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Look, I get it: I'm not your typical superhero. I don't leap tall buildings, I'm not a billionaire playboy, and I didn't get bitten by a radioactive spider. Plus, I don't wear tights. Where the heck would I keep my gun?

But don't get it twisted: I, private detective Truman Lord, am still very much a superhero. If my gun doesn't get you, my powers surely will. I'm thinking about using that as my catchphrase. Don't try to steal it. I copyright my stuff.

When Eileen hired me to stop a former lover from blackmailing her, I thought it would be a simple matter of using sweet reason to persuade him to stop. I call my right fist "sweet"; my left one is "reason." But, when people started turning up dead and supervillains came out of the woodwork, I was soon investigating a murder case where I was the next target. Someone wanted me dead.

I hoped to foil their objective. "Foil" is superhero and detective-speak for "punch them in the face."

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Sam Ryburn says

I think this quote from the homicide detective, Glenn Pearson, pretty well sums up my thoughts. "Though you're almost as good as you think you are, you're nowhere near as funny as you think you are."

Dréa Milc says

Loved it!

I found this absolutely delightful! You can almost hear Truman narrating his actions. It is not your average detective story.

Paula says

This was just not what I was looking for. It wrote like a cheesy detective and gangster plot. Well written just not what I wanted.

Dan says

Good yarn

I liked it. An uncomplicated yarn that entertained me for several hours. I will be reading the next one in the series.

Ananthatejas Raghavan says

A comic narrative and a light read

I read the omega superhero series first and found this to be a light read with more witty dialogs. It's not as serious and if you are looking for something where you do not want to think too much, this is perfect.

Davis W. Edwards says

Great fun

Fun book, fairly easy reading that combines pulp mysteries with super heroes. Likable characters, fast plot,

good action, and a bit of film noir.

Charles Dillon says

One heck of a story.

Quite an enjoyable read. However, I kept thinking the main character sounded very familiar. Then I remembered! I think it was a detective series by I believe a writer named Donald Westlake. Not sure, and really doesn't matter? This one is good enough to stand alone, and you should definitely read it.

ladymurmur says

Thoughtful literature? Nope. But reasonably amusing. The viewpoint character is very much NOT the Modern Sensitive Male(tm) that has become the norm in urban fantasy. He is, however, exceedingly honest in sharing his unfiltered thoughts with the reader, and has a personal code to which he adheres, even when it conflicts with professional or societal expectations.

I laughed. I cringed. I groaned. I chuckled. I read it all the way through, and was generally entertained. Not your standard superhero story, not your standard UF - but an interesting change of pace. Sometimes you just want some Fritos, instead of the fancy tortilla chips.

Ralph Trickey says

Not for me

Detective noir with a wise-cracking detective.

The internal dialog was just too corny. While I can deal with some of it, the amount was just too much and too horrible. Paraphrasing:

Buck Rogers says

Elvis Cole meets Luke Cage

So awesome

Great book, if you love superhero's and detectives you will love this. Elvis Cole meets Luke Cage - super funny

Kathy says

What a fun book. You don't have to like fantasy or superhero stories to like our hero Truman Lord. I don't much like most superhero books and have been pleasantly surprised with Darius Brasher's Omega Superhero series and now this enjoyable fast read.

Please see my full review here: <https://www.morebooksthanime.com/sup...>

Glen says

Run of the mill pseudo hard boiled detective mystery with a super hero as a detective.

Not bad but I thought the solution to the puzzle was lame.

Ed Graves says

Enjoyable read

I liked this one. The snarky comments and dialogue were entertaining. It would be nice if authors who wrote about guns actually knew something about them. However that is probably too much to wish for.

C.T. Phipps says

I'm a big fan of Darius Brasher's THE OMEGA SUPERHERO books, though they tended to get a little dark for my tastes, so I decided to check out his other superhero series.

THE SUPERHERO DETECTIVE is a work which reflects its title in that it's about a hydrokinetic private eye who just so happens to work as a licensed hero in-between his career as a gumshoe. I liked Truman Lord during his guest appearance in SENTINELS and was eager to get into his series. So, what did I think? I really liked it.

SUPERHERO DETECTIVE FOR HIRE follows Truman Lord as he's hired by a middle aged academic being blackmailed by her much younger lover. Said lover has the ability to create 3-dimensional illusions of the events he's experienced as well as record them on film. It turns out the young man has made an enormously profitable living blackmailing older rich women he's sleeping with. Unfortunately, he crosses the wrong person during Truman's investigation and it swiftly becomes a case where the bodies begin piling up.

The book is really good with a buffet of sex, lies, superpowers, and murder. If I have any complaints, it's the fact the book is about 80% detective noir and 20% superhero. A more evenly distributed balance between the capes and private detective work would have been appreciated. Despite this, I had a lot of fun with the characters and the seediness of Truman's investigations.

Truman is a great protagonist and while cynical deadpan snarkers are nothing new in the detective genre, I found him to be a likable Harry Dresden-esque figure. Certainly, I'm looking forward to picking up more volumes of his series.

9/10

Elizabeth says

Love it!

Such a fun book! Really enjoyed it. Not my usual genre but I'm hooked! Finished it in one day, on to the next in series.
