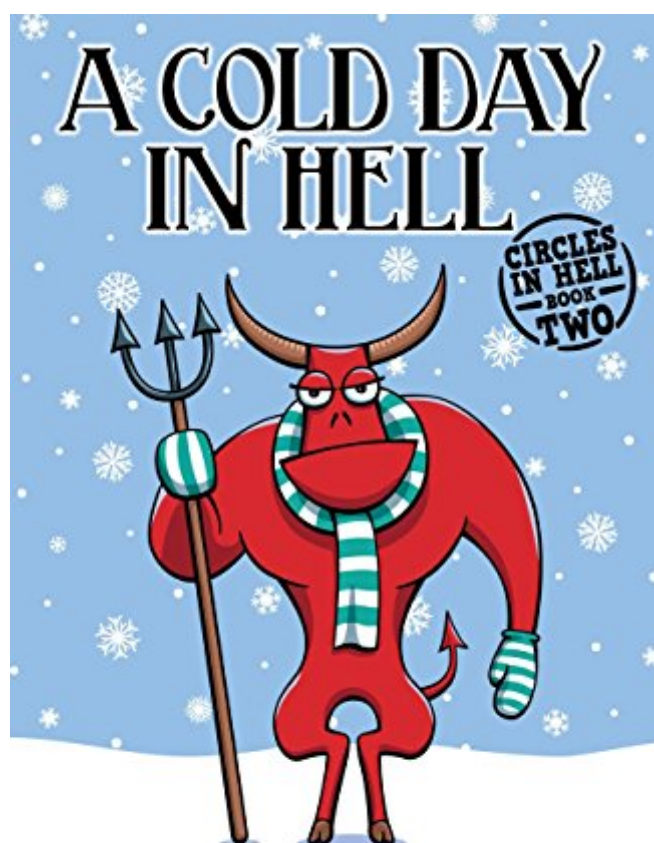


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# A Cold Day In Hell (Circles In Hell Book 2)



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## Synopsis

"Madcap lunacy!" Steve and Orson are back in this cracked sequel to Hell's Super, book two in the new satire and humor series, Circles In Hell. This time, the guys must fix Hell's heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system, which has failed. Hell is getting progressively colder, and things are a lot more serious than devils and demons needing to put on some sweaters. If you've ever used the expression, "It will be a cold day in Hell before ..." then you know that there are metaphysical ramifications involved. The HVAC system must be fixed before all Hell freezes over, which is an even worse state than just a bit of frigid weather. Still, anything can happen on A Cold Day In Hell â | even a paranormal comedy romance that becomes a whacky love triangle. A Cold Day In Hell Is the second volume in the fantasy comedy series, Circles in Hell. It has been compared to other works of paranormal humor and Hell fiction including The Screwtape Letters and Good Omens and to the writings of Tom Holt, Christopher Moore and Douglas Adams. Click on the book jacket to "Look inside." \_\_\_\_\_ Comedy Fiction Book

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## Customer Reviews

Comparable to the Clovenhoof series (try those if you liked these), Mark Cain has developed a wonderful series based on Hell's maintenance supervisor and his assistant, Orson Wells. The Orson Wells. Hell is also housing some other well known people, including Thomas Edison, Nicola Tesla, J.P. Morgan, and many more...but none of them have jobs that reflect their past fame. The idea of Hell is that they are doing jobs that are totally below their abilities, and that is their punishment, being unable to fulfill their tasks while pining after the success they once enjoyed. Orson isn't allowed to be in charge of anything, and he's under the supervision of an incompetent super. Besieged by flurries of work orders, Supervisor Steve and Orson struggle to keep Hell running after a fashion...but lately it's been getting chilly. A Cold Day in Hell, you might say. The best part of both books is BOOH, the Bat Out Of Hell, Satan's beloved pet vampire bat, who is big enough to carry adult humans in his claws, or as it turns out, on his back. BOOHsie can deliver Steve and Orson anywhere in Hell at the drop of a blood bag, without the delays engendered by uncooperative elevators, escalators, etc. BOOHsie is in Hell because he wants to be, not because he was sent there. He likes Satan, and he gets very fond of Steve and Orson when they start feeding him blood from the hospital blood bank. You'll also meet Charon, "Ronnie," who can't speak in the usual way, but can clack out Morse code like nobody's business. He's just a skeleton, but he's been doing his job since forever, and he likes it. This isn't the Hell you expected...but it's the Hell you deserve!

Been missing the Dortmunder novels of Donald Westlake, and now I found a new bunch of characters to love. Steve reminds me of John Dortmunder, kind of a straight man to all the other characters in the series. I found myself laughing out loud, something I haven't done in ages. I just now purchased the other books and have the complete series. Totally recommend this book.

If you like to laugh (and really, who doesn't?) then the four book saga, CIRCLES IN HELL, is for you. I won't bother with a plot synopsis because that can be found elsewhere right on this page. I simply tell you that these books are clever and funny and rich with great storytelling. The main character, Steve Minion - Hells Superintendent, is relatable and well conceived. He is the everyman we can relate to, making the best of eternal damnation. I imagine that would be extremely difficult so our hero is all the more likable for even trying. He's sometimes oblivious, but always earnest, and his assistant is the famous actor/director/primadonna Orson Wells. As a matter of fact, there's a nice

amount of famous people inhabiting the Netherworld, some of them whom you might expect to be spending their afterlife a good bit higher up! These characters all serve to make the reader laugh and often exasperate our main character, Steve. This is a great read of a perfect length. It's not too little long yet it's long enough. It's laugh out loud funny yet it still tells a compelling story. It's a diamond of a novel in the rough of Kindle nonsense. Mark Cain is the rare author who can tell a great story, draw interesting characters and stir in some truly funny jokes and situations. I'm halfway through this series and I cannot wait to read book 3, DEAL WITH THE DEVIL. You should read this too!

Mark Cain's second installment in the eternal punishment of Steve Minion is just as funny as the first one, in some instances, funnier, as Steve and Orson try to figure out what the heck's wrong with the HVAC in the nine layers of Hell. More famous people, blind taxi drivers, horrible coffee, coconut cream pies and humor ranging from pratfalls to deep sarcasm kept me turning pages until I finished the story. I hope Mark keeps writing these for a long, long time. (The St. Peter memory boost moment was almost the death of me, as I was taking a sip of hot coffee when I read that scene.)

I started Cold Day in Hell Monday night after re-reading Hell's Super. Just like the first book, Cold Day in Hell is AWESOME! Hell is getting colder and Satan wants answer, demanding Steve and Booh get to the top of the problem. With more quirky characters and sharp dialog with dark wit, CDIH is filled with caustic humor and fun. Both books are quick, witty reads so can be read as a series but Cold Day in Hell may be complex as a stand-alone. With fresh eyes and new insight, Cold Day in Hell is a darker sequel but still so very funny. There are numerous interesting paradoxes created in this second book. Since no good can exist in hell, can love for Flo, friendship with Booh, respect for Bik, relying on the integrity of Beezy - can these exist in hell? And, if so, what happens to hell? The interest builds as temperature drops. I came to really like Steve, Hell's Super. His perspective and approach to everything is so human. He's a good guy with a little of vindictive - he's pretty much perfect. Cold Day in Hell has moments that are painful, more gruesome. But a fascinating concept - I loved the long-term ramifications of a cold day in hell. And I think Bik is a super character. Really look forward to the next book in the series. Bravo, Mark!

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