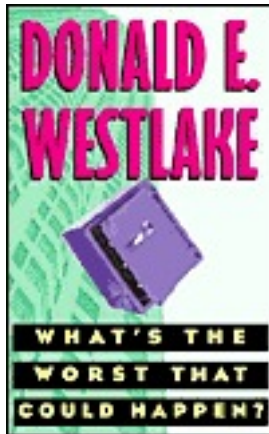

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Description

It started with a ring. A cheap ring. The yellow metal said brass, not gold, and the sparkly bits were certainly not diamonds. But the ring belonged to May's horse-playing uncle, who swore it brought good luck. Dortmund, who wouldn't kick a little good luck out of bed, puts it to the test when he goes to burglarize Long Island billionaire Max Fairbanks.

As luck would have it, Dortmund is greeted by Fairbanks himself -- and a loaded gun -- as soon as he strolls through the door. When the cops arrive, the mogul adds insult to injury by claiming that Dortmund's lucky ring is actually his.

Big mistake, big guy. As soon as Dortmund can give the cops the slip, the world's most single-minded burglar goes after the fat cat with vengeance and a team of crooks that only he can assemble. And from the get-go everything will go Dortmund's way -- everything that is, except the ring.

Plowing through Fairbanks's many residences, from New York's Great White Way to Washington's Watergate Hotel, Dortmund and his gang rob the unlucky billionaire blind, all in search of one ridiculous ring. By the time Fairbanks understands what's going on, it's much

Insightful reviews

John: **One of the best of the Dortmunds**

A rollicking trip from start to finish - all the Dortmund characters, and some new ones. A gang of petty crooks against a billionaire white collar crook. Loved it!

****Warning Spoiler ****

Unlike the usual caper, this one of Dortmund's complex plans actually works, and he makes some money. The good guy crooks get away, and the bad guy crook gets what's coming to him.

bookczuk: He took Dortmund's ring????? His good luck ring???? The scumbag deserves whatever he got. He had it coming!

(I understand the movie of this was so-so- the book is classic Westlake)

From the Publisher

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slip, the world's most single-minded burglar goes after the fat cat with a vengeance and a team of crooks that only he can assemble. And from the get go everything will go Dortmund's way - everything, that is, except the ring.

Michelle: This is one of the best Dortmund books I've read. He goes to rob a rich guys house, not counting on him being home. He holds a gun on poor Dortmund & calls the cops. When the cops show up, the rich guy adds insult to injury by saying John's "lucky ring" is really his. Word gets out how Dortmund was robbed, and all the crooks band together to help get his ring back. It's a GREAT book!!!!

Mike: Like many earlier than it, i used to be susceptible to aim the "Dortmund" sequence by means of analyzing Dan's reviews approximately it. (At least I received that half right.) For a few reason, while I went to reserve a few the books, the latest digital catalog software program provided me with just a subset of the entire novels.(Aside - this is often an analogous software program that has claimed the improvement interface seek string is simply too lengthy no longer subject what number characters are in it considering Day 1. My makes an attempt to alert the workers librarians to this factor and feature the builders right it have long past unheeded. yet now, i do know that the quest retrieval functionality is additionally hosed.)That's the good distance of claiming that I intended to start on the beginning, yet all started here, instead. in reality it wasn't till I checked out the airborne dirt and dust jacket blah-woof that I observed a connection with a previous novel. Arrgh! yet sufficient whining approximately different people's buggy software. There's much to love approximately this e-book (and I'm dishonest the following on the grounds that I've learn one other via now) and series. formerly I had purely learn Mr. Westlake's phrases in his Richard Stark character and, as somebody may attest, Parker is a really various beast. (Another thanks to Dan for my intro to the Parker series.)Sure they're either crooks and neither has any curiosity in doing an "honest job". They know the way to tug off heists and that's what they do. (Stay with what you know, right?) If you've learn Parker you'll be aware of that he's the main obsessive, detail-driven style "A" going yet John Dortmund appears to be like nearly the whole opposite.He's defined in very unflattering terms; from his common demeanor to his method of speaking and looking. He comes off as a kind of simpleton in components of the text, yet in reality he's not. whereas it doesn't convey very often, Mr. Dortmund is hiding a really shiny gentle below his specific bushel.This is mirrored (pun intended) by means of the way it is he who works out the plans for the heist(s). the way it is he who accepts or passes on who could be within the caper (or, whether it is another's caper no matter if he'll sign up for in). whereas analyzing this booklet i presumed of him because the tortoise: gradual and regular wins the race. And that's the way it unfolds. This publication is all concerning the effects that stick with after someone steals a hoop from Dortmund after apprehending him whereas attempting to rob a holiday home. I won't move into from now on information about the plot or characters, but when you think about how the plagues that have been visited upon the Egyptians completed the specified effect, then you definately have an idea of the importance of the retribution.What's the Worst which may Happen? is not only the correct title, it's a nice story of comeuppance. I specially loved the completing caper. i do know that I intended firstly the 1st book, but when I needed to pick out a booklet to be flawed with, then this might be it.I provide this a superb 4 (4) Stars. It has strong writing, twisted humor (the better of course), and the thief that saved going and going and

going. If this e-book is any indication of the Author's non-Parker writings, then I accept as true with the "master of comedian mystery" approbation I observed on a few flyleaf.

Lynne: A enjoyable and wacky read. one other "beach book" to maintain you guffawing with the entire loopy antics of a bunch of crooks and their shady pals. Westlake retains the plot relocating in such a lot of twists and starts off that i ended feeling like i might been operating like a loopy person. Whew! a wholly pleasant escapist examine humans i'd by no means are looking to know.

Amy: Great! guffawing out loud through the end!

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