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For the first time - in one Audible-exclusive collection - it's 13 stories of Jane Yellowrock, the shape-shifting skinwalker and vampire hunter for hire whose business card reads, "Have Stakes - Will Travel". Jane carries inside her the soul of her Beast, the mountain lion's soul which merged with hers when she accidentally performed black magic as a child. Now, she and her Beast stalk the dark streets of New Orleans, bringing rogue vampires true death.

In Cat o' Nine Tales, you'll discover how Jane turned into a big cat for the first time; how she and Molly became friends; how Rick LaFleur got his tattoos. You'll go along on some of Jane's early vamp hunts. You'll even hear two short tales through Bruiser's eyes.

The stories included in Cat o' Nine Tales are:

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- "The Early Years"
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- "Cajun With Fangs"
- "Golden Delicious"
- "Beneath a Bloody Moon"
- "Black Water"

Once you experience these stories set in the fantastic world of this New York Times best-selling series, you'll surely agree with Kim Harrison that Jane Yellowrock is "smart, sexy and ruthless".

Cat o' Nine Tales Details

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Vicky says

Finally finished this collection of short stories. I started reading this after book 3 (making several of the stories additional background information) and continued to progress in chronological order.

Some of my favorite stories were those of Jane's early relationship with Molly, and I think this was because I had already seen Jane and Molly at work and it was neat to go back and see, after the fact, how they came to be so close.

All the stories are entertaining, but I wouldn't necessarily recommend them to a non-fan of the series. Some notes on each story follows:

Spoiler Notice: This collection contains short stories that take place within the chronology of the novels and some of my comments may spoil the novel taking place before the short. I've labeled each story with it's place in the series, so you can easily avoid those that are further into the chronology than you've read.

WeSa and the Lumber King (0.1) is told from Beast's PoV and takes place right before "the hunger times" that begin as loggers invade the forest where Beast lives.

The Early Years (0.2) is the story of the day Jane turns 18 and leaves the orphanage, she finds the place in the mountains she came from and shifts to Beast for the first time since she was found.

Cat Tats (0.3) is Rick's story of how he got his tattoos. I've only read up to Mercy Blade so far, so I'm really curious to see how the tarot reading that decides Rick's tattoos figures in to the rest of the story.

Kits (0.4) is my favorite thus far and is the story of how Jane and Molly became friends. I don't want to give too much away, but it's absolutely adorable.

Haints (0.5) is a short about an exorcism Molly undertakes with the help of Jane and Evan. Nothing super special, but it's a fun look into Jane's early relationship with Molly.

Signatures of the Dead (0.6) is another short told from Molly's perspective about her and Jane hunting a family of rogue-vampires. This takes place shortly before Skinwalker and the story had been mentioned in the novels, so it was good backstory filler.

First Sight (1.5) is Bruiser's first meeting with Jane. This happens in Skinwalker, but here it is told from Bruiser's PoV. Fun for fans, but nothing special.

Blood, Fangs and Going Furry (3.2) takes place between Mercy Blade (Book 3) and Raven Cursed (Book 4). It's told from Rick's PoV and chronicles his first Full Moon as a were-leopard. It fleshes out some of the back story relevant to Rick and Kemnebi's situation at the start of Raven Cursed.

Dance Master (3.3) also takes place between books 3 and 4. Told from Bruiser's PoV, this is a very short scene where he calls Jane in to investigate something and they end up dancing. Could be a pivotal moment in their overall story, but didn't really have any bearing on book 4.

Cajun with Fangs (4.1) takes place on Jane's return trip from Ashville, NC (where she was in Book 4). She stops for repairs in a small town and is drawn into a conflict between the local witches and vampires. A bit of Romeo and Juliet is thrown into the mix here.

Golden Delicious (4.2) focuses on Rick, Brute and Pea as they train to become an official PsyLED team. Introduces Soul, Rick's PsyLED overseer. A nice intro to Rick and his team, but nothing super exciting here.

Beneath a Bloody Moon (6.2) gives Yellowrock Securities a gig hunting werewolves who are killing in a town nearby. I loved this story just for the growing relationship between Jane, Eli and Alex. But thought it was a little dramatic in the sense that Jane is a little impulsive and idiotic in this story, she came too close to dying too many times in the span of a few hour story.

Black Water (6.3) takes Jane, solo, back to the place where she hunted weres in *Beneath a Bloody Moon*, only this time she's hunting an escaped prisoner. We get to know more about Sarge (introduced in BaBM) and meet his wife Christabel, who I do hope to see again. This story and BaBM put some ideas of other supernatural creatures out there, so they definitely peaked my interest for future novels and what other supernats we might encounter.

