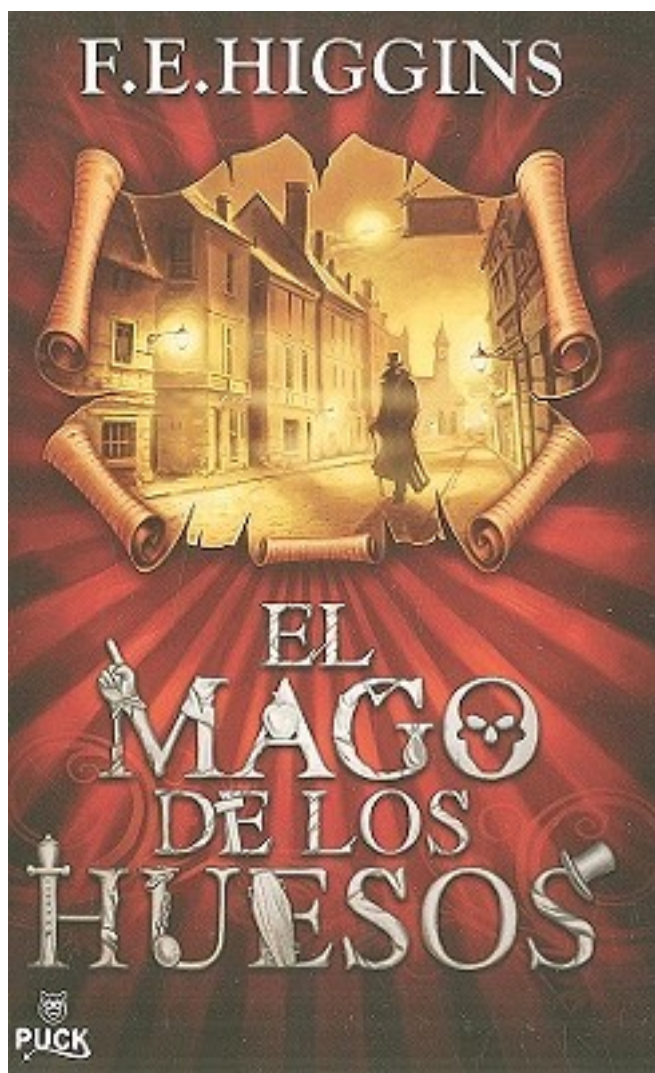


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**F.E. Higgins**

**El Mago de los Huesos (Tales From The Sinister City #2)**



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## Description

Pin Carpue ha vivido solo en la lúgubre ciudad de Urbs Umida desde la misteriosa desaparición de su padre, ocurrida bajo la sombra del escándalo. Su trabajo con el enterrador de la ciudad lo mantiene ocupado, pero su vida es algo deprimente.

El encuentro de Pin con el Mago de los Huesos, un hombre que puede hacer hablar a los muertos, lo arrastrará al interior de un mundo de magia e ilusión donde su vida correrá grave peligro...

## Insightful reviews

Tracy: The more I thought about the ending of this book, the more ripped off I felt. From reading the multitude of comments that refer to the 'paraquel' status and the accompanying glowing reviews of the the 'other' story, [The Black Book of Secrets](#), I gather that this is a good thing.

Well, maybe - **IF** I'd read anything in the book's description (I don't usually read reviews until afterward, too many people don't grasp the concept of what a spoiler is) that tells me something else is going on at the same time.

Seriously, the story was fine as it stood. I assume that the mild flatness had something to do with its YA genre. If it had been left alone, everything would have been fine.

But the "appendices" - those that tied this story into one I haven't read - really ruined the positive (though not gushing) review I was prepared to write. Would I have enjoyed the book more had I read the other book? Is the other book truly a standalone book? Is this one? Have I missed a richer reading experience by reading these out of order?

See? I feel ripped off. It might have been *better* in some way. Were I a Young Adult reader, I might even have had that 'everyone's got a cooler bike than mine' feeling when I realized that 'everyone else' probably got more from the book than I did.

And I really don't think this is a paraquel (a term, by the way, that has been in use for fewer than 5 years, AFAIK) but rather a companion piece - a story that can stand alone and is not diminished or enhanced based upon the reader's familiarity with other books written in the same world, with the same characters, whatever.

Unless you're told in the appendix that you've missed something.

Barbara: A paraquel, or parallel story, in the same alternate world as 'The Black Book of Secrets' by the same author. After his beloved mother dies and his father is a murder suspect and disappears, Pin Carpue fends for himself by working for an undertaker as a 'body watcher', sitting all night with bodies making sure they are really dead before they're buried. One night, after being partially drugged, the body he is watching sits up and talks as a 'bone magician' (waker of the dead) and his female assistant, Juno, perform mysterious rites over it.

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Thus starts his association with the bone magician's world as he is pulled into their secrets as well as the lure of the Gluttonous Beast creature on display locally, and the increasing town hysteria over a serial killer nicknamed The Silver Apple Killer, who almost kills Pin. Pin (short for Crispin) has to figure out who to pin his hopes on to survive.

This is a dark atmospheric mystery with a very Dickensian flavor of life for the poor in a city whose putrid river divides the rich and the poor. You can almost smell the river and feel the damp mist! Pin is a very likeable character who faces his adversities with integrity and a sense of optimism. Readers may shiver with the creepiness of some parts, but this is not horror or magic, rather a mystery in a dark world with some wry humor and many twists and turns. An abrupt ending indicates a sequel.

