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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Meg Finn has led a miserable life. First, her mum died, saddling her with a useless, nasty stepfather. Then, angry and alone, Meg found herself committing acts of petty crime with dim-witted hood Belch Brennan. Finally, just as she was about to go straight to honor her sainted mum's memory, Belch went and got them both killed as they attempted to rob crabby old Lowrie McCall. And if that wasn't bad enough, now St. Peter and Beelzebub can't decide which way Meg is supposed to go. She is one in a million: a soul perfectly balanced between good and evil. Now Meg's got to go back and somehow tip the scales UP--the further, the better! To earn her wings, Meg's been assigned to help the last person she tried to hurt (Lowrie McCall) who has a wish list of wrong choices that he wants to make right. But Beelzebub can't stand the thought of a bad soul going good. So he sends back the soul of powerfully stupid Belch, (who went straight down without stopping) to muck things up for Meg and Lowrie. But Meg's got smarts on her side and more than just a few tricks up her insubstantial sleeve...

At times, best-selling author Eoin Colfer's *Wish List* reads like a head-on collision between *Dawson's Creek* and *Touched by an Angel*. But rabid fans of the *Artemis Fowl* books won't notice or care. This black comedy is sure to make every fantasy-reading teen's Wish List. --*Jennifer Hubert*

From School Library Journal

Grade 7 Up-Meg, kicked out of her house by her stepfather after her mother dies, becomes a troublemaker. When she and her friend Belch attempt to rob Lowrie McCall, an elderly neighbor, a nearby gas tank inadvertently explodes and she finds herself in a tunnel, hurtling toward the beyond. Meanwhile, Saint Peter and Beelzebub argue over Meg's soul-she is not really a bad kid but neither is she a very good one. In order to decide her fate, they send her back to Earth, where she must try to patch things up with Lowrie. After a rough beginning, she and the dying man embark on a quest to help him right the mistakes that he made during his life. Their adventures are both humorous and poignant, as Lowrie confronts his regrets and Meg strives to attain salvation. Whether the events are set in Ireland or in a hereafter complete with computer technology, Colfer concocts a delightful novel that is written in a much lighter vein than his "Artemis Fowl" books (Hyperion). He brings together several unforgettable characters, including an irascible old man, a mouthy heroine, and a malevolent spirit that attempts to stop Meg from completing her mission. The interaction of the heavenly-and not so heavenly-beings adds an unexpected dimension to the novel. An entertaining and compelling read.

Janet Hilburn, formerly at Sam Houston Middle School, Garland, TX

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Gr. 6-9. The author of the *Artemis Fowl* books offers a cheeky look at life after death and how the ethical decisions made on earth influence one's ending up in heaven or hell. Within the first few pages, 14-year-old Meg Finn and her partner, Belch, along with his pit bull, are blown to smithereens while attempting to rob elderly Lowrie McCall. Belch and his dog meld into one unearthly creature headed straight to hell, but Meg's good deeds and bad are of equal weight. St. Peter and Beelzebub agree to give her a last chance; they arrange for her to help old McCall complete his wish list. But Beelzebub isn't about to play fair; he sends Belch after Meg to make sure she screws up. A dying curmudgeon's wishes may not be the most compelling plot device for young readers, and the narrative is so breezy that it's sometimes hard to follow--especially when the characters are often inhabiting one another's bodies. Yet the moral underpinnings of the story--why people do bad things and the idea of obtaining redemption--are presented in an interesting, amusing way.

Surprisingly thought-provoking. *Ilene Cooper*
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