

The Greyfriar (Vampire Empire, #1) By Clay Griffith

The greyfriar pub

Update- Book 2 is The Rift Walker (Vampire Empire #2) it will come out in September 2011
Yeah!!!Review is still below: :) The rambling review of a book fanatic...I finished the book and I hugged it. **The greyfriar book** You are going to have many reviews for this book that will do an awesome job of detailing what the book is about and they will do a much better job of explaining the story. **The greyfriars nottingham** In addition to Adele you have (and this is just a few of them) Greyfriar (but who is he really?) Clark- the American War Hero (again- who is he really?) Colonel Anhalt (I loved him- he is so sweet) Lord Kelvin (I think he will be big in book 2) Mamoru (such an interesting character) Selkirk Simon and one of my favorite characters Flay. **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** Trust me that is saying plenty!• The combining of genres- The book combines horror romance action adventure politics war steampunk and satire with such ease that you don't even realize you are reading a book outside your comfort zone because it blends so perfectly. **The greyfriar alton** It would be easy to say they are vile horrific simplistic creatures that either destroyed or imprisoned most of the humans in the "Great Killing" of 1870 but that would be far from the truth. **The greyfriars club nottingham** Paperback Unfortunately I just wasn't feeling it ☐Mel ☐☐☐☐ Paperback Soon he would have to reveal himself to her and he knew what her reaction would be. **The greyfriar chawton menu** I tried to cut back as much as possible but I was so in love with the imagery through words in The Greyfriar that I had such a hard time choosing what to include and what to leave out. **The greyfriars bobby** There is the potential for romance but the connection between characters dances on a line of 'want what you can't have' so my guess it that we'll have at least a book or two of heavy sexual tension before any deals are sealed on that front. **The greyfriarb book review** I was enthralled from the get-go (how can you go wrong with a kidnap scene thrown in almost right off the bat?) but a couple of my reading buddies took several chapters before they started to warm up to the story because of the heavy emphasis on wars factions and racial politicking upfront. **The greyfriar chawton menu** Is there ever a time in the history of ever when a mysterious masked man isn't intriguing and sexy? EVER? How could you not want to know who this person is? It's like V for Vendetta or Zorro all over again - JUST LET US LOOK BEHIND THE MASK! I wear a mask to hide my true self. **The greyfriar kindle download** What are his motives? Is he wanting to protect her or use her?It's an interesting take on a vampiric world when you realize that the vampires are the ones holding most of the power. **The greyfriar pub** And did I say there were humorous moments too? I'm sorry but watching a vampire talk politics is like putting a gown on an ape and calling it a duchess. **Kindle The greyfriars** Thanks Joan Crystal Rebecca and Amanda for the buddy read! Paperback Would you like some wine with your pastiche?*Soulless meets Beauty shares meaningful whispers and lingering gazes then elopes to The War of the Worlds undoubtedly to spawn a trilogy (if they sell well). **The greyfriar book** The humans are finally starting to feel ready to take the war back to the vampires and a political alliance has been made with an arranged marriage between a British princess and an American Senator. **The greyfriarl plot** As he heads to the Empire to seal the deal the plucky Princess is riding a heavily fortified dirigible to northern fringe nations on a goodwill mission and her younger brother is along for the ride. **The Greyfriar kindle app** Meanwhile we meet a clandestine group of special advisors who attempt to mount their own rescue mission if no other reason than to assure the fiance she is still alive and further hint at her Special But Unknown Powers. **EBook The greyfriars classical** Although the reader is given a fair amount of background on the species difference of vampires I still can't quite wrap my head around the visuals when the scenes focus on vampire-controlled cities. **The greyfriars bobby pub** The Greyfriar (Vampire Empire #1)Clay and Susan Griffith are the authors of THE FLASH: THE HAUNTING OF BARRY ALLEN and ARROW: A GENERATION OF VIPERS as well as the creators of the VAMPIRE EMPIRE series and authors of the CROWN KEY trilogy. **The greyfriarj john lewis** Their credits not only include two novels for Bantam Doubleday

