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What do you do when your world is turned upside down?

When you discover your father had a direct hand in the genocide of much of the world's human population?

Phoebe Harkness' life has changed forever. Thirty years after a cataclysmic world war that eviscerated one third of the human population, a new sub-species of vampire-like drones has set its teeth to the survivors of humanity.

They're not the only ones: 'Genetic Others' such as vampires, werewolves and more roam the streets of New Oxford, trying – and sometimes failing – to live peacefully amongst humankind.

But that is all about to change.

A spate of serial killings have occurred, rocking the already fragile ecosystem of New Oxford.

Brutal murders and mutilation are now commonplace.

Phoebe must get to work. She is named as liaison between the Genetic Others and the Cabal, the ruling order of the walled city.

She must negotiate with the Tribals, a subset of werewolves cast aside by the cultural hegemony of the Cabal.

But before she can make any progress with the Tribal leader, Kane, she learns of more murders – and three missing students. And Kane's daughter is among the missing...

One of the victims leaves a message in blood: 'Crescent Moon'.

Now Phoebe must act urgently with the help of Kane and her former paramour, vampire Allesandro to track down the culprit of these horrific killings.

But who is conducting all of these strange happenings behind the scenes?

And what does it have to do with the Crescent Moon...?

Crescent Moon is the gripping second instalment of the urban gothic Phoebe Harkness series. It follows the young doctor as she stalks through the corrupt dystopia of New Oxford.

## **Crescent Moon Details**

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## From Reader Review Crescent Moon for online ebook

### Chandra Claypool (wherethereadergrows) says

"Everything leads back to bacon, Dr. Harkness." BACON!

Phoebe is back and has now been "promoted" to be the liaison between the Genetic Others and the Cabal. A recent slew of violent murders have occurred and all clues seem to be pointing toward the Tribals (were-animals / shapeshifters). As the newly appointed liaison, she is tasked with speaking to the Tribal leader, Kane, to try and get to the bottom of the investigation. There are things afoot within, and outside of, the walls of New Oxford. The sexy Allesandro is back along with Griff, Lucy and the force that is Veronica Cloves. We get introduced to my new favorite character, Chase Pargate. Who is he exactly and what purpose does he serve? Is he friend or foe? Are Kane and the Tribals really responsible for the murders around New Oxford or is someone setting them up for their own personal gain? When the groups you're working with don't trust each other, how do you know which way to go?

James Fahy once again brings attitude, snarkiness, humor and adventure into what I call the second season (because quite frankly, I imagine it as a show when reading). I found myself giggling quite a bit and grinning when seeing references to the Scooby gang, Robert Frost, the Winchesters, Kids in the Hall and more! Whaaaaaaaaaat?

Highly recommend Hell's Teeth and this book for your next reads! Can't wait for season three to come out :D

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### Karla says

easily as good as book one, if not better. great new characters, each with their own voice, add to the building world of Dr Harkness. really enjoyed it

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### Kirsty • Nitroglycerin says

The best thing about reading fiction wrote by a British author is proper sarcasm. You just don't get that in American authored novels. They try, but it's not quite... right.

Anyway James Fahy definitely delivers sarcasm, excitement and intrigue to boot. I really like Phoebe. She's a more relatable character than most written by women. I know this is something the author was concerned about but he need not worry. Phoebe is awesome. The rest of the cast of characters are varied and interesting too.

The story has you wondering what the hell is going on behind it all. It's like Hells Teeth was the skin, Crescent Moon peeled another layer off and there's yet more to discover underneath. James your book is an onion. When's book 3 out again??

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### Emma says

Oh my what a read, Crescent Moon book two of the phoebe Harkness Series... I love these, everything about

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them and Fahy has just got it when it comes to story telling.

From the first page I was right back in New Oxford following on from the first instalment. if you loved Hells Teeth then this follow up will not disappoint, like hells teeth I was hooked I could not put it down, it is a faced paced page turner full of twist and turns . With new characters, and I'm totes team Kane he is my new book crush.

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### **Lizbeth says**

Crescent Moon by James Fahy was amazing. It was an exciting suspenseful adventure with touches of horror and little bits of sexiness here and there. It introduced some great new characters and answered some questions left by the previous the book but also expanded the mysteries of this wonderful world he's built. I cannot wait for the next installment!

