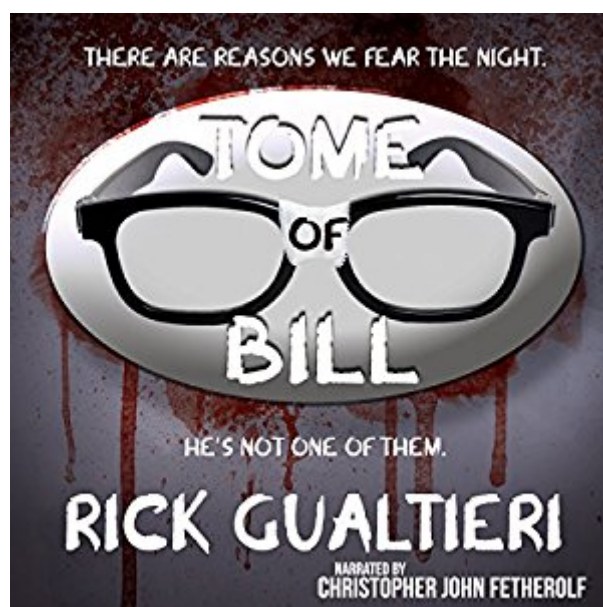


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There are reasons we fear the dark. Bill Ryder...isn't one of them. Gamer, geek, and legendary vampire - The Tome of Bill is the tale of an unlikely hero trying to survive in a world of undead horrors. Despite awesome supernatural powers, loyal allies, and an attitude the size of Brooklyn, the odds are still stacked heavily against him. Bill Ryder must fulfill his destiny and save the world from the ancient terrors that threaten it - all while trying to work up the nerve to ask out the girl of his dreams.

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The Tome of Bill Compendium (Vol.1) is the collection of the first four stories in Author Rick Gualtieri's hilarious The Tome of Bill novel series. There's no real way to properly explain my love for this series in just a few sentences, so I'm going to post my reviews for each of the books included in this Compendium!**BILL THE VAMPIRE (BOOK 1):**Bill The Vampire is the first in Author Rick Gualtieri's Supernatural Comedy series The Tome of Bill, setting the stage for newly turned nerd vampire Bill. Before I begin this review, I have to say this | THIS WAS THE GREATEST VAMPIRE NOVEL I HAVE EVER READ! With the influx of vampire stories lurking around, this was the perfect counter. If this doesn't get turned into a movie I will give up on Hollywood forever. Bill Ryder is a video game programmer, spending his days playing games (video, board, and role-playing) and trying to think of ways to get laid. He lives with his two friends Ed and Tom, who are both as equally nerdy and excited at the prospect of having a live vampire as a friend. Their

interactions were absolutely perfect, reminding me greatly of me and my own friends. I related to those scenes very well, and I laughed out loud more than once while reading. After being turned as a part of a game a coven of vampires in SoHo were playing, Bill discovers that he has a legendary type of vampire that can resist being compelled by the older vampires. He uses this to his advantage, scaring the other, meatier members of his coven to ensure his own safety as a fish in a tank of sharks. His arsenal includes his roommates, a sexy vampire vixen who loathes him, and the ultimate defense against just about anything: a smartass mouth.

Meet Bill. Bill is an early twenty-something game designer who lives with his two buddies. It all starts out predictably enough, with the familiar "Way-too-hot-girl-feigns-interest-in-dweeby-guy-and-next-thing-you-know-holy-cow-she's-a-vampire!" trope. Fair enough! I've read any number of fun stories that start out exactly like this. Bill narrowly escapes complete death but wakes up - a vampire. Again. Familiar and maybe a little jejune, but so what? Standard stuff, right? And so it is - until you get to know Bill. Bill, the titular "hero", is the most unrelievedly frustrating character I have ever read. He is unfailingly immature, passes up no opportunity to make inappropriate/sexist/dangerous comments with no regard to circumstances that often threaten his life or the lives of others. He is singularly inept at literally everything he does, with the possible exception of writing game code. Every other character - and I mean EVERY other character - is better at simple existence than Bill is. Now don't get me wrong. I have read (and loved) characters that are "boys in a man's body", or "lovable, bumblers" or "blissfully unaware" types. But where they are clever, or humorous or even endearing, Bill is relentlessly...stupid. Not in a way that advances the plot, or obscures a hidden genius or a heart of gold. He's just an idiot. He, literally, MISSES NO OPPORTUNITY to make a sexist and juvenile comment that a 5th grader would be ashamed of. Or to be ridiculously and utterly needlessly insubordinate to some powerful or dangerous character. Again - this is not in service to the plot, or to display boyish charm or misguided bravado. Oh no.

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