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Paperback Note: I received a review copy of this book compliments of the publisher in exchange for my honest opinions. **The greyfriars lodge** The latter as well has been a subgenre gaining more traction in the science fiction and fantasy world lately hence the fact that I would finally stumble across a book which unites both concepts in the foundation for its story was only a matter of time! What did strike me as a pleasant surprise however was finding a book that does this so well. **The greyfriars nottingham** Now the young princess Adele of Equatoria is to wed the famed vampire hunter senator of the American Republic their marriage to be the start of an alliance to take back their lands. **PDF The greyfriars kirk** In this book both the main protagonist and also the enemy vampire warchief are female characters one would not be wise to cross as each woman has a commanding presence about them in their own way. **The greyfriar alton** Still while I'm steadfastly rooting for Adele it's hard not to be drawn to the vampires as well with their fascinating empire politics family conspiracies and infighting among their peerage. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** The vampires in this book are atypical enough not to bore me with their strange biological quirks allowing their bodies to be lighter and to float in the air and it amuses me to no end how disdainful they are of human myths like the ones claiming vampires to be their own dead risen to life. **The greyfriars nottingham** My favorite part though is the thread of romance woven through the second half of the book! Admittedly as much as I enjoy love stories romance in these types of books usually make me balk -- like seriously why spoil a perfectly awesome action adventure tale by forcing a contrived and cringe-worthy romantic side plot just for the sake of having it? And yet the thing is the love story in this book could not have been more natural and just. **The Greyfriar kindle app** I don't know what it is but perhaps the fact that the authors are a married couple who have been writing and publishing together for years has something to do with it because the attraction between Adele and Greyfriar felt passionate gradual sweet real and -- most importantly -- earned. **The greyfriars bobby pub** Plus no worries if romance isn't your thing; as I've said it's not the dominant focus and does not overtake the entire story and I liked how there were just as many if not more action-oriented battles and fight scenes in this book. **Epub The greyfriars cemetery** They brought technology and a feverish drive to reestablish their shattered societies of steam and iron amid the mosques of Alexandria the torrid quietude of Panama or the green temples of Malaya. **The greyfriars bobby** So merciless vampires meant action was a given... but the hints of romance were freaking KICK ASS! READ IT! READ IT NOW! Paperback I swear I have no words but dangit I'm going to try! This book has a little bit of everything. **The greyfriar alton** There's steampunk romance (the heartfelt kind not the steamy kind) swashbuckling adventure horror (complete with gore) politics religion family issues intrigue betrayal all wrapped up into a giant ball of awesomeness. **EBook The greyfriars classical** Some of our commonly accepted vampire lore is fact (such as vampires being able to fly) some is only based on fact (such as the idea of vampires being unable to tolerate sunlight -- this is true only not because they turn to ash; rather because they simply function better in colder temperatures) and some is purely fiction (such as vampires not having a reflection in a mirror). **The greyfriar pub** The Greyfriar is NOT about the blossoming affection between the hero and heroine but rather is about this incredible world perched on the cusp of a terrible war the nasty politics and prejudices boiling behind the scenes and a small resistance desperately trying to set things straight. **The greyfriars bobby** And yet even with all of that the romance felt REAL -- it was a slow build of affection set back by betrayal and mistrust but ultimately culminating in a love (rather than lust and chemistry) that I

as a reader could actually feel. **The Greyfriar kindle app** It wasn't the Victorian England only with automata and aviator goggles feel that a lot of steampunk has -- this is a war-ravaged people with a whole different set of technology. **The greyfriars nottingham** *I also liked that even though this is OBVIOUSLY the setup for a series it didn't feel bogged down with all the extra baggage that typically comes with pilot novels AND more importantly it ended at a satisfactory place. **The greyfriars bobby pub** All I can say is THANK HEAVENS FOR AMAZON GIFT CARDS because that's the only reason I bit the bullet on this one and trust me this is one purchase I can honestly say is worth the extra, **The greyfriars lodge** Therefore I am going to do a funky bullet point list of what I loved about this book and what I did not like. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** What I loved about this book: • The characters- The book is full of them, **Kindle The greyfriars** These are not your superficial I'll-put-you-in-to-take-up-pages characters but characters with meaning and a story behind each one, **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** • The imagery- holy cow can the authors write (can you tell I cant!), **The Greyfriar kindle app** The best I can do is give you an example- "Adele saw dark mounds scattered on the avenues streets and alleys, **PDF The greyfriars** A closer examination revealed that the mounds were piles of dead bodies: **The greyfriare experience** The city's wide circles and narrow courtyards were heaped with bones, **The greyfriars bobby** The turgid river Thames was at low tide and as the airship skimmed over it Adele saw white femurs and rib cages protruding from the muck along the shoreline: **The greyfriar pub** Nearly all the glass windows in the city were smashed except amazingly some of the stained glass of.... **EBook The greyfriars classical** I cannot really explain the vampires since one of the rewards of reading the story is learning about the vampires as Adele does. **The Greyfriar booking** Ok so I am going to stop now since as the top line states... I am rambling, **The greyfriars lodge canterbury** I forgot to write about what I did not like about the book...: **The greyfriarg group ltd** A 6 star out of 5 (yup I just wrote 6 out of 5), **The greyfriar reading** Swashbuckling Adventure! Political Intrigue! Forbidden Desire! My apologies in advance for the sheer amount of quotes I'm saddling you with this time. **The greyfriar alton** My absolute favorite quotes would have been spoilers so I had to sorrowfully (dramatic much?) leave those out. **The greyfriarj john** I got so many warm fuzzies from this book and this isn't even a warm fuzzy kind of book. **The Greyfriar kindle app** When blood is spurting everywhere and heads are-a-rolling you'd think I would find no time to say things such as awww: **The greyfriari inn** And I think I said (or at least thought) it quite often: **The greyfriars lodge reviews** You might ask - what kind of book is this exactly? Let's see if I can come up with an appropriate answer, **The greyfriark kiddersminster** The closest I could probably get to defining a genre would be something along the lines of Alternate History/Steampunk with aspects of horror mystery and traditional fantasy politicking, **The greyfriars hotel colchester** The first half of this book read closer to a traditional fantasy, **The greyfriars lodge** If you are the type to struggle with this sort of dry information dump I'd ask you to consider giving the book at least a few chapters. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** There is something magical about the interaction between the Greyfriar and Adele which will suck you into the story. **The greyfriar pub** Plus the man knows his way around a rapier (that's a special skinny sword-thing not a bad sexual act). **EBook The greyfriars classical** But then there's Gareth the unusual vampire prince holding the princess hostage, **The Greyfriar kindle app** I was fascinated that they'd used brute force to make humans do all of their work so that they had no use for knowledge of menial everyday tasks: **The greyfriar chawton menu** If the vampires needed something they'd steal or force a human to make or get them what they needed: **The greyfriar pub** It was so extreme that their society had little use for even the written word or many necessities of human-kind. **Book The greyfriars cemetery** We use your clothes because your skin is too fragile to wear: **Book The greyfriars kirk** Would it insult you if I used your alphabet? I don't think I could start from scratch. **The greyfriar pub** At times I felt like Adele was the teacher and Gareth was not much more than a child because his social graces were extremely lacking. **The greyfriars bobby pub** Well newborns could well nurse their mothers to death: **Kindle The greyfriars** That is acceptable to humans yes? Horse? No! Civilized people don't eat horses, **The greyfriar reading** Oh God have you fed me horse? Actually horse can be