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### **Becky Wright says**

I'm always a little wary of sequels, the eternal question if "does it stand up to the first?" is always in the back in my mind, maybe that's why I actually sometimes prefer standalone books. However, in the case of Crescent Moon that thought soon evaporated.

James Fahy again delivers a slick, action-packed follow up to Hell's Teeth. With a fabulous cast of characters, old and new, good, bad, ugly and gorgeous, to get your teeth into, it speeds us back into the dark underworld of Dr Phoebe Harkness. If we thought our poor Phoebs had taken about as much as any one person should withstand, think again. As a new wave of gruesome murders unfolds, Phoebe gains the unenviable job of liaison between species, a dangerous task!

Crescent Moon is full of deliciously dark gruesome horror cleverly played with wonderfully humorous lines, not to mention my favourite scene with two of our fav characters locked in a dark cramped metal box - steamy! Enough said \*blushes\*

Crescent Moon is a damn fine read and a must for all Helsings.

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### **Mandy Jackson-Beverly says**

Fun read!

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### **Beth Skye Denny says**

*"We're gonna need a bigger boat."*

Phoebe why'd you have to go be so approachable to the Genetic Others? Okay, you're really not. Why did you have to, you know, not die and kick some butt? Oh right, survival is a good thing. Well, doll, it's all your

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fault then.

Poor Dr. Harkness now Cabal thinks you need absolutely no time off, a datascreen in your house, and to come running whenever they call. Weekends? Yeah, those are gone.

I suppose it's a perk being considered an expert on the GO's and being sent as an...wait! You didn't want to be an ambassador! You just want to hang in your lab doing weird stuff and things. Sending out your assistants for coffee. Working hard and then going home to wrap up cosey and watch old TV shows. Too bad, enjoy the promotion...

In the world of New Oxford power is failing, monsters are waiting, and something is killing. Viciously. Humans want what Others have. This newest installation of Phoebe's story had me reading straight to morning. It was fast paced and fun. Suspenseful and gory. The flirting, near misses, and a new...thing just waiting to pounce. The author included fascinating historical facts about the area that were so clear it was as if you were there. I promised not to spoil anything *-it's SO hard not to-* but I can say that if you've read the first book: GET CRESCENT MOON NOW! You won't regret it! If you haven't read book one, well, what are you waiting for? Chilling post apocalyptic dystopian societies aren't just popping up everyday with Vampires, Werewolves, and other things that go **BUMP** in the night!

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### **G.R. Thomas says**

without fail James Fahy has left me wanting more of Phoebe Harkness and her dark world. Another fabulous instalment in the series that opened doors as well as posed new and very intriguing questions A fast paced page turner that had my heart racing for all different reasons A cemented favourite author of mine Highly recommend all of his books

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### **Melinda MacLean (mel\_constantreader) says**

I don't usually prefer sequels to the first book, but in this case I do. Don't get me wrong, I loved Hell's Teeth because we got to learn about our characters, but in Crescent Moon we got to see them grow. I loved all the action in this one. You sort of have an idea who is the mastermind villain, but I was never 100% sure until it was revealed. I enjoyed the new characters just as much as I enjoyed all the old characters. Phoebe is still my favourite but Cloves really grew on me this time.

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### **Sarina Langer says**

I won't lie, Phoebe's sarcasm was the number one thing I looked forward to :D

*I'd never considered, before trying this ambassador lark, what a delicate and dangerous balance we struck between the different GO factions and the humans of the city. And behind it all, patient and hungry outside our walls, just waiting for our brave new civilisation to fail and collapse, were the countless multitudes of the Pale.*

In the first book of this series Fahy introduced the vampires of New Oxford, but the focus in Crescent Moon

is on the Tribals - a race similar to werewolves but not restricted to wolves. Tribals come in all shapes - wolves, bears, panthers - and they are *large*. Large as in easily-towering-over-anyone-normal-human-height large. So Phoebe's in for a treat! I was especially curious about the Tribals after Book 1, so this was interesting for both of us. Although I, at least, was in no danger of being torn to shreds unlike Phoebe.

