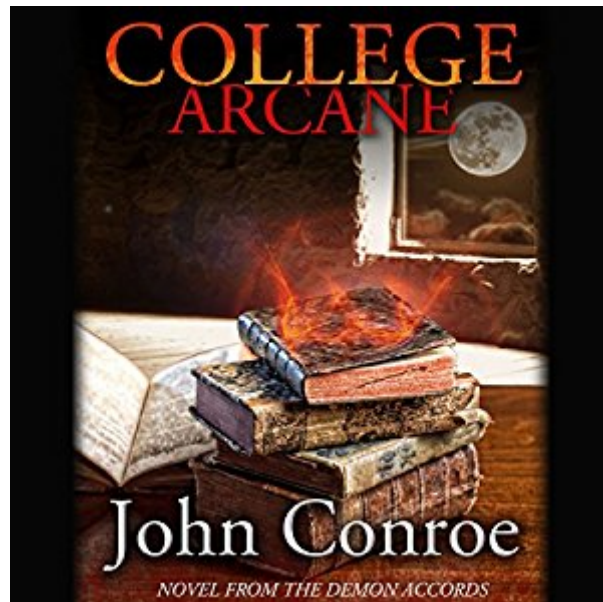


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Synopsis

Book 8 of the Demon Accords. College. A time of transition from youth to young adulthood. New lessons, new responsibilities, new distractions. A period of life treasured by most. Unless you happen to attend an institute of higher learning where the bullies are werewolves, the teachers are sadists, and the pretty girls are all deadly. A school like that demands a special kind of student, someone with the skills and power to survive. Someone like Declan O'Carroll.

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Customer Reviews

Mr. Conroe's novels come to us far too slowly, as they are always an enjoyable read. I hesitate to call this a "side-line novel", as Declan has become a primary character. Better said, it broadens the scope of the "Demon Accord" universe. This novel combines characters from many of John's past novels, and associates them with the "College Arcane", which is an attempt to combine "normal" and supernatural in an educational environment to explore the effects of recent "Forced Accent" revelations on an unsuspecting world, and perhaps find a path to move forward. This novel reminds me of earlier novels of "Chris" -- growth, painful lessons, etc. Declan has a similar personality and naivety, though he does have (a little) more experience with girls. Declan has many common college experiences, including the difficulty of maintaining a high school relationship in the broader college world. Declan also has several important steps in his "development" forced upon him, and not in good ways. We again meet "Sorrows", and are forced to consider whether the book itself is sentient, or if the book's author has somehow placed a portion of herself within the book. We

contemplate "AI" (Artificial Intelligence) and its potential effects on society. I caution the author not to go the route of "past movies" -- the follow-on plot doesn't demand a true artificial intelligence, but more of a "Watchdog program" that has been around long enough to get its "hooks" in all major governmental systems, and was "triggered" by a certain meteor strike. Too easy to fall into cliché and boring, if past movies and books are merely repeated. All-in-all, a good read.

College Arcane is the continuation of the Demon Accords series. It brings back Caeco, Declan, Chris, Tanya and the rest along with some character you may have forgotten. The story follows your stereotypical life of a college student with a bunch of fight or die situations. So it's basically Hogwarts/Camp Half Blood/Xavier Institute. The plot was slow at first mostly because it was Declan complaining about classes and then complaining about how he has to continue hiding his true powers while being bullied by teachers, fellow students and a class bully who is actually an Alpha Werewolf (go figure). This book loses some of its momentum with a lot of words and a lack of action. No joke, 15 pages is all you need for all the action sequences in this book, and I am including the sparring parts and the parts where it's not really a fight and Declan and company jerking around. Finally there is no real main problem in this book, which I mean there is no major bad guy or some conflict that is coming that everyone talks about at great detail. Sure they are mentioned but it is possibly 1-2 pages then nothing, then at the last 5 chapters of the book they appear and it's a kick in the face, there is no real buildup. This part is more of a SPOILERS so stop reading if you want no sucky life. Declan and Caeco breakup, but the author did it in a way that was not satisfactory. It was in a way how someone writes out a co-star from a movie or t.v. show saying in a not so descriptive way that they are no longer there. Sure I accept that their relationship was a major contrast throughout the book in that both were jealous whenever the opposite sex was involved or similar situation (Daddy issues). Sure the book revolves around Declan so Caeco was not a major character, but it was very lackluster.

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