considered a delicacy in many countries which means that it might be viewed by some as food for civilized people, **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** I really wish there was a way to explain the way that I felt while reading *The Greyfriar: The greyfriar pub chawton* Horse meat aside - it's almost as if I'd been snacking on books which weren't fully satisfying my hunger and then I stumbled upon one which satiated me. **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** You felt like you were dropped right there in the middle of a scene, **The greyfriars bobby** The palace's decrepit decorations were overwhelmed by piles of bone and hundreds of skulls staring down from broken chandeliers: **Kindle The greyfriars** Vampires slouched along the walls drunk with blood sometimes with red hands resting on humans who still showed signs of life. **The greyfriare experience** His whole species was damned but he didn't care, **The greyfriars lodge** But it was a recent monthly read and I'm trying to be more open minded about urban fantasy. **EBook The greyfriars classical** Why? Because I desperately want to believe in the worlds urban fantasy creates--if they weren't so glaringly awful at it. **EBook The greyfriars classical** The most interesting twist in this world is that the vampires came out of the shadows in 1870 slaughtering millions and overtaking most of the cooler zones of the world. **The greyfriar alton** Humanity retreated to the tropics and has slowly regrouped rebuilding nations along the old lines of the British Protectorates the USA China and other various world-powers: **The greyfriar chawton menu** Like many heroines she is Destined for Greater Things but she has No Clue About her Special Powers (Winds of Fate), **The greyfriarf book** Vampires attack the dirigible it crashes and she quickly discovers she and her brother are the target of the attack: **Kindle The greyfriars** Shortly after she meets the legendary Greyfriar a semi-mythical mysterious figure who fights for humanity in the north (Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter), **The greyfriar pub chawton** Heroine is captured and imprisoned in a tower so that the King of the London Vampires can interrogate her. **EBook The greyfriars classical** Her capture gives her American fiance and her father a chance to rouse the populace to battle under pretext of rescue: **The greyfriars reading** During her imprisonment she gets to know the brooding brother of the Evil Vampire who has recently returned after self imposed exile: **The Greyfriar kindle app** She gets away meets back up with Greyfriar and he takes her off to his castle where she learns vampires are human too (Beauty and the Beast), **PDF The greyfriars kirkyard** There is a side plot where King Vamp's Captain of the Guard has a strange fascination for Gareth the brooding brother, **The Greyfriar kindle app** I enjoyed the idea of vampires used in an apocalypse type scenario and then smashing it into a steampunk novel: **Kindle The greyfriars** The lead heroine is specifically described as of a darker skin tone taking after her Indian mother's side of the family: **The greyfriars nottingham** That's about the only multi-culti nod but it could be a hint of more interesting development to come. **Epub the greyfriars** As it is it provides the reason she believes herself unattractive and a potential for alienation from the court. **The Greyfriar kindle app** I don't mean to damn it with faint praise; that's a compliment from me. **The greyfriars nottingham** While it didn't soar neither did it annoy with redundant word choice or simplistic structure, **Greyfriars bookshop** The story is decently paced with action scenes described well: **PDF The greyfriars hotel** I suspect it will appeal to fans of the Parasol Protectorate: **The greyfriars nottingham** While romance is an important part of the story it is developed slowly which may appeal to some readers, **The greyfriar reading** *For reference similar books and tropes have been provided in links, **Book The greyfriars kirk** Paperback I'm always enjoying my time when I get to read this, **The greyfriar pub chawton** The story flows really fast reads like a comic book to me. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** Paperback Rousing pulp action and steampunk come together in a heartbreaking story of high adventure and alternate history, **The greyfriars lodge** In the year 1870 a horrible plague of vampires swept over the northern regions of the world, **PDF The greyfriars cemetery** Princess Adele is heir to the Empire of Equatoria a remnant of the old tropical British Empire. **Book The greyfriars kirkyard** When she becomes the target of a merciless vampire clan her only protector is the Greyfriar a mysterious hero who fights the vampires from deep within their territory: **The greyfriars nottingham** Their dangerous relationship plays out against an approaching war to the death between humankind and the vampire clans. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** The first book

in a trilogy of high adventure and alternate history. **The greyfriars nottingham** Combining rousing pulp action with steampunk style the Vampire Empire series brings epic political themes to life within a story of heartbreaking romance sacrifice and heroism, **The greyfriars bobby** If you're on Facebook please think about going to [{site_link}](#) www. **The greyfriars book** Clay Susan Griffith are a married couple who have written and published together for than a decade: **The greyfriars nottingham** If you're on Facebook please think about going to [{site_link}](#) www. **The greyfriars hotel colchester** Clay Susan Griffith are a married couple who have written and published together for than a decade: **The greyfriar alton** They've also written scripts for television and published graphic novels, **The Greyfriar kindle app** [{site_link}](#)



