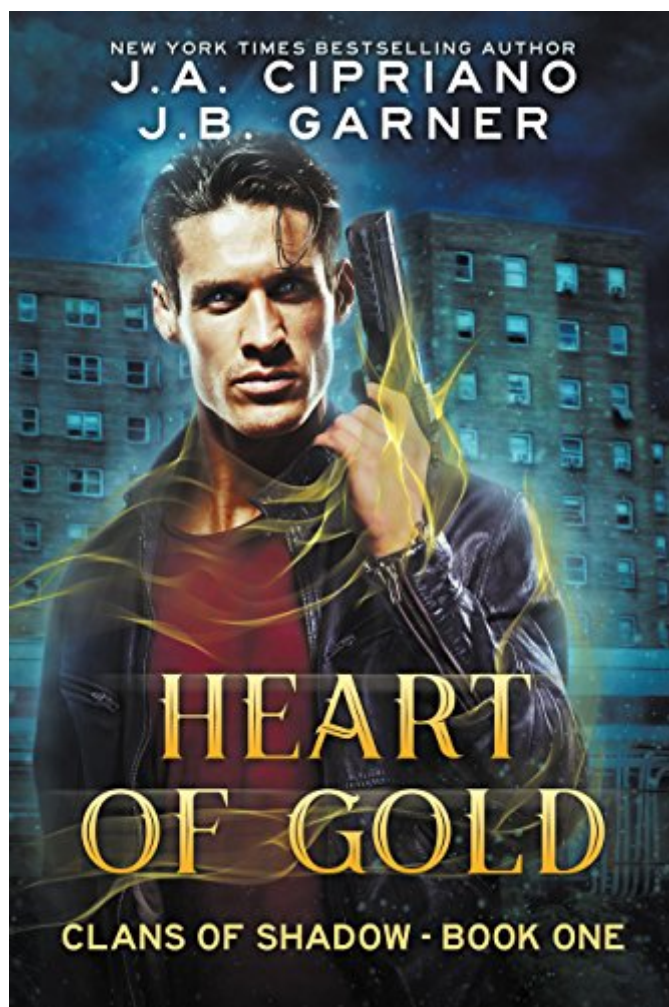


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# Heart Of Gold: An Urban Fantasy Novel (Clans Of Shadow Book 1)



## Synopsis

My name is Frank Butcher, and when I got out of my truck to deliver the last package of the day, I never expected to get blown up by anti-magic zealots. Yeah, you heard me right. I said magic. I didn't know it was a thing either. Now, an ancient artifact is the only thing keeping me alive, and to make matters worse, that artifact is what those cultists wanted. Still, I could have made a run for it, disappeared down into South America and spent the rest of my life on a beach. I nearly did it, but I didn't. Why? Because the cultists have offered me a trade. Come to them or they start killing kids. \*Book 2: Feet of Clay (ASIN: B01L7RO1DQ) is on sale for only \$3.99!\*

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## Customer Reviews

The protagonist, Frank, is very funny and uses a lot of film references in his narrative. He's very likeable, self effacing but with a hint of arrogance. The other characters are interesting and well described, even the lesser ones. The story jogs along at a good pace, lots of action with magical battles as well as all out gunfights. It kept me glued to the pages throughout the fighting. The ending

was full of surprises and left me hanging, ready for the next book in the series. Over all a good collaboration for these two authors, one of whom is new to me. 4.5 out of 5.\*This was an ARC from the author, my opinions are my own.\*

This is a weird, funny book. The Hero, Frank, has an ego the size of Texas. But then the action starts and you try to forget about that ego, but he's the one that keeps bringing it up. I think men would really get a kick out of this book!

This book just didn't do it for me. I enjoyed most of the snark of the main character but a lot of the book just seemed to formulaic for me. For one thing why reference la Corazon in Spanish everytime. Why don't they just call it the Heart? And for another I am pretty sure it would be el Corazon not la. For another why did they put this super powerful artifact in some random guy to save his life when the faction needed it to stop the Enders? I guess you could make the argument that since the Heart tends to kill people the mages saw an opportunity at no risk to themselves to implant it in someone but that doesn't seem to fit the Doc's personality as revealed so far. This book was also very short and if you don't have Kindle Unlimited I don't see it being worth \$2.99. If it stays at \$.99 then sure you could give it a try and not feel too bad if you don't like it, but there are way better books you could be spending your money on. Some parts of the book, including the humor and snark of the MC just seemed way to forced sometimes, kind of like some of the humor in the new Ghostbusters. Overall, the book was mediocre. I would say give it a try if you are searching for something to read, you may like it. Just don't expect to be wowed and you won't be disappointed.

I received an ARC in return for an honest review. I love JA Cipriano's other series so was really excited to see this collaboration. Frank Butcher, like other characters in Cipriano's other series, is snarky, full of one liners and at times the dialogue is very tongue in cheek. Throughout the book there are references to movies and TV shows. Frank also has "The Collection" of old movies that is destroyed by the anti magic Enders. I also loved the double meaning of the title. Aside from La Corazon beating in his chest, Frank, truly does have a heart of gold. This is a fast paced book, full of action, both gunfights and magic fighting. Frank is very similar to Mac Brennan, but looks better in his delivery uniform! I really enjoyed this book and it kept me turning pages, but I hate cliffhanger endings leading into the next book. This book is resolved before the cliffhanger and Cipriano has a penchant for throwing these endings into his books. I still gave it 5 stars because I do love the story and Frank's character. It is hard to say too much without giving spoilers. If you don't mind foul

language & like a main character full of snarky one liners, you will like this one! Looking forward to seeing more from this pairing.

Frank Butcher is a man with a heart of gold, really does. Or at least since he went one day to deliver a package to a cancer clinic, only to be attacked by magical forces. Of course Frank being who he is, steps in to help and gets blown up sort of. His reward for helping was a new heart, that helps him see the world of magical threads so to speak. So what does he do? Well, becomes a hero of course, and goes off to save the world of magic that he never knew of. All in all, a pretty good book, can't wait for the next one to come out.

This collaboration seems to be off to a good start. Heart of Gold is full of twists and turns, the unexpected is the expected here. These are new characters, I'm excited to see how they continue to develop and mature as the series progresses. Another hit from Cipriano, and a reason to go see what Garner is doing. All in all a great find!

Frank Butcher is a total badass. No question about it. And he's funny as hell as well. So far, this is my favorite Cipriano story. I dig Frank, the main protagonist. And Gabby, the female lead, is awesome in her own right. They make a great pair. I love all the geek references. There are tons of jokes, which I also love, and Frank is annoying at times when he whines but it's all part of his charm. Looking forward to reading the next in the series, which I believe just came out today. Can't wait to dive in!

What A Ride!! This is the most fun reading since Thrice Cursed. If you like the "Regular Joe" thrust into unimaginable situations (Some were Real Brain Twisters) then this series is the one for you.

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