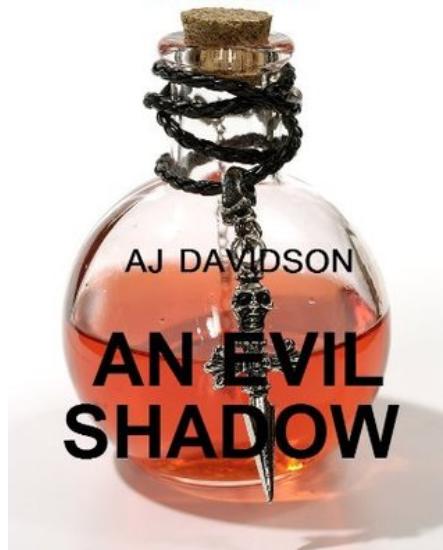


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The first in a series of books, each one taking a different crime as its theme.

Val Bosanquet, a former New Orleans detective, is offered a job as Chief of a campus PD. A Haitian child killer he helped convict for the murder of her mother has just been enrolled at the university. Val stumbles across new evidence linking the ten-year old murder to a disgraced cop and one of America's most popular sportswear companies. Corporate corruption and Voodoo make for a volatile mix in the deep south....

## **An Evil Shadow Details**

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## From Reader Review An Evil Shadow for online ebook

### Ingrid says

Interesting concept and plot but it didn't draw me in. It was difficult for me to stay interested. The relationship with Val and Angie and Marcus was nauseating to me, the story was a bit too predictable, and Marie seemed like a temperamental child at times. But above and beyond that, the grammar and spelling was atrocious! Somebody needs to fire their editor. Some phrases I had to read more than once because the way they were worded did not make any sense. Another series in which I have ended the relationship after a single book.

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### Glenda says

A good action book, no profanity or needless sex scenes and it kept me on the edge of my seat. I want to read more in this series.

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### Ashley says

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Own on Nook.

FS: "Donny Jackson turned the key in the lock, pushed open the door and entered the apartment, then used his foot to hook the door shut behind him."

LS: "All across the country, sport stars' agents were checking the fine print on their clients' endorsement contracts with equipment manufacturers."

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### James says

"An Evil Shadow" is a very good police thriller. The primary characteristic of this book is entertainment, but I also learned much I didn't already know about Haiti and Voodoo. Until the last several chapters, the story moves at a perfect pace and most of the characters are well developed. The weak development of Angie's character is one of the exceptions, and the pace seems to be a little rushed at the end. The rapid, but unexplained, change in Val's and Angie's relationship at the end is one specific example of rushing the pace. Obviously, this change was necessary to accommodate other books in the series, but a reasonable, believable explanation would have been a nice addition. If these problems had been fixed, I might have given the book 5 stars. The Kindle version needs another proofreading, but except in a few cases, the errors don't detract from the story or conceal the intended meaning. The print version may not have these glitches, but since I much prefer to read on my Kindle, both for the convenience and the lower price, the rare editing glitch is an acceptable tradeoff for me. I enjoy reading many of the new authors made available through the low cost of Kindle Direct Publishing, but it was a pleasure to be in the hands of a true professional writer for a change. It

was obvious even from the first chapter that this book was written by an experienced author and not another struggling beginner. Many playwrights make novels sound like play scripts, but Mr. Davidson seems to be skilled at both crafts. I applaud and appreciate his move from traditional to electronic publishing. I've added several more of his books to my wish list, and look forward to many more hours enjoying his work.

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### **Wanda Hartzenberg says**

Good premise, very well researched which impressed me from a 2 star toward a 3 star rating, however; Soelling, even syntax mistakes distracted me sooo much it actually impacted my reading time. Yes the plot is good, predictable but nonetheless good. However some character formations were brilliant while surprisingly the main character is hardly developed and shows little growth.

I know my review sound very negative but this author needs a good line editor and a few beta readers to challenge the predictability and I believe this will be an author to keep your eye upon.