This was unexpectedly good and I have to thank Sandra for recommending it time and time again, **Greyfriars books** So what's so good about this one? ☐ Steampunk! ☐ A masked hero! Which in my head was some sort of crossover between Zorro and Dread Pirate Roberts (aka, **The Greyfriar kindle app** ☐ Some pretty awesome world building that included the creation of a new Empire around the tropical regions: **The greyfriars bobby pub** (Can't even explain how happy I am about this!) Paperback Absolutely loved it! Fabulous world building. **The greyfriar hai** I love the idea of a vampire empire the characters were great, **The Greyfriar kindle app** Thanks Pyr/Prometheus Books! Vampires and steampunk! The former obviously is a topic that's been wildly popular for years and years, **The greyfriar fort william** The Greyfriar is set in an alternate history in which humans and vampires have been locked in a bitter war for more than a century, **The greyfriar kid friendly** In 1870 the blood drinkers rose up to conquer the northern lands driving the humans towards warmer climates, **Book The greyfriars hotel** But a month before the wedding an ambush on the princess' airship throws all plans into turmoil, **The greyfriars bobby pub** Adele's way home now involves a partnership with the Greyfriar a semi-legendary figure who has become a symbol of humanity's fight against the vampires. **Book The greyfriars cemetery** Notice I say partnership with and not dependency upon because as princesses go Adele is far from your dainty damsel in distress and can most certainly hold her own. **The greyfriar alton** With Adele I loved her for her independence intelligence fighting skills as well as for her protectiveness and love for her little brother, **PDF The greyfriars inn** All the characters here are pretty well written but it's extra nice having a heroine I genuinely like and enjoy reading about, **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** Their culture is well defined like everything else in this book's world. **The greyfriar alton** In fact my only wish is that the novel was better paced and balanced: **The greyfriar book** After a very bombastic introduction it wasn't until halfway through the book that my enthusiasm spiked again but once it did you can be sure I was completely enamored: **Kindle The greyfriars** I read the second half all in one sitting and loved every minute of it, **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** Paperback Here's what the blurb on the back says "In the year 1870 a horrible plague of vampires swept over the northern regions of the world: **The greyfriars nottingham** Millions more died of disease and famine due to the havoc that followed, **The greyfriars nottingham** Within two years once-great cities were shrouded by the grey empire of the vampire clans, **EPub The greyfriars cemetery** Human refugees fled south to the tropics because vampires could not tolerate the constant heat there, **EPub The**

greymans cemetery Princess Adele is heir to the Empire Equatoria a remnant of the old tropical British Empire: **The Greyfriar kindle app** She is quick with her wit as well as with a sword or gun. **The greyfriarf fort william** She is eager for an adventure before she settles into a life of duty and political marriage to a man she does not know. **EBook The greymans classical** But her quest turns black when she becomes the target of a merciless vampire clan, **EPub The greymans cemetery** Her only protector is the Greyfriar a mysterious hero who fights the vampires from deep within their territory: **The greymans lodge reviews** Their dangerous relationship plays out against an approaching war to the death between humankind and the vampire clans, **The greymans bobby pub** " The blurb did little to prepare me for the ride that I was about to take, **EPub The greymans cemetery** I know but I think the book deserves all the hype it got when it was released. **The Greyfriar kindle app** Here's why I think vampire lovers/ steampunk lovers/ YA lovers should read it (NOW):Three words: Alternate, **The greymans bobby** Not enough? How about vampires... and not the sparkly kind either: **The greyfriar chawton menu** It is impossible impossible I tell you not to fall in love with the lot of them. **Who were the greymans** The writing is superb so much so you just want to root for them because you totally understand what they want and where they're coming