I had read them individually and separately over a longer period of time. Definitely recommend grabbing this, very happy I did.

A lot of people will moan about these short stories, but that's what they are. Short stories. Three of them that help fill in some of the gaps of the Dresden Files; not a lot of gaps, but some. And you get more Dresden being Dresden. Like "Side Jobs", these short stories don't really have any relevance to the main story line of the Dresden Files series, but it's nice to have just a quick dose of Harry now and then. And it is a quick dose. I was able to read the whole thing in less than an hour, while making a sandwich, eating eat, and playing games on my phone. Totally worth it.

I just love the way Butcher writes: crisp, clear and very, very funny, his signature humor not just in the opening paragraphs but peppered throughout. That these three stories were related and sequential increased their appeal as I'm not usually one to appreciate the short story form itself. Harry is one of the best heros in UF: fallable yet powerful, principled but not preachy: just love him!

Would be great to see River Shoulders again in a feature-length Dresden Files novel some day.

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