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Disgusted with God's plan for Judgment Day, Satan has quit his job and abandoned Hell in favor of a quiet retirement in Washington, D.C. But life on Earth is tricky for an ex-angel with a short fuse and no impulse control. When a parking attendant mysteriously bursts into flames and a weight-challenged woman somehow ends up in low-Earth orbit, Satan finds that he has attracted the attention of several meddlesome federal agencies. Even worse, there are signs that the governor of Texas has somehow gone ahead and started up the end of the world without him.

The Prince of Darkness heads for the Lone Star State, where he tangles with a megalomaniacal televangelist, joins the Militant Arm of the American Geriatrics Association, and wields the Flaming Shotgun of Divine Justice at a guy whose hobbies include invading churches to denounce ritualized cannibalism. Through it all, one thing is clear: Someone has to put a stop to Judgment Day. Now, having spent millennia trying to wreck the place, the Devil may be the world's only hope.

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Elise Valente says

This book is ridiculous. And that's what makes it so good.

Comedy stories are hit-and-miss, and I generally stay away from them for that reason. But this one gets it right, and had me laughing aloud throughout reading it. I even treated the fiancé to select super-funny passages as I was reading. Said passages caused him to agree the book was probably hilarious, and might result in him reading it in the future, right after he's done beating Saints Row 3 on Xbox.

So, if you've already beaten Saints Row 3 on Xbox, this would be a great story to dive into for your next round of entertainment!

Jessica Buike says

This book has perhaps a more dark and sinister title than it deserves - do not let the title deter you from reading this book! It explores what happens when Satan decided to leave his day job in hell to pursue the life of a college professor, and the calamity that ensues when someone else decides to start the apocalypse without him!

Rip-roaringly funny from start to finish, this book has some of the best quotes of the year and will keep you laughing every moment that you are reading! The characters are delightful, the setting is very American, and the writing style will keep you turning the pages until the very end.

This is easily one of the top ten books I have read this year, and I loved it so much that I had to pass it around to my coworkers and friends!

Maria Violante says

Right from the beginning, I was absolutely wowed by a snappy opening. A good sign, I thought, and it was. That said, there were a few things I didn't like about the book, so I'll touch on them first.

There are only about five grammatical errors in the novel, most of them dealing with the treatment of tense – as in, staying in the proper tense. The narrator had a tendency to occasionally drift from present to past and back, sometimes within the same sentence – a glitch that I find almost face-slappingly annoying. However, since most people aren't quite as strict on their grammar-nazi-ishness, I'd like to focus on what I thought was the novel's greatest failure – its ending. Miller has really set up a well-told novel, and by the time I got to the last ten percent, I would have stabbed a man to read what happened next and figure out how this all got wrapped up. The ending, while it did tie off the ends, also relied on a bit of blanket-over-the-eye-pulling twist. I was pretty disappointed – a little foreshadowing would have gone a loooooong way here.

So, moving on, let's talk about the good. First off, Anthony Miller has a way with description. Take the following passage,

An earnest-looking student wearing an earnest-looking sweater raised his hand. Satan turned to stare at the

young man. "Yes," he said. "What is your problem?"

The student spoke with a slowness that was the result of some neurological deficiency or having been raised in the South.

Or how about this?

He shook his head with the special kind of condescension that comes from knowing more about current events than someone else.

I mean, this stuff is brilliant. Although at times over the top, most of the novel is crazy funny, chock-full of razor sharp metaphors that are astoundingly fresh, many of them rendered by a well-voiced semi-omniscient narrator. The characters, while caricatures, are well-rounded and convincing, and the setting – Texas?? – is wildly appropriate. (Or, you know, inappropriate, but in a good way). The overall premise is thought-provoking and the execution is engaging and entertaining.

Overall Rating: 4 stars – Highly polished, sarcastic, and laugh out loud funny; the ending could use a bit of work.

P.S. Without trying to spoil anything, I would definitely recommend this as a gift for all of your car aficionados out there.

