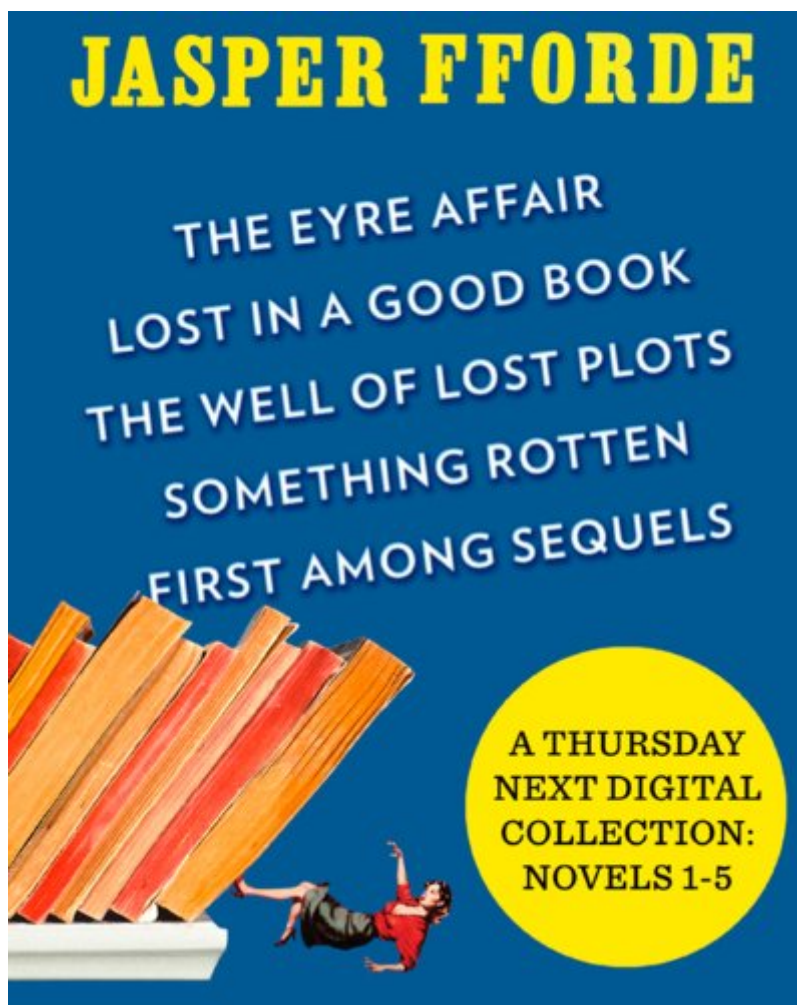


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A Thursday Next Digital Collection: Novels 1-5



Synopsis

A Thursday Next Digital Collection: Novels 1-5 Fall into the world of Thursday Next with the first five novels in the New York Times bestselling series featuring the renowned Special Operative in literary detection who is "part Bridget Jones, part Nancy Drew, and part Dirty Harry" (Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times).

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Customer Reviews

I have only read the first two of five novels and thoroughly enjoyed every chapter. Imagine Stephanie Plum and a graduate level survey of English literature woven into an amusing alternate reality populated with multi-dimensional stereotyped characters. The authors command of wordplay techniques without being annoying is truly amazing. I expect the author completes the London Times crossword every day in the time it takes to fill the entries.

The books themselves are fantastic, in my opinion. I am actually re-reading the entire series (and listening in the car and house with Audible using credits). However, this set is a rip-off as of the date of this writing. You may buy the books separately for less than the listed price of \$58.99 for this set.

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It's a world very like ours, only different: the Crimean War is still going on in the 1980s, there are dodos and mammoths, time can be altered and changing a manuscript changes all copies of the book. Yes, that is the world of Jasper Fforde's Thursday Next, an eccentric alternate world that operates entirely on its own hilarious rules. "A Thursday Next Digital Collection: Novels 1-5" brings together the first four-book cycle of Thursday's adventures, as well as the timeskip sequel "First Among Sequels." The one real downside: the excessive pricing. Why is it so expensive when the individual kindle books are cheaper?! "The Eyre Affair" introduces Thursday, who works for a special division dedicated to protecting literature, and is currently on the trail of the malevolent Acheron Hades. First Hades kills a minor character from "Martin Chuzzlewit," and then kidnaps Jane Eyre (in this parallel universe, the novel has a very different ending). Thursday Next teams up with the brooding Rochester and an odd bunch of characters to save Jane -- and all the other great works of literature. "Lost In A Good Book" sees Thursday being oppressed by the publicity of the previous book -- her consolations are her new husband Landen, her dodo Pickwick, and the fact that she's going to be a mum. But then time twists, which (her dad tells her) might turn the whole world into goo. And even worse, Thursday returns home to find that her beloved husband has been dead since the age of two... "The Well of Lost Plots" is where an exiled Thursday is currently living, waiting for the birth of her baby. But then her mentor dies horribly, and Thursday's brain is invaded by a memory-invading mindworm -- and she must set out to save the world of fiction once again, this time by uncovering a literary black market. "Something Rotten" this way comes, with Thursday deciding to head home with her two-year-old son Friday. Unfortunately, the Goliath Corporation has become a religion, there's a politician blaming the Danes for everything, and a croquet match will determine the fate of the world. And Thursday may have only one shot at getting her husband back. And finally, "First Among Sequels" skips us ahead several years. Thursday now has three (or

two, depending on who you ask) kids, a secret job at Jurisfiction, and a dreadful plan to make book-based reality TV (NOOOOOOOOOO!). And even worse, there's now a fictional version of Thursday Next -- a foul-mouthed violent psycho -- who wants to replace her."A Thursday Next Digital Collection: Novels 1-5" has the ups and downs of any book series, but for the most part it's just a delight. Fforde peppers his book with countless delightful literary references (Lewis Carroll, Falstaff, the Questing Beast, Mr. Toad), and he gives them a wink-nudge twist worthy of the best of British comedy (this is a world where great art is pop culture). But he also knows how to wrench your emotions with rare delicacy. And Thursday is a delightful heroine -- she's one of the few heroines who starts off hardened and jaded, and becomes more vulnerable as time goes on. And we get to see her go through some pretty weird adventures, dealing with them in her slightly dry, capable style."A Thursday Next Digital Collection: Novels 1-5" needs to come down in price before it's purchased (since currently it's a few bucks cheaper to get them individually) but the stories themselves are BRILLIANT.

Don't get me wrong, I love these books so much I'm considering buying them again for my kindle. But this five-in-one collection is priced at \$58.99, when the five novels purchased separately only cost \$58.95. As of today, at least. Five stars for the content. Buy these books. Read them. Re-read them, and tell your friends about them. But be skeptical of 's pricing and do the math before you buy.

These are great great books. Quirky, smart, funny, touching, and enthralling. I couldn't put them down and lost countless hours of sleep because I didn't want to quit reading. I loved them so much that after checking them out of the library I'm buying them for my kindle just to have so I can re-read. Do yourself a favor though and don't buy this 5 book collection. This collection costs \$58.99 (as of 3/28/14) and individually 4 of these books cost 10.99 each and one 9.99 for a total of \$53.95 (as of 3/28/14).

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