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Book #1 in The Case Files of Justis Fearsson, a new contemporary fantasy series from fantasy all-star David B. Coe. A hardboiled, magic-using private detective hunts a serial killer in Phoenix, Arizona.

Justis Fearsson is a private investigator on the trail of a serial killer in Phoenix, Arizona. Justis is also a *weremyste*—a person with a wizard's gifts and the ability to see into the paranormal world. Unfortunately, weremystes also tend to go crazy on the full moon—which is why Justis is no longer a cop. Hard to explain those absences as anything but mental breakdown. But now an old case from his police detective days has come back to haunt him, literally, as a serial killer known as the Blind Angel strikes again. His signature stroke: burning out the victims' eyes with magic. Now the victims are piling up, including the daughter of a senator, and Justis must race to stop the Blind Angel before he, she, or it kills again. There's only one clue he's got to go on: the Blind Angel is using the most powerful magic Justis has ever encountered, and if he doesn't watch his own magical step, he may end up just as dead as the other vics.

## **Spell Blind Details**

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## From Reader Review Spell Blind for online ebook

### Jennifer says

A fun urban fantasy with an interesting protagonist (a weremyste, whose magical powers wax and wane with the moon, with some unpleasant side effects). I particularly liked Justis's interactions with his friends and family--the sense of him being grounded in the milieu gave the story an added energy. I look forward to reading more in the series.

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### Chris says

Good urban fantasy about a former cop turned PI whose magical abilities come with a price - a price that cost him his job as a cop.

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### Robert says

I liked this book a great deal. I'm still relatively new to Mr. Coe and his work, but I'll definitely be reading more of it.

The book didn't slow down with too much description of the magic system, but it did explain things nicely. Justis Fearsson is a likeable protagonist. You root for him from the very beginning.

I'm looking forward to the next book to see what new supporting characters he introduces.

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### BookLoversLife says

This was such an awesome book!! I absolutely flew through the pages and didn't want it to end.

Justis is an amazing character. He is strong, smart but also flawed. He is an ex cop turned private eye. He is also a weremyste. He is called by his ex partner one night to come and help with a high profile case. When he gets there he realises that it's another Blind Angel kill because he can see the magical signature left behind. He was working the case before he was fired and they have been looking for the culprit for nearly 3 years now. Every month at the same time he strikes, Justis knows, he hasn't long left before the killer will strike again.

What I loved most about the book was the lore. The author has created a unique and fantastic world and one I loved being in. The whole idea of the weremystes was fascinating. Weremystes are magic users but with a difference. They can do magic all the time but when the moon is full they turn crazy for those 3 days. The moon changes them into something unreliable and dangerous. They lose their mind even though they are at their strongest, magic wise, for those 3 days. That was the reason Justis lost his job, because for 3 nights out of a month, he was gone.

I also loved Namid. He trains Justis in the use of magic, but he is a kind of ghost!! See, fascinating ;)

The plot was really fast paced as well. The Blind Angel killer has been killing for years but they never had a lead, until now. The killer kills with magic and the victims are left with their eyes burnt out. How can you

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stop a killer when, with every kill, he gets stronger??

Anyway, overall I loved Spell Blind. It's one of those gems that, when you start you don't expect much, but as you read it just blows you away! I flew through the book, which at over 350 pages is a feat, and loved every word. I can not wait for more from this world and Justis!! Roll on book 2.

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### **Amy Hoodock says**

This is the first book in a new series by an excellent author. The protagonist is a weremyste (a werewolf who is also a sorcerer) private investigator. I was a little leery at first because I'm not real into werewolves and the gore that usually follows, but this had a compelling plot that kept me going even when some gore showed up. Another interesting and fun read by David Coe.

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### **LN says**

I've been reading this book in between working on my own editing, so have picked it up and put it down over the last several weeks. Things I liked: the pacing, how the backstory and info about the characters was revealed, the premise/storyline (I really like the premise). I liked also that - although this is a series - this was a stand-alone book, not a cliff-hanger. Even so, it set everything up so that when you start the second book you'll have an idea of things that could happen without knowing for sure how it'll end up. And I'm really looking forward to reading the second book, His Father's Eyes.

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### **MsBDiamondDiva1 says**

I am not going to lie, I feel like I should have been paid to have read this. Not that it was totally bad, but it should never be compared to the Dresden Files! I do believe that the author mirrored some of the key "jewels" of the Dresden Files.

The story was like a middle school read. You know how you use to take lunch outside on the steps reading a book and you have the "cheese sandwich" smell wafting out of the school! Yep, this is a cheesy read! Justis didn't whine as much as a lot of reviews said but he was too one dimensional to make me even like or listen to him. I kept find myself wonder what I would cook for dinner or which class I was going to do at the gym! That is how boring he is. The supporting characters are just as bad and lack any kind of emotion at all! Well, maybe his ex-partner; what's her name....yep....nope. See that is how I feel about all the characters, they are forgettable and lacking layers! And the falling in love part was werid also, they fall in love very quick and even that was dry!!! The plot was will predictable and again missing something. The only really good thing about this book was mist part (or however you spell it). I might give this series another try, but haven't decided yet?