Lisa Loree says

I don't usually read short stories unless they are part of a series I love because the stories are good, I want more development of characters I like. This said Cat 'O' Nine Tales gives back ground to the Jane Yellowrock series that made me happy.

Anniken Haga says

I had actually never planned to listen to these short stories. But then again, I'm a stubborn gal, and I'd gotten to love this series so much I felt I should at least give them a shot. So I bought this book, the collection of most of the short stories in the Jane Yellowrock-series by Faith Hunter.

As always, the narrator does a great job of giving each and every one of the characters an individual voice. Also, in this collection, there are some different POV's, and she even managed to give the ones from other POV's than we are used to, a different feel.

I enjoyed most of the novellas.

They have an easy language and a good flow.

I would say I enjoyed them as much because I know the characters from before hand, but some of them would easily have stood on their own.

"WeSa and the Lumberking"

This really short novella is told from Beasts POV, before the hunger times, and while she was alpha. It tells of her hunting, and how the hunger times came to be.

I strongly enjoyed it

5/5

"First Sight"

The first meeting between Bruiser and Jane told from his POV. Interesting, but not all that much fun or anything special

3/5

"The Early Years"

I'm both disappointed and glad for this story. It's about Jane as she left the childrens home, going to the rock with the gold, and her "first" change.

I've always wanted to know where the name Yellowrock came from, and we get that answered here, other than that, I wish we'd gotten to see some other part of her late teen life, as we already knew about this from the books.

3/5

"Dance Master"

Another story from Bruisers POV, and again it's filled with sexuality and hormones.

Not that I really mind, one of the things I enjoy with NA paranormal books (or urban fantasy) is the sexuality and how natural it often is.

But this novella was all about it, and I have to admit a novella just about that, doesn't interest me much.

3/5

"Kits"

Yes! Molly is in this one!

This is the story of how Angie-baby got her powers, and how the friendship between Jane and Molly took form.

I liked this one, but I like everything with the witches. But it was a good story. Both with character growth, story, and with action.

5/5

"Blood, Fangs and Going Fury"

I'm not the biggest fan of Rick, never really liked him at all - and have to say I'm glad things went as they did between him and Jane - but I did like this novella, seeing what happened to him, and how he ended up with Nebi.

4/5

(wow, writing this one without spoilers to the other books was hard, and I still didn't manage)

"Cat Tats"

So I did enjoy this novella. It was a bit long, but it had witch magic in it, and that saved it! It also answered a few questions, and had a bit of action.

I've never really liked Rick, but this novella kind of painted him in a new light for me. Maybe... ish

3/5

"Haints"

I've been wondering about this one, seeing as I didn't know what "haints" mean - although I had my thoughts. It was an interesting story. I loved that we got it from Molly's POV, and that it had so much magic. I also liked the whole idea with the curse!

4/5

"Signatures of the Dead"

I'm glad we got to read this short story, as it is one of the moments most mentioned in the main story. This is the story about the rogue vamp-family that made Jane famous as a vampire killer. Also, we got to see it from Molly's POV.

4/5

"Cajun With Fangs"

Also one I'm glad I got to hear, 'cause it is mentioned in another story in the future - but I'm not sure if it is in the books, or another short story.

A little fluff piece of diplomacy, stupidity, and how communication can go a long way.

4/5

"Golden Delicious"

So I'm not a big fan of Rick, never liked him, but after the novella "Cat Tats", I've gotten a bit more tolerant of him. So I'm glad I'd listened to that one, before listening to this.

It's another one from Rick's POV, of his time in training with his new unit.

I liked it. A good mix of relationships, character growth and action.

4/5

"Beneath A Bloody Moon"

I was a bit uncertain about this novella when I started it, about where in the series it would be. I soon got it though, and enjoyed it!

A good mix of character growth, world-building and action!

Long though

4/5

"Black Water"

One of the things I love with Faith Hunter's writing, is how things happening in one book, affecting the story in a later one.

This entier novella was a resault of the pervious novella.

I liked this one. It was a bit disturbing, the plot, but I liked it, and I liked how it ended.

5/5

Ian says

Cat o' Nine Tales is an anthology of short stories and vignettes from the Jane Yellowrock world. Many of the episodes from Jane's life which are hinted at in the full length novels are explained and some of Jane's friends get to stand in the spotlight for a while.

The stories can be bought individually for a couple of dollars each, or if you want them all in one neat package this is the way to go. It's definitely worthwhile for fans of Faith Hunter's *Jane Yellowrock* books.

✿Emma-Louise Violet says

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"Signatures of the Dead" – Book 0.7

"First Sight" – Book 1.5

"Blood, Fangs and Going Furry" – Book 3.2

"Dance Master" – Book 3.3

"Cajun With Fangs" – Book 4.1

"Golden Delicious" – Book 4.2

"Beneath a Bloody Moon" – Book 6.2

"Black Water" – Book 6.3

Julie S says

I'm kind of sad that I have now read all the Jane Yellowrock series and now finished these stories. It was great in audio because the narrator is really excellent. A lot of information about events between the main books.

