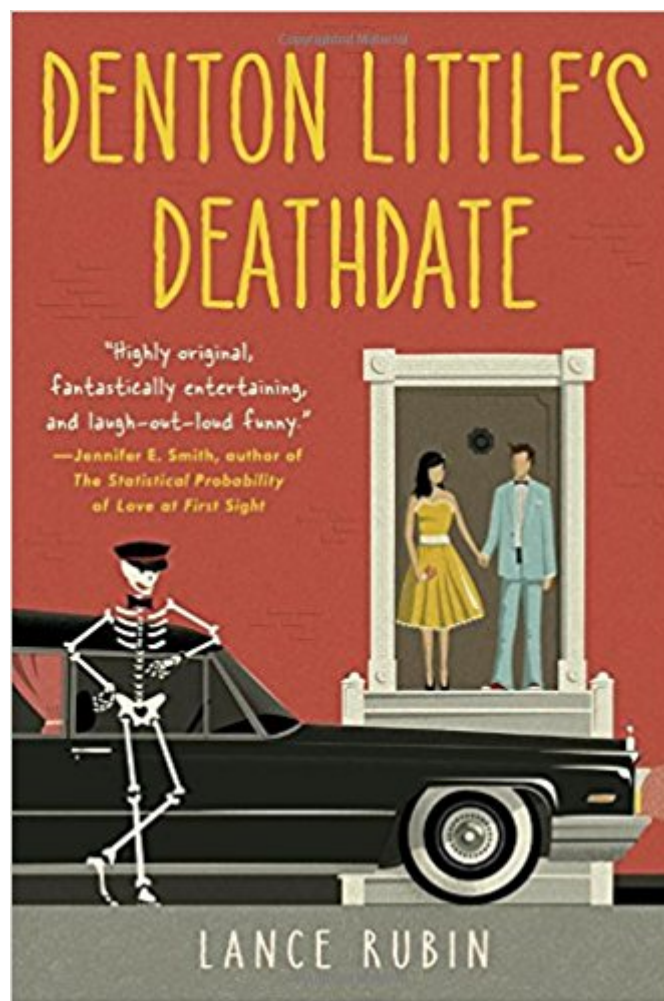


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Denton Little's Deathdate



Synopsis

****WINNER of the ILA Young Adult Book Award!**** Get ready to die laughing: this is an outrageously funny ride through the last hours of a teenager's life as he searches for love, meaning, answers, and (just maybe) a way to live on. *Denton Little's Deathdate* takes place in a world exactly like our own except that everyone knows the day on which they will die. For Denton, that's in just two days—the day of his senior prom. Despite his early deathdate, Denton has always wanted to live a normal life, but his final days are filled with dramatic firsts. First hangover. First sex. First love triangle—as the first sex seems to have happened not with his adoring girlfriend, but with his best friend's hostile sister. (Though he's not totally sure—see, first hangover.) His anxiety builds when he discovers a strange purple rash making its way up his body. Is this what will kill him? And then a strange man shows up at his funeral, claiming to have known Denton's long-deceased mother, and warning him to beware of suspicious government characters. . . . Suddenly Denton's life is filled with mysterious questions and precious little time to find the answers. Fall in love with Denton Little! "Rubin is really funny but like John Green, he manages to be poignant at the same time. You'll laugh out loud while you read this, but you're probably going to tear up a bit too." --Bustle "The dialogue is witty and raunchy, the plot is uniquely twisted, and the ending is to die for. This book will fly off the shelves." --VOYA "Lance Rubin creates a world in which (almost) everyone can answer the question, 'What would you do if you knew when you were going to die?' and holy s*#! the answers are hilarious. I don't think I've laughed at death so much in a long, long time. Read this book, it'll have you dying." --Isabel Quintero, Morris Award-winning author of *Gabi, A Girl in Pieces* "Hilarious, thought-provoking, irreverent, unforgettable. . . . Live your own death, Dent. We love you." --Catherine Gilbert Murdock, author of *Dairy Queen* "If *Six Feet Under* had been created by John Hughes: that's Denton Little's Deathdate." --Tim Federle, author of *The Great American Whatever* "Wildly funny, brilliantly weird, and achingly heartfelt." --Becky Albertalli, Morris Award-winning author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* "Highly original, fantastically entertaining, and laugh-out-loud funny, *Denton Little's Deathdate* is a wild romp through a night like no other." --Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Geography of You and Me* "An utterly enjoyable, engrossing page-turner." --*Bulletin* "The tweaked contemporary setting, irreverent end-of-life humor, and big, existential questions make this a good pick for fans of John Corey Whaley's *Noggin*." --*Publishers Weekly*

