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London, 1899. The beautiful people are dying...

A malevolent power is attacking London's bright young things, and the only clue to what's happening is written in ancient Egyptian script. As ghost-hunter Simon Feximal and his companion Robert Caldwell investigate the mysterious deaths, the arrival in London of a notorious scholar-sorcerer seems to hold the answer to more than one of their problems.

A quiet break in London while en route to Egypt turns dramatic for Dr Percival Endicott Whyborne and his lover Griffin Flaherty when they encounter the hostile ghost-hunter. Feximal clearly suspects the worst of Whyborne – and his flirtatious sidekick seems to think a great deal too well of Griffin...

Jordan L Hawk's heroes Whyborne and Griffin meet KJ Charles' occult detectives from the Secret Casebook of Simon Feximal in a mystery that takes all four lovers through the decadent underworld of Victorian London in pursuit of an ancient and deadly evil.

## Remnant: A Caldwell & Feximal/Whyborne & Griffin Mystery Details

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## From Reader Review Remnant: A Caldwell & Feximal/Whyborne & Griffin Mystery for online ebook

**Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

\*3.5 stars\*

Pretty enjoyable, but since I've only read the first two Widdershins books, and a long time ago, I wasn't as familiar with those characters. I still liked it a great deal, but I REALLY loved The Secret Casebook of Simon Feximal and I was hoping for more of that magic. I got a taste, though, which made me happy!

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**Elizabetta says**

This new collaboration between KJ Charles and Jordan L Hawk brings together the formidable powers of two pairs of paranormal investigators. We're familiar with American team, Whyborne and Griffin, from Hawk's series of the same name. They are traveling abroad with a lay-over in London. It becomes Yank against Brit when they meet up with Charles' dynamic duo, Caldwell and Simon Feximal, who are chasing more mysterious deaths.

At first, the four men test their wits against each other in uncovering a mummy-voodoo plot. And the sparks fly. As well, some spicy innuendos, and a splash of jealousy. Flinty Feximal and socially awkward Whyborne are like oil and vinegar. I like how this is played off against Caldwell and Griffin, who look on it all with amusement and affection. There are some interesting developments...

(view spoiler)

The men are well-written and have their own distinct voices but I have to admit that it's sometimes a bit of work keeping them all straight. It *is* fun having the four gents in cahoots and I hope we get to see more of them and this writing collaboration.

(Thank you to the authors for the arc in exchange for an honest review)

review of book 1: The Caldwell Ghost

review of book 2: Butterflies

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**Susan says**

Fun interview with the characters Whyborne, Griffin, Robert, and Simon on the release day of their collaboration, "Remnant"! <http://boysinourbooks.com/2014/03/11/...>

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If you're a fan of the Whyborne & Griffin books or the Secret Casebook of Simon Feximal shorts, then this is a no-brainer, must-read!

Yup...pretty much as good as you would expect from these two!!!!

LOVED. EVERY. WORD.

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### **Ariana says**

Loved it. So amusing.

These two sets of MCs meeting each other was simply delightful and so much fun!

This short story would have been just worth it for seeing a jealous Simon. LOL. I could have done with more of that.

Great crossover!

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### **♣ Irish Smurfétté ♣ says**

This was simply *delicious*.

The way these four meet is humorous and Ival has one of my favorite lines because of it.

It's a rare treat to have two established couples *working* together, with neither of them in danger of being compromised. This allows all of their personalities to display truthfully. The result? Unfounded jealousy on the parts of some that is viewed with loving snickers and wry smiles by the others. Heated passion is the the yummy reward for all of them, and us.

The way the sections are written, each author gets to fully inflate their characters, while at the same time allowing the lines to be crossed and connections made between Ival & Griffin and Robert & Simon.

The mystery is fun but includes the somewhat gruesome detail that usually accompanies stories by these two. This means the danger is present and works to propel our gentlemen.

Did I mention it's deliciously hot? Because it is. And I would love more of these two bringing us more of these four. ;)

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## ? percy ♡ says

SIMON AND ROBERT: this man is evil!!!!

WHYBORNE: wtf no i'm not

SIMON: you literally raised an ancient eldritch god from the sea and destroyed a hospital

WHYBORNE:

anyway i NEED jordan l hawk and kj charles to collaborate on a brand new victorian supernatural series with at least 5 books RIGHT NOW. I NEED IT!!!!!!

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## K.J. Charles says

At some point on Twitter, Jordan L Hawk and I agreed that our mission was to make gay Victorian occult investigators the new 'hot FBI agents'. Therefore, this story.

