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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Adult/High School-In an alternate 1980s England, woolly mammoths migrate through the countryside, Tunbridge Wells has been given to Imperial Russia as Crimean War reparation, and the prevailing culture is based on literature. Due to her adventures in *The Eyre Affair* (Viking, 2002), newly married Thursday Next has become a media darling, but when an unknown work by Shakespeare surfaces, she is happy to be back to work. However, the megacorporation Goliath hasn't finished bedeviling her: Thursday's husband has been "time-slipped" and exists only in her memory. Further complicating matters, her Uncle Mycroft gives her an entroposcope-a jar of lentils and rice-revealing that the chaos in her life is rapidly escalating. So once again, Thursday jumps into a surreal literary world. This time, she has joined the "Jurisfiction" division and is paired with Charles Dickens's Miss Havesham, who has a penchant for leather jackets and driving recklessly. Absurd and amusing scenes take readers through discussions on theoretical physics, geometry, literature, art, and philosophy. Fforde not only tilts at ideological and insipid corporate windmills and human foibles, but can also make the naming of minor characters hilarious, as in the two unfortunate members of the dangerous SO-5 division, Phodder and Kannon. Reading this novel is like being at a fabulous party of phenomenally funny and wickedly profound guests. Teens will delight in the satire and wit.

Jane Halsall, McHenry Public Library District, IL

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From Library Journal

Thursday Next, who literally jumps into books to do her detective work, must locate a surprise enemy in Poe's "The Raven" to save her beloved. The *Eyre Affair*, Thursday's first outing, was a surprise best seller. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Review

"[A]n analogue of Harry Potter just for, adults...effortlessly readable and unashamedly escapist.... [A]n immensely enjoyable, almost compulsive experience." —**The New York Times Book Review**

"Fforde [has a] head-spinning narrative agility. His novel is satire, fantasy, literary criticism, thriller, whodunit, game, puzzle, joke, postmodern prank and tilt-a-whirl. Okay, maybe **Lost in a Good Book** is a creature with more than the usual number of feet. But it's exceptionally light on all of them...[Fforde] is irrepressible good company" —**The Washington Post**

"Enchanting...a tale to savor. Harry Potter fans outgrowing Hogwarts should dive in." —**People**

"Lost [in a Good Book] is even more richly crammed with jokes, ideas and action. Brainier silliness is hard to find. A-." —**Entertainment Weekly**

"Car chases, missing husbands, evil villains, a plucky heroine, and the Cheshire Cat. Jasper Fforde's latest is mystery at its most fun—with a sci-fi twist." —**Marie Claire**

"A joyful read, full of puns, allusions, and sheer fun. Highly recommended." —**Library Journal**

"Time flies—and leaps and zigzags—while reading this wickedly funny and clever fantasy. Would-be wordsmiths and mystery fans will find the surreal genre-buster irresistible." —**Publishers Weekly**

"Just what the doctor ordered now, in a world under the shadow of war, at the tail end of a long, cold

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“Entertainingly surreal. Perhaps even more clever than its predecessor [**The Eyre Affair**], the new story offers a plot stuffed with enough coincidences and characters to make Dickens proud.” —Orlando Sentinel

“The book-jumping high jinks continue in Fforde’s equally whimsical **Lost in a Good Book**... its mix of surrealism, satire and adventure proves to be totally absorbing.” —Time Out New York

“Fforde’s wicked sense of humor and wide-ranging intelligence make every page a joy.” —The New Orleans Times-Picayune

“Fforde packs **Lost in a Good Book** to the rafters with sophisticated literary allusions, numerous interweaving subplots and wildly imaginative details. It’s obvious from the way he leaves things that Fforde has many more adventures in mind for his heroine; and with so many classics to choose from, Thursday will certainly have plenty of allies on her side.” —The Seattle Times

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