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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Welsh writer Fforde's fourth entry in the zany, hypercreative Thursday Next detective series revisits the "Literary Detective" as she retreats to her hometown of Swindon, England, retiring from the tedious job (as Head of Jurisfiction) she held in Fforde's previous novel, *The Well of Lost Plots*. Joined by her two-year-old son, Friday, pet dodos Pickwick and Alan, and Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, Thursday realizes that there's someone missing: her husband, Landen, previously "eradicated" by the Goliath Corporation, a ruthless biotech conglomerate corporation. She wants Landen back. Aided by her father, she is reinstated into her old employ, the Special Operations Network, and begins investigating the machinations of power-hungry Fictioneer Yorrick Kaine and the mysterious disappearance of England's president. The fate of the world rests on the outcome of a major croquet tournament, with Thursday pinch-hitting on a lethal playing field as Landen is finally returned to reality (only to fade out again). More than a little wacky, the novel is packed with screwball details as characters get "written" in and out of the story, hybridized creatures stalk malls and Shakespeare clones start popping up everywhere. With humorous illustrations and curious footnotes sprinkled throughout, Fforde's latest will have hardcore fans roaring—but those new to the series might want to tackle the convoluted mayhem from the very beginning.

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From School Library Journal

Adult/High School—This fourth book in the series continues the English detective's quest to protect her child, regain her husband, and save the world (not necessarily in that order). She decides that it's time to leave Jurisfiction and return to the real world of the Outland to resume her life. Taking her son and her pet dodos, Thursday discovers that her actions in real life are possibly even weirder than they were in the realm of literature and certainly of more consequence. Fforde continues to pitch high, wide, and fast: only he could turn croquet into an extreme (and hilarious) sport with the fate of the world hanging on the outcome of the game. Particularly appropriate in this American presidential election year is the political debate show "Evade the Questions Time" where politicians score points for most successfully avoiding answering questions. *Rotten* is the concluding volume of this series and many of the subplots and characters from the first three titles reappear, floating through the space-time fiction-fantasy continuum. It succeeds in wrapping up in a most gratifying way. As Oscar Wilde's Miss Prism would say, "The good ended happily, and the bad unhappily. That is what Fiction means." The Robertses' illustrations and mock advertisements echo the irreverent humor. Warning: Reaching the end of *Rotten* may cause readers to want to start again with *The Eyre Affair* (Viking, 2002) and ride the manic, maniacal merry-go-round of the Nextian world again.—Jane Halsall, McHenry Public Library District, IL

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From [Bookmarks Magazine](#)

The fourth title in the highly original *Thursday Next* series may attract new readers to Fforde's witty world. Fforde began with *The Eyre Affair* (\*\*\*\* Summer 2002), followed by *Lost in a Good Book* (\*\*\*1/2 July/Aug 2003) and *The Well of Lost Plots* (\*\*\*\* July/Aug 2004). Loyal fans will once again appreciate Fforde's literary gags, deadpan humor, and surprising twists. This time, he adds in new political farce. But critics also note the novel's glacial pacing, inconsistent humor, and lack of inspiration (at least, compared to its three predecessors). Fforde novices should definitely start with the first in the series, which puts Thursday's life in some kind of strange perspective. And you'll know after the first fifty pages if the next thousand in the series are to your taste. The split in reviews is partially due to one's tendency either to revel in Fforde's sense of humor or to find all the non-stop literary references a bit exhausting; as Thursday's father comments to his

daughter, "it's a bit like having a tumble dryer in your head, Sweetpea." But there's no stopping Next now—the fifth installment is planned for 2005.

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