In this free novella, Whyborne and Griffin stop over in London on the way to Egypt and promptly find themselves entangled in both a supernatural mystery and a certain amount of personal strife with ghost-hunter Simon Feximal and his lover and chronicler Robert Caldwell.

Jordan and I had illegal amounts of fun writing this, and I hope it shows.

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## Ami says

Both series have been a favorite of mine -- although I still wish for a Simon Feximal NOVEL -- so imagine my excitement (that had gone through the roof, thank you very much!) when I heard that the two authors were collaborating, and the four characters would meet.

I said, BRING ON THE STORY!!

In this one, the event happened 5 years after Butterflies and 4 months after Stormhaven. Whyborne and Griffin were heading to Egypt but must stopped at London. While Simon and Robert were dealing with gruesome murders involving beautiful people. The story itself was taken from two perspectives: Robert's and Whyborne's.

I thought it was smartly written. You could feel the difference between Robert's narration and the way he saw things with how Whyborne's narrate things and how he felt things. It was FUNNY that Robert and Griffin hit it off immediately, while Simon and Whyborne did not. Simon was grumpy while Whyborne was blushing a lot and not very much wanting to socialize with these two. I thought Robert and Griffin were having too much fun on the expense of their respective partners -- a fact which I enjoyed immensely.

I did wish that mystery was expanded. Gruesome murders that related to paranormal things is one that I like to read. Darn this for being only 15k (although it was free, so I shouldn't complain much, huh?)

A side note, since this story happened five years after Butterflies, there are some things that are 'new' to the

relationship of Simon and Robert -- and how they use Simon's power. Which is interesting, and I hope it means we get a more explained or thorough story that leads to this (yes, I'm hinting that I want a novel, darn it)

All in all, if you love both authors and both series, this is NOT to be missed.

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### **Nick Pageant says**

Super fun short featuring my favorite m/m couple, Whyborne & Griffin, joined by my second favorite m/m couple, Caldwell & Feximal.

Fun, fun, fun with a little sexy and a little suspense thrown in. I am pleased. Fun.

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### **Heller says**

3.75

I wondered how these two authors would mesh their styles because there seemed to be subtle differences that would make a collaboration jarring. This was a smooth read though and there was a clever give and take here with alternating chapters from Whyborne and Caldwell with a rather fun meet cute for the couples. The mystery was easily solved but it was really just a convenient way for the men to interact.

We're 4 months past Stormhaven and 5 years past Butterflies. A lot of changes have happened for Feximal and Caldwell, I liked the jump and I liked the relationship development that was resolved. The story is only 53 pages so I was impressed with how much information was given.

I went into this after having just read the Hawk series Whyborne and Griffin. Which I'm glad that I did. I think this could be a standalone in that if you were a fan of either author you could easily step in and enjoy the read. I was already a huge fan of the Feximal/Caldwell pairing but I felt more comfortable getting to know Whyborne/Griffin prior to reading this because it did give me a better sense of their reactions and the foreshadowing is meaningful.

Griffin is right to be worried about Whyborne's continued and indiscriminate use of the Arcanorum. Whyborne, Winter is Coming...don't be Eddard Stark and not see the enemy for what it is to you until it's too late. Open your eyes.

Looking forward to the next adventures for both couples. This was a treat.

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### **Ingela says**

*Written March 13, 2014*

**3.8 Stars - an enjoyable shorty about an unexpectedly meeting in London between four fascinating gentlemen - ..and as always a lot of mysterious ghostly events**

This *Remnant* story is a very funny (..these men's jealousy, their first meeting etc), cheeky and a bit thrilling short novella with four men I already like. Two lovely couples from two different good M/M series, written by two author separately usually. They all meet in London 1899.

# **Robert Caldwell & Simon Feximal** from  
The Caldwell Ghost by K.J. Charles

# **Percival Endicott Whyborne & Griffin Flaherty** from  
Widdershins by Jordan L. Hawk

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***Remnant* started well.** On page 1, the Brittish couple  
~ Robert & Simon:

“Are you willing?”  
“You need not ask,” I told him, and dropped to my knees.  
What with one thing and another, I had spent much of the last five years kneeling in front of Simon, and generally it was a position I greatly relished. But not like this.’

...and the American lovebirds a few pages later  
~ Whyborne & Griffin:

“I do appreciate it,” I added, lest he think I took him for granted.  
His green eyes took on a sly look. “You’ll have to demonstrate your gratitude later, then.”  
The tips of my ears grew hot, even as my member roused.’