Throughout the book, tensions between the human movement and the Genetic Others supporters grow as both seem to head towards civil war. It's a bit like watching water heat in a sauce pan until it eventually boils over (just, you know, you could totally stop the water by taking it off the heat). Neither side is willing to step down or compromise, and so tensions grow. While the situation doesn't truly escalate, I worry about where it's headed in the next book.

*After months of non-contact, erotic and surreal dreams and waking hallucinations of the man notwithstanding, I was apparently off to meet with Allesandro again, Clan Master of St Giles, at the behest of the tribal Leader. This was bound to end well.*

*I fervently wished I was back in the lab with the diseased corpse.*

One of my favourite parts were the scenes where Phoebe got to *leaf through the bloody Voynich manuscript*. I admit to ~~mild~~ strong jealousy.

Now, as much as I enjoyed the plot, I have to admit that the heavy use of adverbs was grinding on me. I don't mind an adverb here and there as long as it adds something, but unfortunately this book was littered with them and it affected my enjoyment more than a little. If they bug you as much as they bugged me, do what I did and ignore them. It took a bit of practice but it helped.

If you're looking for a gothic urban fantasy then I recommend this series! The first book is Hell's Teeth, so you'll want to start there ;)

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### **Sadie Hartmann Mother Horror says**

Let's get one thing straight, first: I'm a Helsing. James has created a world in which I want to be a part of (in real life) but I'll settle for being able to read about it in Hell's Teeth and the sequel, Crescent Moon. It's such a treat that this book is longer than the first book! Crescent Moon felt like we had more time to develop a love for our new characters (Chase!) and get to enjoy our returning characters, the enigmatic Phoebe--who has even more quotable lines this time around!

I love Veronica almost as much, which is a new development from the last book.

I enjoyed the pacing of the plot, the adventure, the \*steamy scenes\*, the intensity, the gore, all of it! A wonderful return to Oxford and a worthy sequel.

If you're a Vampire Lit junkie like I am, you're going to want Phoebe Harkness Book 1 and 2!

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### **Nicola Rose says**

Oooooooh! Book two in the Phoebe Harkness series was so good!! Fantastic world-building, and I love all the characters. The plot continued to surprise me, gradually opening up to a bigger picture. I can't wait for book three. Tell me it's coming soon?!

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## **Nadia King says**

Crescent Moon, Book 2 of The Phoebe Harkness Series, is an absolute delight.

In Hell's Teeth, the first book of the series, we were introduced to Dr Phoebe Harkness, the venerable Veronica Cloves and sexy vampire Allesandro. In Crescent Moon, 30 years after a cataclysmic world war, Phoebe lives in relative calm within the walled city of New Oxford. Suddenly, a spate of vicious killings rocks Phoebe's world and she is thrust into the limelight as an ambassador between species.

Author James Fahy, has a clear and strong author voice in Crescent Moon. Readers are given titbits of fascinating history woven into Phoebe's dystopian world. The pace is fast, the imagery strong and the story keeps readers guessing and entertained from start to finish. Highly recommended for lovers of paranormal and dystopian fiction.

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## **Beverley Lee says**

Crescent Moon is book 2 of the Phoebe Harkness series by James Fahy.

After a spate of gruesome murders, Phoebe Harkness finds herself acting as liaison between Cabal and the Genetic Others. But someone or something is out to remove her from this position - permanently.

This book will take all of your preconceived ideas about genres and blow them clean out of the water! We have dystopia, the walled city of New Oxford, protecting the inhabitants and GOs (Genetic Others) inside from the threat of the rabid and monstrous Pale, a species created by man. Until man lost control. We have horror, not the wall to wall kind that can desensitise, but the drip feed of tiny detail guaranteed to unnerve. And we have humour and attitude in abundance from Phoebe herself, and the fabulous Ms Veronica Cloves.

I loved all the new characters involved too, all of them crafted to be part of the whole. Nothing is superfluous in this. That's a great skill.

There's also a rather nice side of flirtation and beautiful sprinklings of history which I devoured hungrily. In short, this book dabbles in so many things, and James Fahy manages them all without missing a beat. A fast paced and expertly woven read, go buy it now!

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