Georgeanna says

OMG!!! This was hilarious!!!! I laughed out loud so many times my husband and son think I've gone off the deep end. I'm not going to give a re-cap of the story. I will say that you shouldn't read this if you're offended by 'f' bombs, jokes about religion and/or rednecks, naked guys, gratuitous violence, making fun of televangelists and politicians, or if you were born without a funny bone. Everyone else will laugh their butts off!

I can't wait to read more from Anthony Miller :D

Ben says

As the first book i've read by this author (in fact i think it's his only one so far) i began with no real expectations, except perhaps that i may be disappointed as i find humorous books can be very hit and miss. I needn't have worried though as it's the funniest book i've read in a long time. Anthony Miller has a sense of humour that i suppose could be termed 'zany' and the premise and story are quite ridiculous. However, i found that just added to the comedy and there are many laugh out loud moments throughout the book. The story gets off to a flying start as we see how Satan deals with the kind of day-to-day problems (work, traffic wardens and dealing with obstinate people in general) that can try the best of us, never mind the Prince of Darkness with his anger management issues. Yes, he does get angry and yes he does smite the odd person or 30 but the author manages to make him come across as very likeable and almost amiable at times.

Satan is without a doubt the most entertaining character in the book. There are other good characters involved, although i found some of their parts less enjoyable and always looked forward to Satans reappearance. In this the author is perhaps a victim of his own success. The finale seemed a little rushed and was not as satisfying as i had hoped. However, in this story the plot really takes a back seat to the comedy. If you're looking for sheer entertainment value from a book then i would definitely recommend 'What would Satan do?' and am looking forward to reading more from this author.

Jay Fromkin says

What would Satan do? Good premise. If Satan were to retire and try life on earth, how would he behave, and how would he change our lives in the process?

First, the good. Anthony Miller can write funny. Really funny. In fact, the tone of the book is reminiscent of Tom Robbins' "Another Roadside Attraction," and I'd hoped that Miller could sustain that tone throughout the book, but he couldn't. Miller's Satan is a fun character, but once the focus is off him, the book drags. Festus, one of Austin, Texas, left-behind hippies is trapped in the '70s; Raju, an Asian Indian stereotype just takes up space; Lola, a security agent is little more than eye candy; and Liam, the owner of an Austin guitar store, becomes, only at the end, a plot mover. Miller packs in a corrupt, corpulent governor, a mega-church minister, private armies - including a militant group of old men...but much of this takes the focus off Satan. And that's too bad.

As a fan of Robbins' early writing, I thought this book started out with a lot of promise, and I had high hopes for it. More Satan and fewer peripheral characters. might have gotten it done.

Francine says

I was so hoping this book would live up to it's synopsis and it totally does, delivering on the comedic factor from start to finish. Maybe I have a bit of a twisted personality...okay I know I do...but I loved the character of Satan, even though he is a bit evil as only Satan should be, eh?! The only sad thing is that Satan, as a human being, would fit right in with today's society. Now is that a sad commentary on life or what!?

Katy says

Disclosure: I received a free e-copy of this book through LibraryThing from the author, in exchange for an honest review.

Satan decided that he didn't particularly want to lose to the powers of Heaven at Judgment day, so he walked off the job, refused to start the Apocalypse, and took a job as a university professor. The problem is, apparently someone wants Armageddon to go off as scheduled, because natural and unnatural disasters have been occurring right and left and the irritation this causes distracts Satan from his anger management techniques, leading to way too much blowing stuff up. Can Satan figure out what is going on in time to stop the end of the world?

From what I'd heard about this book, I was expecting another laugh riot like with "Satan Loves You."

However, this book is not nearly as funny. It's very well-written, and the characters are great, it just seems to be of a more serious bent than I expected. Satan is not nearly as likeable in this book, mostly because he really acts like a jerk – appropriate, if you think about it. Not to say there weren't more than a few laugh-out-loud moments, as there certainly were several times when I had to stop reading and catch my breath because I'd been laughing so hard, but that was mostly due to the antics of such people as Festus Bongwater and Raju, as well as the reaction of every man in the book to Lola. I was a bit confused as to the point of all the naked people – it is never really explained why huge numbers of the townspeople of Austin suddenly decide to take to the street in the nude – but their actions were certainly amusing. Overall this is a book I can recommend as a good piece of satire with good character development and an interesting take on the end-of-the-world scenario.

