

The Ash Angels (Ian Rogers)

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It's a cold winter's night and private investigator Felix Renn is still haunted by his experience in the Black Lands - that dark dimension populated by dangerous supernatural entities. After discovering a strange mark on the snow-covered ground, Felix finds himself thrust into a deadly race against time to protect the city from a paranormal plague that preys on all the dark secrets of the human soul. But what is Felix to do when the next victim is himself?

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REVIEWS

"Renn is back in another Burning Effigy Press novella, THE ASH ANGELS. As much as I enjoyed the first Renn outing, I think I enjoyed this one doubly so. Renn's personality seemed even more to the fore this time, his voice more bitterly humorous. This narrative voice reminded me, in a good way, of Paul Tremblay's in his weird detective novel THE LITTLE SLEEP. But whereas Tremblay's sleepy gumshoe doesn't go up against the paranormal, here Renn is again dealing with malignant otherworldly entities - the threat suspensefully kept mysterious right up to the exciting conclusion. Another aspect of THE ASH ANGELS I very much appreciated was its melancholy tone. It's Christmas eve in snowy Toronto, and the chilly isolation of the human soul is felt throughout - not least of all by Renn, who mourns the breakdown of his marriage. For a brief novella, there's a lot of shading to Renn - the humor, the regrets, the resourcefulness - and a well-formed character will make you want to hang out with him again." - *Jeffrey Thomas, Author* ([full review](#))