

Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

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The crew of a cargo ship that transports the dead for burial on a designated Graveyard Moon find themselves overwhelmed by unspeakable horror? surrounded by the ghosts of the dead they carry. In the not so far future, Earth no longer has space for graveyards. Callisto, a rocky moon of Jupiter, has become designated as the graveyard planet, but only the wealthy can afford a proper burial there. Cooper and his longtime crew prepare to transport a load of the dead, having flown this route many times over. But their routine trip to the graveyard moon is disrupted by deception and greed? and they find themselves under siege by the ghosts of the dead they carry.

Red storm rising: Once again, the players are the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. -- but this time the stakes are much higher. When Moslem fundamentalists blow up a key Soviet oil complex, making an already critical oil shortage calamitous, the Soviets decide they have no choice. To survive, they must seize the oil in the Persian Gulf; to seize the oil, they must find a way to keep NATO from retaliating. -- Author website.

An all-new comic series based on Douglas Adams' beloved holistic detective! Dirk arrives in San Diego to face a new country, new cases and new threats: reincarnation, for starters!

After *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams went on to create Dirk Gently, a detective with a belief in the fundamental interconnectedness of all things, a unique relationship with the laws of probability, and a love of cats and pizza. In *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*, Dirk finds himself on the trail of a gruesome murderer who is somehow involved with the works of Coleridge, quantum physics, and the enigmatic study of the Cambridge Professor of Chronology. Ultimately, the stakes of the case are far greater than a single murder, but go to the fate of life on Earth. Confused? Don't be - everything is connected.

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From Douglas Adams, the legendary author of one of the most beloved science fiction novels of all time, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, comes a wildly inventive novel—in trade paperback for the first time—of ghosts, time travel, and one detective's mission to save humanity from extinction. **DIRK GENTLY'S HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AGENCY** We solve the whole crime We find the whole person Phone today for the whole solution to your problem (Missing cats and messy divorces a specialty) Douglas Adams, the “master of wacky words and even wackier tales” (*Entertainment Weekly*) once again boggles the mind with a completely unbelievable story of ghosts, time travel, eccentric computer geniuses, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the end of the world, and—of course—missing cats.

Douglas Adams' holistic detective Dirk Gently has his comic book adventures collected here in **DIRK GENTLY'S BIG HOLISTIC GRAPHIC NOVEL**. Containing two stand-alone series, enjoy "The Interconnectedness of All Kings," and "A Spoon Too Short." But that's not all! Also includes bonus material showing a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the **DIRK GENTLY** TV show.

Dirk Gently, created by Douglas Adams and star of the hit BBC America series, returns to comics, brought to you by the show's executive producers! Plagued by nightmares about a childhood he never had, Dirk returns to Cambridge University to seek the advice of his former tutor, the time-traveling Professor Reg Chronotis. There he discovers that a holistic detective can have more than one past, and his are about to catch up with him! Featuring favorite characters from the original Dirk Gently books by Douglas Adams (*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) as well as the cast from the TV series, starring Samuel Barnett and Elijah Wood. Collects the complete nine-issue series.

After the many and conflicting versions of the legendary *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams created Dirk Gently: a detective with a belief in the fundamental interconnectedness of all things, a troubled relationship with the laws of probability and quantum physics, and a love of cats and pizza. After the events of *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* and *The Long Dark Tea Time*, but prior to the detective's relocation to California in *The Interconnectedness of All Kings*, Dirk finds himself investigating a bizarre case of poaching, dumbstruck tourists, and the inner membranes of a rhinoceros' nose.

