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Hell's Super (Circles In Hell Book 1)



Synopsis

"If you like Christopher Moore or Tom Holt, read HELL'S SUPER ... Hilarious!" How can one damned handyman keep all Hell running when everything's always breaking, devils and demons plot against him and he's terrible at fixing things? Steve is Hell's Super, its handyman. Being Mr. Fixit to the Underworld keeps him and his assistant, Orson Welles (yes, that Orson Welles), pretty busy, since things go on the blink all the time down there. No malfunction has ever created so much inconvenience, though, as the malfunction of Hell's Escalator, which leads from the Pearly Gates to the depths of Hades. What's worse: the breakdown appears to be sabotage. Satan calls in Steve to investigate. But Steve is distracted these days. He's in love with Flo, a gorgeous, almost saintly figure who has come to Hell by choice to ease the suffering of the damned.

What's more: she seems to like him, but romance in Hell? That could never be. Still, solving the mystery of the Escalator could earn him some points with Satan, maybe even a chance with Flo. Or maybe not. Hell's Super is the first volume in the satire/fantasy comedy series, Circles in Hell. It has been compared to other works of "Hell Fiction" including The Screwtape Letters and Good Omens and to the paranormal humor of Tom Holt, Christopher Moore and Douglas Adams. Click on the book jacket to "Look inside."

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Customer Reviews

One of the funniest books I've read in any genre, by any author. Somewhat reminiscent of Mark Twain twisted with Gary Larson, Cain's satirical approach to the subject of Hell is sharp, witty and has no limits. Anybody and everything can be and may be a target of Cain's delicious, irreverent sense of humor. How anyone can take duct tape, a broken elevator and a Super with the ever present knowledge that nothing can ever be fixed because ... well ... it is Hell and to fix something would make it right ... which can't happen ... in Hell ... I laughed and laughed. Cain's knowledge of high tech and theology make the road through hell smooth and untroubled by annoying things might cause experts in either to be distracted. No distractions here; and no mistakes. It's perfect entertainment and I would have paid a lot more for joy of the hours spent with this book! At \$2.99, this book is practically a give away. Mark Cain: I want a BOOH! Thanks for writing this. Can only say, I await your next work eagerly!

Hell's finally funny! In Mark Cain's novel about Hell's handyman, we quickly learn that the Devil has an amazing sense of humor. Unfortunately that element of Satan's personality is lost on most of the characters in this book. Given the power to duct tape things incredibly well, Steve is set up as the guy who fixes everything that breaks in Hell. Considering the fact that everything does, in fact, break in hell, he's got quite the job on his hands. His ever-present sidekick, the infamous Orson Welles, is no help either. Cain's novel runs the gamut of comedic elements, from literal pies in faces, to subtle puns, to the constant sarcasm of the protagonist, to Satan's ironic punishments for all who are brought to his realm. Somehow Cain manages to put all these pieces together into a whole that will keep you laughing and wanting more. And when Hell does finally break loose, we're all left to wonder if Steve will have enough duct tape to fix it this time.

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. His sometimes oblivious, but always earnest, 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. You should read this too!

I love a book that provides social comment and satirical humor that is also entertaining. I started this book with trepidation, because too many times in the past I have read a so-called satire to find instead inane silliness and in no way satirical at all. Well, I was well pleased when I found this book laugh out loud funny, well written and as satirical as well all Hell. A wide array of characters, many of which are important historical figures, that you get to know and love or hate. One of the best unlikely friendships and a wonderful love story as well. This is also a book that makes you go HMMM!

This is a funny and well-written tale. It does not revolve around paranormal stuff like vampires and satanic rites, etc. but creates a world that is believable and Dilbert-cartoon-funny. The setting just happens to be Hell. No theological or religious implications are involved; some knowledge of popular culture and history is helpful. Maybe some people will be disappointed that there is no huge struggle or principle involved. But read it--it's fun.

I was fortunate enough to read a copy of this many, many months ago, so when I saw that it was published I one-clicked my way to a happy place and read it again. Mark Cain is an exceptionally funny writer, whose characters stole my heart. Sure they are in hell, and are bad, but he writes them all with such captivation that I couldn't help but love them. I think that shows true talent. Not only did he have the skill to make me like even the baddest of characters--erm hello, Satan anyone! But he did it with hilarious finesse, that had me laughing out loud. Every scene is so well thought out, with well-placed giggles along the journey of a brilliantly witty storyline. If you read Terry Pratchett and like world-building, books that create a bubble of laughter that you can't hold inside, and clever characters then you should read this. I can't wait for book two!

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