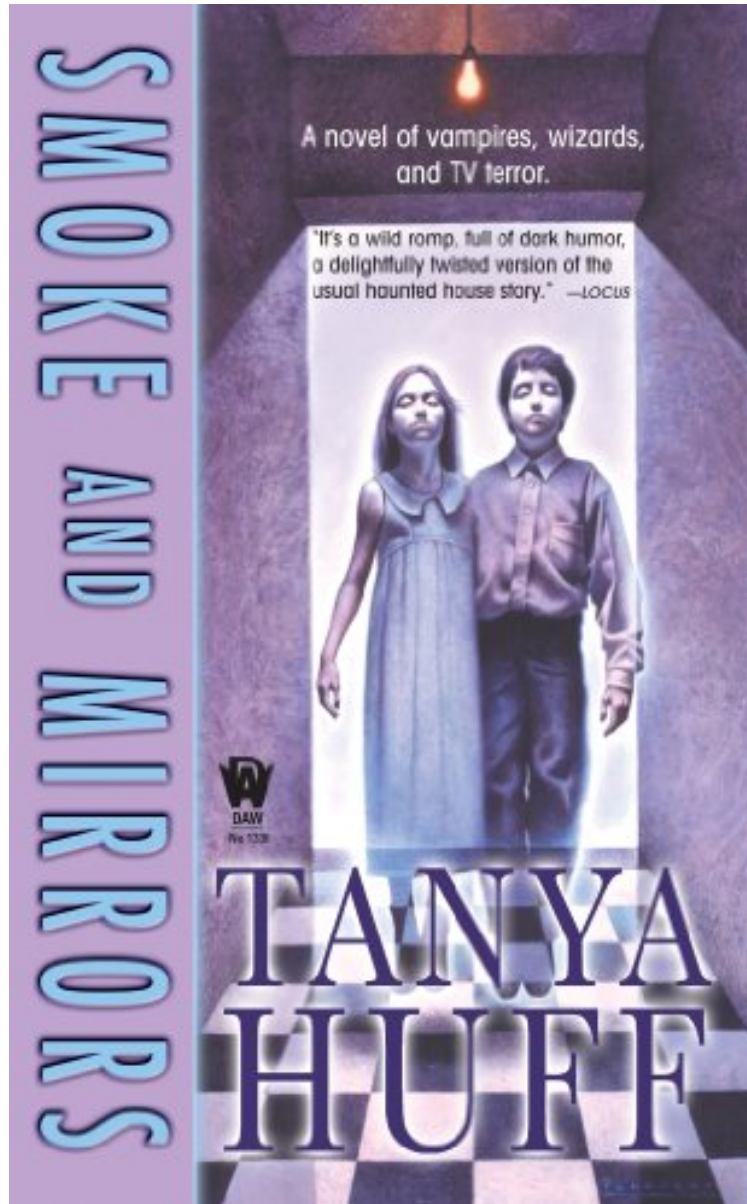


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Von Tanya Huff : Smoke and Mirrors before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Smoke and Mirrors:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Beware of the basement!Von hwmSaving the world from evil forces can turn into a bad habit, like falling for the wrong guy

(straight, undead and otherwise) or breaking off with the right ones. Tony Foster, wizard-in-training and production assistant at America's hottest TV-series, "Darkest Nights", has become an (unwilling) expert at all three of them. So when the new shooting location for a haunted house story turns out to be haunted for real, it shouldn't really surprise him; neither, when a malevolent force in the basement traps the film crew at dusk and tries to steal their life force by setting into motion a vicious circle of madness - murder - suicide. If they survive the night, they'll be free. Otherwise there will be 18 new, very lively ghosts added to the basement's collection. Add the histrionics of show biz folks, the Boss' noxious pre-teen daughters and some sexual confusions and you've got the perfect mix for a late-night fun read. And that's exactly what SMOKE AND MIRRORS is - funny, eerie and sometimes a tad silly. Huff makes heavy use of show-biz/horror genre/gay culture clichés, but also creates a very entertaining story uniquely her own. Tony has matured (a bit) and is a more confident (and convincing) protagonist than in the prequel, SMOKE AND ASHES. The sole cloud darkening the sky is the largish cast that could have used a good trimming. Too many people populate the book and some, like CB and Henry Fitzroy, suffer for it (only minor supporting roles). Otherwise feel free to enjoy the fun trip!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dark and witty Von cain1999 Spin-off to Huff's Vicky Nelson-novels, "Smoke and Mirrors" delves into the adventures of Tony Foster and his 450 year-old vampire ex-lover Henry Fitzroy. Similar to the first novel "Smoke and Shadows" the plot of "Smoke and Mirrors" is based around the production set of third-rate tv show "Darkest Night". This time CB, Tony's boss decided to have the shooting of the show's latest episode at an abandoned mansion...a haunted, abandoned mansion as Tony will learn very fast. Tanya Huff style is still quick and witty, the dialogue a joy to read. We get the cheeky hints about familiar shows that are nice for a good laugh. And Tony...Tony's still having one major crush on co-star of "Darkest Night" Lee,...the very straight co-star Lee. If you want a fun read with a good mix between darker plotlines and light humour, this is the book for you. And while you're at it, check out her other books as well.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Haunted Mansion and Terrible Evil Von Monika Simon 'Smoke and Mirrors' is the second adventure of Tony Foster, former streetkid in Toronto now production assistant on 'Darkest Night', "syndicated television's most popular vampire detective series". When the show is on location at a lonely house to shoot an episode about a haunted mansion Tony discovers that this house is really haunted and that not all ghosts are benign. Like the earlier Vicky Nelson series and the first of Tony Foster's solo adventure Smoke and Shadows. - though Tony's ex-lover Henry Fitzroy makes a short but vital appearance in both books - 'Smoke and Mirrors' is a thoroughly enjoyable book. The story is fast-paced (the majority of the events happen in one night), entertaining, gripping and fun. Whether it is observing Tony trying to use his fledgling abilities as a magician, or being utterly bewildered by co-star Lee's behaviour, or if reading about the reaction of Henry Fitzroy to the events, the reader will feel thoroughly involved in the story. Definitely recommended reading (preferably after reading 'Smoke and Shadows') for fans of vampires, ghosts and the entire Urban Fantasy genre.

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Pressestimmen Praise for the Smoke series: "Fans of Buffy and the X-Files will cheer the latest exploits of Tony Foster, wizard-in-training.... An entertaining supernatural adventure with plenty of sex, violence, and sarcastic humor." Publishers Weekly "It's a wild romp, full of dark humor, a delightfully twisted version of the usual haunted house story." Locus "Huff is one of the best writers we have at contemporary fantasy, particularly with a supernatural twist." Chronicle "[Huff's] delightfully light touch lends a sense of timeliness to this effortlessly told fantasy mystery." Library Journal "This latest offering is just as gothic and horror-filled as its prequel. The conversational writing is a pleasure.... Huff continues to add many details of filming and life on the set of a television show while maintaining suspense." VOYA "Lots of action and amusing show-biz detail keep things moving for a fun dark-fantasy adventure." Locus "[A] talent for creating believable suspense out of the most improbably circumstances. Vibrant characters and tongue-in-cheek portrayal of current TV trends make this a strong addition to most fantasy or horror collections." Library Journal "Huff writes a spellbinding, fascinating tale that fans of Laurell K. Hamilton and Jim Butcher will enjoy." Midwest Book From the Hardcover edition.

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