“A fitting eulogy to the master of wacky words and even wackier tales . . . Salmon leaves no doubt as to Adams's lasting legacy.”—*Entertainment Weekly* With an introduction to the introduction by Terry Jones Douglas Adams changed the face of science fiction with his cosmically comic novel *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and its classic sequels. Sadly for his countless admirers, he hitched his own ride to the great beyond much too soon. Culled posthumously from Adams's fleet of beloved Macintosh computers, this selection of essays, articles, anecdotes, and stories offers a fascinating and intimate portrait of the multifaceted artist and absurdist wordsmith. Join Adams on an excursion to climb Kilimanjaro . . . dressed in a rhino costume; peek into the private life of Genghis Khan—warrior and world-class neurotic; root for the harried author's efforts to get a *Hitchhiker* movie off the ground in Hollywood; thrill to the further exploits of private eye Dirk Gently and two-headed alien Zaphod Beeblebrox. Though Douglas Adams is gone, he's left us something very special to remember him by. Without a doubt. “Worth reading and even cherishing, if only because it's the last we'll hear from the master of comic science fiction.”—*The Star-Ledger*

A rollicking, thought-provoking dictionary for the modern age, featuring definitions for those things we don't have words for, from the New York Times bestselling author behind *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams, and TV producer John Lloyd. Does the sensation of Tingrith(1) make you yelp? Do you bend sympathetically when you

see someone Ahenny(2)? Can you deal with a Naugatuck(3) without causing a Toronto(4)? Will you suffer from Kettering(5) this summer? Probably. You are almost certainly familiar with all these experiences but just didn't know that there are words for them. Well, in fact, there aren't—or rather there weren't, until Douglas Adams and John Lloyd decided to plug these egregious linguistic lacunae(6). They quickly realized that just as there are an awful lot of experiences that no one has a name for, so there are an awful lot of names for places you will never need to go to. What a waste. As responsible citizens of a small and crowded world, we must all learn the virtues of recycling(7) and put old, worn-out but still serviceable names to exciting, vibrant, new uses. This is the book that does that for you: *The Deeper Meaning of Liff*—a whole new solution to the problem of Great Waking(8) 1—The feeling of aluminum foil against your fillings. 2—The way people stand when examining other people's bookshelves. 3—A plastic packet containing shampoo, mustard, etc., which is impossible to open except by biting off the corners. 4—Generic term for anything that comes out in a gush, despite all your efforts to let it out carefully, e.g., flour into a white sauce, ketchup onto fish, a dog into the yard, and another naughty meaning that we can't put on the cover. 5—The marks left on your bottom and thighs after you've been sitting sunbathing in a wicker chair. 6—God knows what this means 7—For instance, some of this book was first published in Britain twenty-six years ago. 8—Look it up yourself.

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Douglas Adams' 'thumping good detective-ghost-horror-who dunnit-time travel-romantic-musical-comedy-epic' and beloved cult classic.

A one-volume edition charting Arthur Dent's odyssey through space, comprising: "*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*": One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass. For Arthur, who has just had his house demolished, this is too much. Sadly, the weekend's just begun. "*The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*": When all issues of space, time, matter and the nature of being are resolved, only one question remains: Where shall we have dinner? "*The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*" provides the ultimate gastronomic experience and, for once, there is no morning after. "*Life, the Universe and Everything*": In consequence of a number of stunning catastrophes, Arthur Dent is surprised to find himself living in a hideously miserable cave on prehistoric Earth. And then, just as he thinks that things cannot possibly get any worse, they suddenly do. "*So Long, and Thanks for all the Fish*": Arthur Dent's sense of reality is in its dickest state when he suddenly finds the girl of his dreams. They go in search of God's Final Message and, in a dramatic break with tradition, actually find it.

Discover the hilarious and beloved Dirk Gently novels from legendary science fiction author Douglas Adams—now the basis for the all-new TV series on BBC America! *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* Douglas Adams, the "master of wacky words and even wackier tales" (*Entertainment Weekly*), once again boggles the mind with a completely unbelievable story of ghosts, time travel, eccentric computer geniuses, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the end of the world, and—of course—missing cats. *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul* When a check-in desk at London's Heathrow Airport disappears in a ball of orange flame, the event is said to be an act of God. But which god, wonders holistic detective Dirk Gently. And how is this connected to Dirk's battle with his cleaning lady over his filthy refrigerator...or to the murder of his latest client? Or are these events just another stretch of coincidences in the life of the world's most off-kilter private investigator?