**Who can resist a historical spooky crime tale** with that cute ‘**member**’ word?

~ Which chick, lady, babe, girl or M/M loving guy? (Just, tell me!!) That word make me smile everytime I read it. Charming and delightful old-fashioned... yum!!

It was a *loaded* first meeting between these four gentlemen:

‘We stood there, Dr. Whyborne half-throttled, Simon at swordpoint, Mr. Flaherty at gunpoint and I at, I suppose one might say spellpoint, all momentarily paralysed, and as we stared at one another, I reached a conclusion.’  
(...) And yet...  
With a chance to think about it, I should doubtless have ignored my instincts. As it was, I lowered my pistol.’

**The quotes I pasted above says, probably**, I hope, something about the story itself. More about this quick read book hardly needs to be told here, it is far too short for that.

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**The set-up, with every other chapter written by** each author, worked excellent. I thought it was so fun to hear these four men's different attitudes towards, and perceptions of, each other. It's told by Robert's or Whyborne's POV, just like in these series.

‘Notwithstanding, a man may *look*.’

The innocent flirtation between Robert and Griffin and both Simon's and Whyborne's way of emphasizing that it was not okay, was fun, hot and gorgeous to see (read). Yum!! Thanks to these, now quite "hardening" and a bit tougher men, who become a bit stubborn and jealous of their partners. (view spoiler)

~ *All smexy stuff take place in different places. ..it is certainly not crowded with four hot male bodies in the bedroom. Fear not! ...or don't have hight hopes.* ~

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**An excellent shrewd temptation read** to these men's remarkable everyday adventures and spooky, but also so very steaming hot, world. I have two published books in Widdershins series in front of me. Looking forward to more.

*Go, jump, run...* immediately and download this *Remnant* novella if you like to read these two talented authors other books. [If you haven't already tried anything from them, you have a treasure of well-written historical mystery-romances in front of you. - Lucky you!]

**I LIKE - of course, anything else would be a cross in the roof (= "When pigs fly")**

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*Remnant is a new free 50 pages novella (..at SW from March 11'th), see K.J. Charles' comments)*

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**R \* A Reader Obsessed \* says**

#### **4 Crossover Stars**

Highly enjoyable, it's recommended to read the other books in both series to get the maximal experience watching Robert and Simon team up with Whyborne and Griffin.

Cheeky fun (plus some separate sexy times) as Robert and Griffin hit it off, while their respective partners are more disgruntled and far less inclined to join forces in finding a killer.

I can only hope we see more of these 2 duos working together!



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## **Tara♥ says**

Ooooooh...

Jordan L. Hawk's Whyborne & Griffin find themselves in London on their way to Egypt

They are greeted (stalked) by KJ Charles Caldwell & Feximal

I've not read any of the Caldwell and Feximal books yet, from what I can work out the first book is no longer available and won't be until this summer. I'm intrigued, I really want to read their story. The chemistry was quite something.

Whyborne and Griffin were their usual awesome selves, Whyborne was hilarious. He is such a grumpy pants.

This was funny and smexy and the case was way gruesome.

Really good fun!

**\*Note:** I'm going to need The Prestige gifs for when I do start reading Caldwell and Feximal.

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## **Isabel says**

Short but so good!!! Though I haven't read any book of Secret Casebook of Simon Feximal series, I knew K.J. Charles writing from A Charm of Magpies series, and so I had to read this book! And I'm glad I did! These writers are so creative! This book is funny, interesting... amazing!

Whyborne is still my favorite... this character is so funny... I love him... well I love them all! Simon and Robert have a very intense relationship! I have to read their series too, definately!!!

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## **Karen says**

This was a free read put out by K.J. Charles and Jordan L Hawk and contained the main characters from each author's series 'A Charm of Magpies' and 'Whyborne & Griffin' and really and truly it was one hell of a fun read.

I can honestly say my only issue with the whole story was it needed to be longer. Pages and more pages of

these four would have been epic. I am seriously going to cross my fingers that somewhere, somehow these two authors do a collaboration with these four men. I can't imagine it would be anything but hilariously epic and sexy as all get out. Yeah, there was a couple of fairly smexy scenes going on.

So now my dilemma I need to bump up another series on my TBR list that's right 'A Charm of Magpies' needs to jump forward in it's reading order and I don't even have anyone to blame this on...except well maybe myself, but really where's the fun in that?

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