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## **T. K. Elliott (Tiffany) says**

I knew I was going to enjoy this book within the first couple of pages; with a hiatus for doing work, I stayed up late to finish it.

Justis (Jay) Fearsson is an ex-cop turned PI, and his ability to do magic is not only an advantage in his line of work, but also the reason why he's ex-, rather than just cop. Magic has a pretty steep price, but Fearsson is willing to pay it, and keep paying.

A serial killer who is also a powerful weremyste (sorcerer) is on the loose, killing a person every moon. Fearsson worked the case while he was a cop; his ex-partner, still on the case, needs his input when there is a new murder.

The action plays out over a few days, with much excitement and danger, and an increasing awareness that Fearsson is in way over his head (of course, it wouldn't be a very exciting novel if he wasn't).

Fearsson's love interest, I liked. Other reviewer(s) didn't, but I found her to be exactly the sort of woman who would do well with him: smart, driven, honourable, and not willing to take any crap from him or anyone else, but also capable of having fun. She's got her own priorities, and (thank you, David B. Coe) she doesn't gratuitously interfere in Fearsson's investigation or put herself or him in danger through being an idiot. (view spoiler)

For that matter, Fearsson's ex-partner, Kona (nicknamed after the coffee, because that's what she always drinks) Shaw, was another great character. One thing I particularly appreciated was that Coe has a gay black policewoman without waving a big flag saying "Hey! Diversity credentials!" Kona is who she is, and the most important thing about her is that she's a really good policewoman and a really good friend to Fearsson - not her race or her sexuality, which are very much in the background. She's in the book to do her job, not to be a representative character.

Coe also managed the ending very well. I was wondering how he would do it, given how deep the doo-doo was in which Fearsson was swimming/drowning. (view spoiler)

So, all in all, an excellent start to a series. I'm going to start reading the second book, His Father's Eyes, which just came out recently. I want to know what happens next...

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## **Jim says**

I know Coe as a fantasy author, but found this urban fantasy pretty good, a 3.5 star read that I'll bump since it's the first of a series & my wife liked the second book even more. The system of magic is interesting, if rather obscure. The murder mystery was pretty good, too. The characters were well done.

I had a little trouble suspending my belief over the way the other characters handle magic. They're a bit too dense too often, but that was my biggest complaint.

On the plus side, the way magic's mental anguish was aligned with the moon cycle & compared to alcoholism was very good. It's quite a quandary. Excellent.

I'll definitely read more in this series.

## **Diana Francis says**

I love David's books anyhow, but this was truly different for him. It's a mystery and urban fantasy and a bit of a police procedural. I like the characters, the fact that they were well-developed, likeable and flawed. I am looking forward to learning more of how the magic works, about Justis' dad, about weremystes in general, and I'm looking forward to Justis making progress in his life, now that's he's embraced certain things, and also see how he manages as he grows stronger.

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## **Jeffrey says**

David Coe's latest novel is *Spellblind*, another murder mystery set in a urban fantasy setting. Justis Fearsson is a weremyste, a wizard who suffers psychosis attacks during the three days of the full moon. Fearsson used to be a cop, before his episodic breakdowns forced him from the police force. Fearsson is still learning about his powers and his runecrafting or spellcasting. His teacher is Namid, an otherworldly and ghostly runemyste, from the counsel of weremystes. Now he makes his living as a private investigator finding lost kids, but he still has friends on the force, like his ex-partner Kona Shaw. The fact that Fearsson has episodic breaks with reality is an interesting built in conceit, but seems added to the story to make being a weremyste that much harder. It forms a central element of the story hindering Fearsson's relationships, life and taking a toll on his father as well.

After finding a missing girl, Fearsson receives a call from Shaw. A serial killer who killed 30 people that Shaw and Fearsson had been tracking before Fearsson was forced off the force has struck again. Shaw, who knows about Fearsson's powers wants him to examine the murder scene to see if it bears the killer's magical signature. Unlike most of the victims of the killer, this victim is important because her father is a powerful Senator.

Fearsson gets hired by an aide to the Senator to investigate the case from the outside. The killer, another weremyste seems to be getting stronger as he kills. Fearsson uncovers clues to the mysterious killer by tracking down other magic users. Namid also helps because the killer seems to be targeting Fearsson, so Coe gets to show how Fearsson trains to use his magic.

While investigating, he gets involved with a pretty blogger. Is she the one, or just using him for a story.

The story has a few red herrings as the cops capture someone, who they want to believe is the killer, but is not.

Soon the killer is after Fearsson, who will have the battle of his life to stop him. He will have to harness his growing power to battle the much stronger wizard.

While Fearsson is an interesting character, battling the demons of his weremyste life, some of the plot twists did not work for me. The killer toys with Fearsson in one scene, and a woman dies in another. More importantly the end confrontation did not ring true.