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The title of this book most definitely is striking, and my first thought upon seeing it was “oh boy this title is going to get a reaction”. However after reading the synopsis I decided it was worth a read. I haven't read a lot of comedic books, so my only hope going in was that it maintained the same level of funny that the synopsis has. Thankfully, Miller delivered, and the book was hilarious.

Satan as a character is really amusing to me. The book starts off with Satan already abandoning hell to live on earth, and it turns out Satan is passing his time, or rather amusing himself, by being a professor teaching Introduction to Religion. To say Satan's take on religion is interesting would be understating it.

The Satan we all know about is the one who wants to bring about the end of the world, but not Miller's Satan. Satan has got it all figured out, if he starts the apocalypse, he loses, so Satan says screw it and goes to earth. Turns out someone else had other ideas, and starts everything without him.

Throughout the book Satan is trying to figure out what is going on and essentially how to stop the end of the world from happening. Although you shouldn't go thinking of Satan some great guy looking out for humanity, Satan often leaves bodies and more than one fire in his wake. Satan does everything with his own flare.

The book includes a lot of interesting and amusing characters, a ex-CIA guy, a “dirty” hippie, a hot FBI agent, a power hungry governor, and of course a televangelist. Miller's take on how the world works is a hilarious commentary on our society. As a native Texan myself I also love how so much of the story takes place here in Texas; there were so many instances of me thinking to myself, “I know exactly what he means”.

Overall, this book is great fun read. And while there is of course the humorous element, there is a lot of great commentary on our society. The writing is smart too, which is a huge plus. I think this is a great read for anyone who is wanting to escape the world for a little while and have a little fun, it will definitely make you laugh.

Rebecca McPhedran says

Satan has decided to leave the Underworld for the bright lights and automatic ice cream machines of the United States. While he's visiting, it seems the end of the world is at hand. Frogs, locusts, and raining blood. Enter a menagerie of crazy characters, and you have the perfect recipe for a beach read, that makes you laugh out loud in spots, and makes you think quickly! Good, fast read!!

K. says

A madcap, zany, sarcastic, Pratchett-esque romp through an impending apocalypse.

Anthony Miller has produced a witty, more than a little nuts, metaphorically packed tale. With characters ranging from a devil taking anger-management lessons, a would-be yogi with over-attachment issues, a slap happy female CIA agent and a hippy who is a hamper short of a picnic you know you're in for a bizarre read.

Apparently there are spelling mistakes, however, I was so engrossed that I didn't notice any (maybe they've since been fixed). The prose did tend to switch between the past and present tense, but I don't think it took much away from the story.

This book is lots of fun and definitely worth checking out.

Charlie says

Amusing

It definitely is a weirdly amusing book. I kept putting it down thinking I was done with it but kept picking it back up and reading more. Satan is amusing a star among a cast of other equally amusing characters.

Mathew Carruthers says

Hysterically funny

John Milton meets Tim Dorsey in this comical doomsday romp. I lost track of how many times this book made me laugh out loud or audibly chuckle while I was reading. Very entertaining read, but word to the wise, if you are easily offended by satire of a religious nature, you probably won't appreciate this.

Anthony Miller says

Well, I wrote it, so I think it's awesome.

Underground Book Reviews says

With the end of the world upon us, there isn't a much more appropriate book to pick up than *What Would Satan Do?* by Anthony Miller. The novel's approach to the End of Days is both comic and original. While some funny books aim to do nothing but keep you laughing, *What Would Satan Do?* also delivers an engaging plot.

Satan has realized that when the end of the world comes, he doesn't have a chance. It's already been written that he's going to get the short end of the stick, and God will be victorious. So, instead of fighting, Satan decides to hide on earth in a human body. He's hoping his minions won't find him and force him to carry out his original plans to overthrow the Creator of the Universe.

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