Melissa : Pin is a body watcher. He watches over dead bodies for an undertaker. Not a pleasant job in the slummy south side of Urbs Umida, but Pin has to earn a living when his mother died and his father disappeared, presumably to avoid arrest as a murder suspect. One fateful night, Pin witnessed a "raising of the dead" orchestrated by the Bone Magician and his young female assistant Juno. From here, Pin is pulled into the mystery and magic of the waker of the dead. Through it all, Pin's own pursuit to find his missing father and prove his innocence mixes up with Juno's own search for her father's murderer, while being wary of the threat of a serial murderer--the Silver Apple Killer.

This book has fascinating characters that makes the story unforgettable. The setting is darkly mysterious and dangerous, yet not devoid of optimism. It is an interesting read that will transport you to the atmospheric reality of Pin's world and his strange experiences.

Flora Bateman: this can be a fantastic heart grade age secret that could be a paraquel to The Black publication of Secrets, that means they occur on the related time. This tale is decided within the fictional city of Urbs Umida that is cut up via a bad smelling river into north and south sections. The north is the place the rich dwell and infrequently smells higher than the south. there's a couple of secret happening during this story. a few are less difficult to untangle than others. Pin Carpue is trying to find his father who has been accused of killing Pin's uncle while he runs around the Bone Magician that has the facility to talk for the dead. Pin is decided to discover this secret. Meanwhile, there's a serial killer terrorizing the town and everybody is afraid to head out at night. I enjoyed the hot characters in addition to the tangle of mysteries happening and the binds to the Black ebook of Secrets. i am intrigued to determine how issues proceed within the books to come. and that i might suggest this ebook to somebody who loves somewhat a gloomy mystery. Its not only an exceptional learn for kids. I enjoyed it.

Tati Dengo: Even higher than the final one. secret that grips you 'til the very finish whereas seamlessly tying jointly an array of doubtless unrelated characters. The characters are the simplest point of those books simply because them all own anything curious that attaches you to their stories. Their unconventional professions, their strange and/or mysterious again stories, and their specific pursuits and objectives create a truly multilayered narration. additionally loved the little tidbits tying this publication to the former one, made me are looking to return and turn via it as soon as more. i haven't encountered a publication that does that particularly during this

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manner, and it's very fascinating to capture these tendrils the place the tales connect. additionally love the inner layout of the ebook itself. different typefaces keeping apart Pin's Journal, Snoad's articles, in addition to the posters and ads envelop you into the tale as though you have been additionally a part of this era. would like to work out this one became a movie.

Karissa: This ebook seemed correct up my alley and whilst I observed it I needed to decide it up. it's the moment ebook within the stories from the Sinister urban sequence through Higgins. i really hadn't learn the 1st book, The Black booklet of Secrets, and did not notice this ebook was once a part of a series. the great factor is for you to nonetheless rather benefit from the Bone Magician with no need learn the 1st book. at once there are extra books during this series; the attention Collector and The Lunatic's Curse. i actually loved this book, it had really good characters and a deliciously darkish and sinister setting. Pin is a boy who watches corpses for a living. it isn't a nasty activity and it will pay decent. together with his mom lifeless and his father lacking Pin is making due; dwelling in a horribly dingy condo in a urban that's dark, foggy, and dangerous. Then whereas looking at a corpse he's drugged by means of a number of those that are available and lift the corpse to speak to it; therefore he meets The Bone Magician and his younger woman assistant Juno. outdoors of his task Pin has a mission, to turn out that his father isn't a murderer. Pin gets concerned with a plethora of attention-grabbing characters alongside the way; The Bone Magician, Juno, the Silver Apple Killer (the towns considered necessary serial killer), and the terrible Gluttonous Beast to call a few. This is a dismal book, however it is deliciously so. The atmosphere is foggy, Victorian, and darkly depressing...what I think the poorer components of a urban could have really been like during this time frame. What relatively holds this e-book jointly are the robust flashes of amazing kindness which are sprinkled in the course of the darkness. for example Pin, regardless of his terrible final year, is a shockingly upstanding and dependable boy, with a lot intensity to his character. Pin's organization can be unusually kind; it's like Pin is aware easy methods to deliver out the easiest within the humans he meets...he is a vivid spot in a depressing city. There is a dismal secret combined throughout, because the urban attempts to determine the identification of the Silver Apple Killer. We see the tale from many issues of view: a few components are taken from Pin's Journal, a few elements are from Pin's aspect of view, a few from Juno's, a few of the ebook is taken from newspapers, etc. I beloved how the entire miscellaneous resources labored good jointly to create an enticing story. i used to be really inspired with the creativity and the craft it took to have these kinds of magazine entries, newspaper clippings, etc. introduced jointly to makes this glorious story. Despite its darkness, the tale is uplifting within the end. The ebook is creepy, yet by no means particularly scary. it might be acceptable for heart grade and up. there's a lot of facing demise during this booklet (since Pin does paintings for an undertaker) and many descriptions of individuals residing in abject poverty; yet there's not quite something too image or inappropriate. Overall i actually loved this story. i admire darkish tales with a dismal fairy story consider to them which are filled with mystery; I additionally love that the fantastic characters fight opposed to all odds to convey kindness and lightweight into the darkish global they reside in. This publication made me desirous to decide up Higgins different stories for the Sinister urban books. while you're partial to The final Apprentice sequence via Joseph Delaney i feel you wish this darkish and atmospheric story. This tale is a keeper for me and that i wish to learn it to my son sooner or later soon.

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