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Four London coppers form a special task force when the linchpin of their undercover operation—a preternaturally successful Mob boss—explodes in a shower of blood before betraying any useful information. The investigation into his death becomes a quagmire of occult crimes, especially once the team discovers an artifact that allows them to see more of London’s dark side than they ever wanted. With their new Sight, they connect the murder to a powerful witch in the service of the “smiling man,” who may be trying to bring hell to London. Cornell’s noir-tinged London has a deep, devilish occult mythology, though the particulars of this case, involving Anne Boleyn, the history of the West Ham football team, and child sacrifice, can be difficult to follow. The narrative switches frequently among the four officers, and they occasionally become indistinguishable, but each has a compelling stake in the investigation. Although less funny, this “Old Bill versus Old Nick” story will appeal to readers of Ben Aaronovitch’s paranormal police procedural series, *Rivers of London*. --Krista Hutley

## Review

“Paul Cornell is a triple threat, the kind of writer other writers hate. He writes award-winning short stories. He writes epic television episodes for all your favorite BBC shows. He writes kickass comic books and graphic novels. You'd think that would be enough for anyone, but no, not Paul... now he's gone and written a novel too! I suspect it will be just as good as everything else he's written, and that's not fair at all. No doubt this time next year he will be writing hit songs, radio plays, and ribald limericks, all of them first rate. It's very annoying, but what can you do? Aside from reading him. . . .” ?*George R. R. Martin*

“An irresistible blend of guns, gangsters, cops and monsters.” ?*Ben Aaronovitch, author of Midnight Riot*

“Paul Cornell has written a truly ingenious police procedural which happens to be the best supernatural London story since *Neverwhere*.” ?*Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author of Discount Armageddon*

## About the Author

PAUL CORNELL is a British writer best known for his work in television drama, most notably for *Doctor Who*. Three of his *Doctor Who* episodes have been nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form. He has written several *Doctor Who* spin-off novels, and created the character Beatrice Summerfield. He has also written for Marvel Comics and DC Comics, and had two original novels published.

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