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### **Karen says**

Even though I chose this for the "E" in the title because I needed a book with that letter for a challenge I need to finish by the end of July, I figured I would rather have the shame of not completing it than gnash my teeth on characters I cannot stand and I find utterly ridiculous. I feel nauseous how the main character does not even have an iota of self-respect, but to suck up to his bimbo ex? wife. So I am expected to have some honor for this cop's agenda? Or his buddy who is a member of this stupid trio love triangle. The storyline idea was hopeful, but it cannot make up for an intense dislike for everyone in the book. I hate I even read to the 1/4 mark. Thankful it was free. No stars!

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### **Pheebz says**

This book had a good story line, and parts of it were well thought out. Your Editor, failed you miserably. Sorry about that A.J. You deserved better. Parts of the story were captivating, the characters, were well developed. However, there were a few that were left blowing in the wind. All in all it was a interesting read, and the story line could have been great with the right Editor. You get an A for effort, your editor gets an F-. Don't be discouraged, hang in there and I wish you the very best in the future.

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### **Kristen says**

In the first installment of the Val Bosanquet Mystery series by AJ Davidson, *An Evil Shadow*, we were introduced to his wild and wacky world. Set in New Orleans, Louisiana, Valentino "Val" Bosanquet was a former NOPD detective and lost his finger, a decade ago, to one of his cases. When his brother Marcus asked him to step in to be the interim security chief for the University of New Orleans, when Marie Duvall, a young Haitian girl who lost her mother due a brutal crime, she was accused of the crime. He needed to step

in to protect, though he had his druthers. Along the way, he dealt with his soon to be ex-wife, who was in love with his brother, dirty cops and other nefarious types of people who didn't want him to stand in the way of their schemes. He would stop at nothing to get to the both of it.

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### **Marti says**

Val Bosanquet is a New Orleans police officer who saw that a young Haitian girl was convicted of the ax murder of her mother, but it seems that may be wrong. She wants to go to college, and Val changes jobs, going to work for the University Police Department. All along the way, people are getting murdered, and otherwise killed. His ex-wife, who is now involved with his brother, thinks that she might like to get back together with him. Problems, problems. This must be part of a series, since it is titled, Val Bosanquet Mystery #1.

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### **Bob says**

This was one of the most forgettable books i've read recently. I finished it this afternoon and there is absolutely nothing that jumps out at me as something i'll remember beyond the point where i begin another book. The plot was a jumble of murders, voodoo, and cops of all types. The main character is a college campus police chief that acts nothing at all like real campus cops. On the scale of law enforcement offices, campus cops generally rate just above mall cops. This one acted like he was NSA or FBI. Stupid. I hope the next book is better.

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### **Sheila Judson says**

Good story line. Typos in the ebook a little off putting.

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### **Valerie says**

I really enjoyed parts of this book, a thrilling police mystery combined with Haitian history which I found interesting.

BUT I have to say the spelling mistakes distracted me and it got complicated with the amount of people to keep track of.

I hope the rest of the series is edited better and not so hard to follow.

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### **R.L. says**

A girl who supposedly killed her voodoo witch mother and spent time in J jail is out and wants to attend college. The Haiti mafia seem at once to be fascinated with her and want to kill her. The detective who testified against her is up against it trying to decide to keep her safe, and now has doubts about her role in the

slaying.

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### **Sara Bartlett says**

A good mystery requiring concentration to link all the Haitian history and political links of the past, the plot was good. not an exceptional book, needs editing to correct the typos. These types of errors really detract from reading, demotes professional standing of the work. I searched for information about the author, curious about all the typo errors in the book. This author has gone to INDIE books whatever that means, the book was created on CreateSpace and is free. I guess you get what you pay for!

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### **Sheila Myers says**

I'm not a big fan of crime fiction in which the investigator goes at a case with a lone wolf attitude and breaks all of the established procedures even if there are compelling reasons for him to do so. That being said, I did enjoy "An Evil Shadow". AJ Davidson did a good job of pulling together various plot elements to write a story that kept me interested until the very end of the book.

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