*Spellblind* is a good start to this urban fantasy story, but in this over-saturated field, Coe will need to up his game to hook more readers to his latest series.

## Bookwraiths says

Originally reviewed at Bookwraiths Reviews

Urban fantasy is not a genre I'm well read in. Anyone who casually scans my usual book choices can ascertain as much. But in the last year, I've tried to change that by reading the first Harry Dresden novel *Storm Front*, as well as *Hounded* and a few short stories set in Hearne's *The Iron Druid Universe*. I mention that so that you know I do have a couple Urban Fantasy books to compare *Spell Blind* to, and in my opinion, this first installment of the *Justis Fearsson* series really stacked up well against them.

*Spell Blind* tells the story of Justis Fearsson, former investigator with the Phoenix, Arizona police force and current private investigator. But, naturally, there is more to Justis than it appears; in reality, he is a weremyste!

In this world, weremystes are a unique form of werewolf. They appear perfectly normal, act perfectly normal, and don't seem to turn all hairy on certain nights. What makes them extraordinary is their magical ability, which depends on the moon for its power. The only drawback to the magic is that when the moon becomes full weremystes basically go insane. All semblance of reality fleeing them even as they reach their maximum magical apex.

Justis is no exception to this curse. But like his father before him, the magic means too much for him to take the drugs that would let him lead a normal life. The specter of its loss nearly as terrifying to him as the dementia and Alzheimer-like symptoms it finally inflicted upon his father. Plus, Justis really needs the magic to continue to do his job?

But why does a P.I. need magic, you ask?

Well, normally, Justis doesn't – the insurance claims and adulterous spouse cases not requiring anything other than his law enforcement skills, but occasionally, he finds himself mixed up in crimes that defy explanation, called in as a consultant by his former partner, Kona Shaw, to aid Phoenix P.D. in their ongoing investigations. And since Kona is the only person other than his father who knows his secret – and because he really needs the money – Justis takes on these cases, utilizing his magical powers to aid his previous employer. And as *Spell Blind* begins that is exactly what is transpiring.

You see, before his termination from the force, Justis and Kona were investigators on the worst serial killer case in Phoenix history. An especially nasty murderer who preyed on troubled teens and college students, burned out their eyes while torturing them, and always dumped their bodies in the desert. The gruesome nature of the deaths caused the local media to dub the assailant the Blind Angel Killer. And though Justis never got close to apprehending this psycho, he always suspected the killings had something to do with magic but could never prove it.

Fast forward to now. There has been another Blind Angel murder. This time the daughter of an immensely powerful state politician has been found tortured, blinded, and dead in the desert. The Feds have been called in to find the killer and do it fast. But Phoenix P.D. wants to apprehend him first, so that they will not be labeled incompetent, and soon Justis finds his phone ringing. But even as he agrees to help Kona Shaw out, he wonders if his weremyste powers are strong enough to deal with exactly what he is stepping into?

Overall, *Spell Blind* was a really solid Urban Fantasy story. It had all the requisite elements: urban setting,

supernatural creatures, magic, romantic entanglements, and mysterious plots. And David B. Coe weaves all of them together into a seamlessly entertaining novel that is never dull, constantly develops its characters, deftly reveals its mysteries, and wraps things up with a nice, realistic ending. Without a doubt, it is pure Urban Fantasy fun. Really.

The only criticism I could cast on the book is that it isn't brimming with originality. I mean, even I (a UF newbie) have read and seen UF characters similar to those presented here, plots close to this one, and magical creatures related to weremystes, so none of the elements themselves surprised me. So if a perspective reader comes to *Spell Blind* searching for some re-invention of the Urban Fantasy formula, I could see them being sorely disappointed by this novel.

With that negative aside, however, I really enjoyed this first installment of the *Justis Fearsson* series. As I mentioned earlier, it was pure page turning fun, and I fully intend to pick up the next book to see what adventures have been sprung upon my favorite weremyste P.I..

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### **Mayda says**

Justis Fearsson always wanted to be cop, but because of circumstances beyond his control, he is kicked off the force and becomes a private investigator. What he can't control is his actions for a three-day period around the time of the full moon. He is a weremyste, a person who can do magic, but magic with a price. He goes a bit insane around the time of the full moon, and indeed, some day, it may become a permanent thing. He has a teacher, a superior being who can help him hone his craft. But he has a long way to go and he is short on time. A serial killer, who also is magical, is loose in Phoenix, and Justis wants to stop him before he kills again. This gripping tale is well crafted with fascinating characters in an intricate plot. This novel has it all – suspense, mystery, romance, and intrigue, and they are all blended and balanced together. It's like magic.

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### **Tina Myers says**

For fans of Kevin Hearne's *The Iron Druid* series and Jim Butcher's *The Dresden Files*. David B. Coe's protagonist Justis Fearsson is the best of a long line of Private Detectives stretching back to MacDonald and Hammett with just enough of a magical twist to keep the world interesting and just enough flawed humanity to make you wish he was your friend.

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