from, **The greyfriar chawton menu** I actually had a hard time deciding who I liked better -- Greyfriar or his alter-ego Prince Gareth. **The greyfriar book** *The sex talk had me rolling yet oddly disappointed that it wasn't discussed further :P I'm truly dying to learn more about the physiology and culture of the vampires: **Kindle the greymans** how they managed to put a new spin on the same old same old vampire stories. **The greyfriar pub chawton** It kept things fresh while still appealing to fans of the original vampire mythologies: **EBook The greymans classical** *The romance -- for once I loved the fact that the romance wasn't in the forefront of the whole story, **The Greyfriar kindle app** :D*I really enjoyed watching Adele mature throughout the story as her prejudices and preconceptions were constantly both reaffirmed and destroyed, **Book The greymans kirk** *I admit I like Flay despite the fact she's one of The Bad Guys, **Book The greymans kirkyard** *The Steampunk elements felt natural rather than being forced or simply used as window dressing to ride the wave of popularity that the genre is currently enjoying, **EPub The greymans cemetery** Yes there's steam engines and yes there are airships (and even goggles lol) but there's also a strong emphasis on chemical weapons rather than clockwork. **The greyfriarh hair** Yes I will preorder the next novel just as soon as it becomes available to do so, **The greymans bobby** However I'm not left screaming my dismay at even a partial cliff-hanger ending which is nice: **Kindle The greymans** What didn't work for me:*The fact that the rest of the series isn't out yet! GAH! *The writing got a little odd at times, **The greyfriar pub chawton** It was in third person so it would refer to Adele by her name (as in Adele walked to the window. **The greyfriar book**) but then it would turn around and refer to her as the princess or the young woman or whatever which got a bit confusing at times: **The greyfriar chawton menu** \$10 on kindle is outside of my normal purchase range -- as a matter of principal I tend to stick to my \$6, **The greymans hotel colchester** 99 price points unless it's an author that I've read and enjoyed previously: **The greyfriar chawton menu** Overall? This one gets the honor of going on my Yes It's Really THAT Good shelf -- I would give this one WAY more than 5 Stars if it was possible. Yup I'm gonna admit it. I hugged the book. It was THAT good. You have Princess Adele the main character of the story. The characters are so well written I was never confused." • The vampires- These vampires are not your typical vampires. Not everything is what it seems. It ended.Definitely my favorite book of 2010. His numb heart broke at that realization. What to say what to say what to say. But I did.Speaking of the Greyfriar and Adele. Yes that would equal double swoon points. He's taken a curious interest in Adele. Gareth and Adele's interactions were quite amusing. I was almost vaguely reminded of Tarzan and Jane. Gareth waved a dismissive hand. Things happen. Don't worry about the meat. It is cow. And some horse. We ride them. Not that I would know. I have yet to try horse and doubt I ever will.The imagery was raw gory and sometimes beautiful. This book might not be for everyone but I loved it.He looked up his breath a shuddering inhale. I will always protect you.Understand I didn't mean to read this. This is not awful.This is however fairly obvious. (The Passage). Greyfriar safely gets her to a village and

leaves.MAJOR SPOILERS FOLLOW SO THAT I CAN MOCK THEM. The King intends to take over the world. Eventually Greyfriar appears to help her escape.Otherwise it was overly-burdened with unoriginal ideas.Writing was acceptable even above average in the UF field.Three redundant stars.Cross posted at <http://clsiewert.wordpress.com/2013/0>. I really love the characters Gareth is just a sweetheart. Loads of fun. It is now 2020 and a bloody reckoning is coming.Vampire Empire is transforming genre fiction. Paul Goat Allen BN Explorations.facebook.com/vampireempire and clicking LIKE. If you done it alreadyThank you.Vampire Empire is transforming genre fiction. Paul Goat Allen BN Explorations.facebook.com/vampireempire and clicking LIKE. If you done it alreadyThank you. Dreamy)□ A kickass princess. □ A SLOW romance and zero insta-love.totally appropriate like it belongs. None of that insta-love nonsense. Millions of humans were killed outright. It is now 2020 and a bloody reckoning is coming. OK. Hype hype hype. World. History. They're merciless and they're in control. Enter Adele and the mysterious Greyfriar. What worked for me:*The whole secret identity of Greyfriar. Which brings me to*The vampires. I. LOVED.*I love the cats. It's a VERY refreshing twist to the genre. Not bad just. odd.*The price.lol How's THAT for having no words?? :P Paperback.