Eshusdaughter says

A collection of 13 short stories from the Jane Yellowrock series, including several new stories and several previously published pieces. I love all of them, though the new ones were obviously my favorites. This is the first time I've read stories from a perspective other than Jane's so that was an interesting take. Fans of the Jane Yellowrock books will love this collection and won't be disappointed. People who are new to the series should start with the books first, so they are well grounded in the characters and world before diving in to the short stories as you'll enjoy them more. A fun, fast read and just the perfect pre-holiday treat.

Pauline says

Cat o' Nine Tales, a newly released collection of Jane Yellowrock short stories by author Faith Hunter is a delightful mix of previously published favorite short stories, and new novellas covering a wide swath of Jane's life thus far.

For die-hard Jane Yellowrock readers who've read everything in print they could find, the new novellas included in this collection will absolutely titillate, as they divulge more information about one of her flames - - Rick LaFleur, and introduce a whole new group of characters to the Yellowrock saga with adventure to spare! Jane and Eli get to meet Ricky-Bo's extended family and friends with eye-opening results!

Being a die-hard fan, I can say that I totally enjoyed the entire collection of stories. The stories I've read before brought new facts about Jane's history I'd either missed or forgotten about to the foreground, and the new novellas were rich, exciting and well worth reading.

Faith Hunter continues to showcase her mastery of short story urban fantasy thrillers in this excellent collection, and I highly recommend the read.

Shannon (Savhage Temptrest) says

The introduction is just that: an introduction of the author, Faith Hunter, and her thoughts in the anthology presented along with some character insights. (Read 12/7/16)

"WeSa and the Lumber King" starts from Beasts' point of view when both Jane and Beast first merged together before the hunger times.

I liked this small insight into the beginning interactions between both girl and cat. The emotions and natures of both Beast and Jane were well displayed and I also liked the history of how the beginning of industry, expansion, and destruction of the land and native people was hinted in such a short venue. (Read 12/7/16)

The Early Years picked up as Jane was leaving the children's home at 18 and she couldn't figure out why the "presence" inside her mind would say or impart some things.

This was a good backstory on how Jane finally shifted after ultimately forgetting what she could do and

Beast entirely. I also liked learning about some of her time in the home and her relationships with Belinda and Bobby. (Read 12/7/16)

"Cat Tats" was about Rick LaFleur and how he got his tattoos. It begins with Rick in a bit of a bind, literally, as he foolishly tried to hit on a crazy female vampire while he was supposed to be working undercover for the police. It's truly that old saying, "Don't mix business with pleasure" and old Rick

(Read 12/7/16)

Heather Amrhein says

I really loved this book of short stories. Filled in some character gaps and it was really worth my time. I listened to this via audible and the narrator was wonderful as always.

*** Crystal * says**

Review for audiobook ~ 4 stars stories ? 4 stars narration. This collection of short stories was awesome in that it was great to get the backstory of quite a few events. I enjoyed listening to this very much and look forward to the next in the series.

I enjoyed the narration very much as well. She does a great job.... my favorite voice is Beast.

Laura Basaldua says

3.5

Some great little stories that give some great insight into the characters !!

Ruth says

Wowed. I loved this book. Clearly I am missing my fix of ms hunters writings as I have now caught up with the series and am having a hard time waiting for the next one. The narrator does such an excellent job with these books and it was brilliant to see some stories from another perspective and to catch up on one of the back stories. Loved it and highly recommend to the normal crew.

Tracey says

Not the biggest fan of short stories- however I did enjoy knowing the backstory to many characters I had always wanted to know about.

Beckey says

Pre-warning if you don't read the other 7 books in this series you may be lost... (This reviewer managed to read them all in a few days to give an accurate review of this book. The original post was due on Friday, September 26th but...) This is an overview review of the series as well as this book.

Hold on to your seats this is a fast paced action packed emotional book (The entire series was but that is another thing...) that was kind of surprised by. If you like Patricia Brigg's Mercy Thompson series or Jaz Parks series by Jennifer Rardin then I would recommend this one seems to have some of the themes reminded me of those series. Overall this is one I will be looking for others by the author.

Some of the books in this series were better than others...This series has so many twists and turn some expect while others HOLY TOLEDOs aren't.

I really can't very much such, since my review will be a spoiler... Fun, action packed Urban Fantasy that was overall an entertaining one to read. The average rating for all 8 books in this series 4stars.

Watch out, have stakes & will travel for justice (& protection) to be served...