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Customer Reviews

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In a not-so-distant future, every person knows from tests performed on hair and blood at birth what day he or she will die. As the book begins, Denton knows that tomorrow is his deathdate and he is as ready as a person can be in this rather weird situation. His family has planned the funeral and the "sitting," the wait for death to come. Denton attends the funeral, but as far as the sitting, he has other plans—time with his friends and girlfriends, some alcohol, smoking pot, sex—much better ways of spending his last day of Earth than just waiting. Then there is this strange purple rash with red dots that is spreading over his body, as well as the bodies of the people he has exchanged "spit" with—and the numerous near misses of his death when he's almost hit by a car (twice) and is nearly shot. Denton's deathdate gets stranger and stranger. This humorous story of mortality, friendship, family, and secrets is a strange, fun, and unusual read that keeps readers laughing, gasping, and quickly turning pages. Denton, a likable and well-rounded character, just can't keep from getting in trouble—his hookup with his best friend's sister has made his girlfriend mad, his girlfriend's ex keeps trying to kill him—as does the neighborhood drug dealer—and everything he does seems to cause a problem. The plot is quirky and highly original. Denton Little just can't win—but readers certainly do. While this seems to be a stand-alone novel, and a satisfying one at that, there is plenty of fodder for a sequel. Rubin's is a new voice on the YA literature scene and is well-worth reading. Janet Hilbun, University of North Texas --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

"Let's all pray the grim reaper is even half as witty (and wise) as the deadly talented Lance Rubin. Till then: skip this book at your own peril." --Tim Federle, author of *The Great American Whatever*"Highly original, fantastically entertaining, and laugh-out-loud funny, Denton Little's *Deathdate* is a wild romp through a night like no other." --Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Geography of You and Me*"Denton Little's *Deathdate* is hilarious, thought-provoking, irreverent, unforgettable. . . . Live your own death, Dent. We love you." --Catherine Gilbert Murdock, author of *Dairy Queen*"Rubin is really funny but like John Green, he manages to be poignant at the same time. You'll laugh out loud while you read this, but you're probably going to tear up a bit too." --*Bustle*"Quirky and highly original." --*School Library Journal*"The dialogue is witty and raunchy, the plot is uniquely twisted, and the ending is to die for. This book will fly off the shelves."--*VOYA*"An utterly enjoyable, engrossing page-turner." -- *Bulletin* "A surprisingly breezy read, both for its hilarity and for its gradually revealed secrets." -- *The Horn Book Magazine* "The tweaked contemporary setting, irreverent end-of-life humor, and big, existential questions make this a good pick for fans of John Corey Whaley's *Île* and *Noggin*." -- *Publishers Weekly*

If you're looking for a break from the super serious, high-drama of YA, you wouldn't think a book about death would be the right choice. Denton Little's *Deathdate*, however, takes a normally depressing subject, and injects a double-dose of humor, without making it awkward. I started reading it in the waiting room at a doctor's office, because it seemed appropriate to read a book where the date of a person's death is predicted on the day they are born, in such a place. It's always great to find a book that will make you burst out laughing in quiet places. Fast-paced, and witty, this story will make you fall in love with the characters, wish you had best friend like Paolo, and wonder what kind of eulogy you'd give at your own funeral, all while keeping you guessing. I loved Denton Little's *Deathdate*. If you like laughing, you will too. If you don't like laughing...you should probably get that checked out. In the meantime, this book might just change your mind.

I loved everything about this book. The characters are approachable, fun, and distinct; the dialogue is spot-on; and the plot is engrossing and well-paced. The conceit: that everyone knows what day he or she is going to die, and our hero, a high-schooler, wakes up with a hangover the day before his death date, is a great one. It's well-executed, too. The story and mystery build as we race toward the ending here -- which seems all at once inevitable and unguessable. Really nicely done. I breezed through it and have already recommended it to friends... it's great for your high-schooler, and it's also great for adults. Two hearty thumbs up.

This is a fantastic book! From the moment I started it I loved it. Hilarious, intriguing, suspenseful, daring and reaffirming. In a world where everyone knows their death date you can't help relate to the characters involved and wonder how you would fare in such a world. This adventure is told primarily from the perspective of young adults which handles the stirring nature of this book with refreshing aplomb! Will recommend it to everyone. 5 stars!

I read this book in less than 12 hours. It literally made me laugh out loud on the subway. I didn't even care how crazy it made me look, laughing at a book with death on the cover. It was so good, and I am hungrily anticipating the next installment! Definitely a must-read for anyone and everyone, especially those who wonder why we are here.

Loved this book! I didn't want to put it down. It's such a fun story that I found myself dismayed when I got to the last chapter -- I didn't want it to end! I originally bought the book on my Kindle so I could read it right away, but I ended up buying the hardback version as well to lend out to friends and coworkers. Everyone I've loaned it to has liked it so much, they had someone else they wanted to share it with. Can't wait for the next book!

One of the most hilarious novels I've ever read.

When I first heard about the premise of this book, I literally got goose bumps. I couldn't imagine a more perfect plot for a YA novel. To my delight, the creative premise of the book completely lived up to its promise, and I couldn't put it down. The writer's dry sense of humor and wry style made for a fun and quick read, and I can't wait for the sequel to find out what happens next!

Here's what my 14 yr-old-son had to say about this book, "It was good. I thought it was funny. The pace was quick and it was an enjoyable read."

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