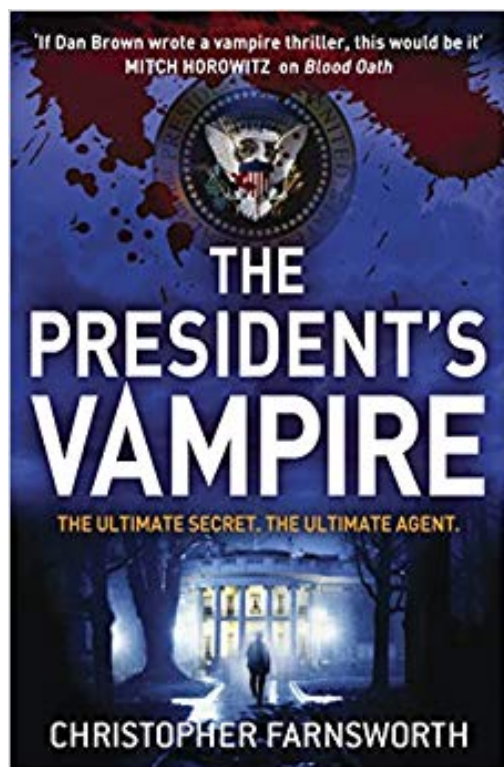


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Nathaniel Cade is the President's vampire - sworn by a blood oath to protect the President and America from their supernatural enemies. Helped by his partner, political liaison officer Zach Barrows, Cade is looking for the source of a deadly new virus that is being used to attack armies across the world - a virus that transforms its victims into vicious animals in seconds and spreads in minutes. And that a powerful group called the Shadow Company are determined to release among the general public...



Reviews of the Presidents Vampire by Christop Farnsworth

THOMAS

The President's Vampire (2011), by Christopher Farnsworth, is the second book in the Nathaniel Cade series, which began with Blood Oath (2010) and is followed by Red, White, and Blood (2012). It's a unique series that employs a hundred-and-forty-year-old vampire, named Cade, to fight for the United States (and humankind) against all types of murderous supernatural villains. Cade was bound to the President of the United States by a blood oath in 1867 by a vodou priestess. The oath forces

him "to support and defend the nation and its citizens against all enemies" as long as he walks the earth. Cade has become a willing and loyal, although exceedingly vicious, member of our national security team. However, Cade does not combat normal villains. Instead, he battles beings that want "the end of all things." He fights monsters that "are not supposed to exist" and that "the human world cannot accommodate." Cade dispatches these inhuman creatures, and their human compatriots, without trials or compassion because he is bound by his blood oath, but also because he believes it must be done and he enjoys doing it. Cade's handler, Zach, works closely with Cade and often finds himself in life-threatening, and physically painful, situations, which require rescue from Cade. In *The President's Vampire*, Cade and Zach battle an army of ruthless monsters that evolved from intentionally-infected human beings, which are eventually expected to replace the human race. A large nefarious agency that has worked to become enmeshed with the U.S. Government and other groups worldwide has conspired for many years to develop and unleash this horde of heinous creatures. Unfortunately, Zach discovers the hard way that he has been exploited by this traitorous group, and he finds himself to be in an extremely perilous situation. I liked Zach and Cade, the two main characters of this novel. The story places them in a menacing environment of espionage and supernatural drama. Of course, there is much horrific action, as would be expected in a vampire novel. I found *The President's Vampire* to be an unusual and fun vampire story with a hellacious, but ethically-and-socially-conscious vampire working for the good of the human race. I intend to read the other volumes in this series.

Windforge

As with the previous book in the series, *Blood Oath*, I quite liked this book. As a matter of fact it's a great book. The only reason it's not getting another star is that this political betrayal stuff is not my favourite topic. Sure it's bit biased but hey, this is my site and I'm not a professional reviewer so you should expect it to reflect me. At least I have a reflection...the last time I looked.

Anyway, the book continues from where the previous one left off with Zack as the "political liaison" to the president's vampire, Nathaniel Cade. A new, actually fairly old, enemy has arisen and it's of course up to our favourite vampire to deal with this "little" issue threatening all of humanity.

Well, there is a third book published already so I don't think I'm spoiling anything by saying that Zack and Cade saves the day...again. They even get the bad guy in the end which is something I quite like in my books. Cade is his usual "likable" guy and the little conversations between Cade and Zach are as enjoyable as in the first book. The same goes for the rather one-sided conversations between the bad guys and Cade.

The action is plentiful as usual but a fair amount of it done as flashbacks which I'm not too thrilled about and is another reason this book is not getting another star.

Bottom line though is that it's a very enjoyable book and I found it a nice detour from my usual Science Fiction reading.

Runeshaper

Christopher Farnsworth has created the most intriguing character in Nathaniel Cade that this reader has encountered in a long time. Cade and his deeply addicting backstory first appeared in "Blood Oath" and is further examined in "The President's Vampire" which is a superior effort in my opinion. The concept is simple enough if the reader can suspend his/her sense of disbelief to accept that vampires do exist. Nathaniel Cade is a covert superhuman (supernatural, if you must) agent sworn by a blood oath 140 years ago to obey the orders of the President of the United States and to protect the US from all enemies, real or imagined, especially those from the "Other Side" i.e. supernatural creatures and forces that ordinary minds cannot fathom.

Cade suffers the all too real tugs and conflicts between his distant but anchoring memories of

humanity with his physiological needs to feed on prey--all controlled by his "blood oath" to obey, to seek, and to defend. His new handler, Zach Barrows, has grown immensely from the first iteration in "Blood Oath" to the more resigned, more crafty, and ultimately, more ruthless yet satisfying character in "The President's Vampire".

The current foes are "snakeheads", reptilian mutants from Cade's past, who are being biologically refined and mass produced by someone in the shadows of the US power base to create a force to usher in the New World. Cade and Zach investigate but are hampered by an officious gatekeeper to the President and an unusually powerful and secretive CIA figure. Suffice it to say, Cade and Zach must battle the Snakeheads who get stronger and deadlier with each refinement while trying to ascertain who among a variety of government officials is actually on their side or the "Other Side". An added twist concerns Cade's impotence to deal with one shadowy evil figure who seems protected by his "blood oath"--how this development plays out is an added treat for the reader.

Farnsworth is a highly skilled story teller and competent wordsmith who makes the impossible seem conceivable--give yourself a little leeway in your belief system and you will be swept along breathlessly by a story that will have you panting for a respite. He is a screenwriter who paints mental pictures with his words--which I continue to suspect will be transformed to the large screen very soon. Both Nathaniel Cade novels are full-speed-ahead and take-no-prisoners thrillers that will quickly grab the reader and not let go until the last page is turned--and I do mean, the last page. Even fans of high action thrillers who are not necessarily fans of the vampire genre should have a rollicking good time with the action and dark humor of Nathaniel Cade.

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