"The ethics in a world of blood are gray--and an underground strata of blood magicians has been engineering disasters for centuries in order to acquire enough fuel for their spells. They are not good people. Some practitioners, however, use the Words and a swipe of the blade to cast simpler spells, such as Charms and Cantrips to gas up one dollar bills so they appear to be twenty dollar bills. Lem Vonnegan and his sidekick Mags fall into this level of mage, hustlers and con men all. Lem tries to be ethical by using only his own blood, by not using Bleeders or "volunteers." But it makes life hard. Soon they might have to get honest work. When the pair encounters a girl who's been kidnapped and marked up with magic runes for a ritual spell, it's clear

they're in over their heads. Turning to Lem's estranged master for help, they are told that not only is the girl's life all but forfeit, but that the world's preeminent mage, Mika Renar, has earth-shattering plans for her-- and Lem just got in the way. With the fate of the world on the line, and Lem both spooked and intrigued by the mysterious girl, the other nominates him to become the huckleberry who'll take down Renar. But even if he, Mags, and the simpletons who follow him prevail, they're dealing with the kind of power that doesn't understand defeat, or mercy."--Amazon.com

Differently Morphous is the latest and greatest tale to emerge from the mind of writer Yahtzee Croshaw (Mogworld, Jam, Will Save the Galaxy for Food). A magical serial killer is on the loose, and gelatinous, otherworldly creatures are infesting the English countryside. Which is making life for the Ministry of Occultism difficult, because magic is supposed to be their best kept secret. After centuries in the shadows, the Ministry is forced to unmask, exposing the country's magical history--and magical citizens--to a brave new world of social media, government scrutiny, and public relations. On the trail of the killer are the Ministry's top agents: a junior operative with a photographic memory (and not much else), a couple of overgrown schoolboys with godlike powers, and a demonstrably insane magician. But as they struggle for results, their superiors at HQ must face the greatest threat the Ministry has ever known: the forces of political correctness . . .

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This beautifully illustrated edition of the New York Times bestselling classic celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the original publication—with all-new art by award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell. SOON TO BE A HULU SERIES • “An astonishing comic writer.”—Neil Gaiman Nominated as one of America’s best-loved novels by PBS’s The Great American Read It’s an ordinary Thursday morning for Arthur Dent . . . until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly after to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur’s best friend has just announced that he’s an alien. After that, things get much, much worse. With just a towel, a small yellow fish, and a book, Arthur has to navigate through a very hostile universe in the company of a gang of unreliable aliens. Luckily the fish is quite good at languages. And the book is The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy . . . which helpfully has the words DON’T PANIC inscribed in large, friendly letters on its cover. Douglas Adams’s mega-selling pop-culture classic sends logic into orbit, plays havoc with both time and physics, offers up pithy commentary on such things as ballpoint pens, potted plants, and digital watches . . . and, most important, reveals the ultimate answer to life, the universe, and everything. Now, if you could only figure out the question. . . .

When a passenger check-in desk shoots through the roof of a terminal at Heathrow Airport in flames, Dirk Gently investigates the cosmic forces at play.

Now celebrating the 42nd anniversary of The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, soon to be a Hulu original series! “Wild satire . . . The feckless protagonist, Arthur Dent, is reminiscent of Vonnegut heroes.”—Chicago Tribune The unhappy inhabitants of planet Krikkit are sick of looking at the night sky above their heads—so they plan to destroy it. The universe, that is. Now only five individuals stand between the killer robots of Krikkit and their goal of total annihilation. They are Arthur Dent, a mild-mannered space and time traveler who tries to learn how to fly by throwing himself at the ground and missing; Ford Prefect, his best friend, who decides to go insane to see if he likes it; Slartibartfast, the indomitable vice president of the Campaign for Real Time, who travels in a ship powered by irrational behavior; Zaphod Beeblebrox, the two-headed, three-armed ex-president of the galaxy; and Trillian, the sexy space cadet who is torn between a persistent Thunder God and a very depressed Beeblebrox. How will it all end? Will it end? Only this stalwart crew knows as they try to avert “universal” Armageddon and save life as we know it—and don’t know it! “Adams is one of those rare treasures: an author who, one senses, has as much fun writing as one has reading.”—Arizona Daily Star

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A standalone comedic thriller that is in the same world as Caimh McDonnell's internationally best-selling Dublin Trilogy.

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