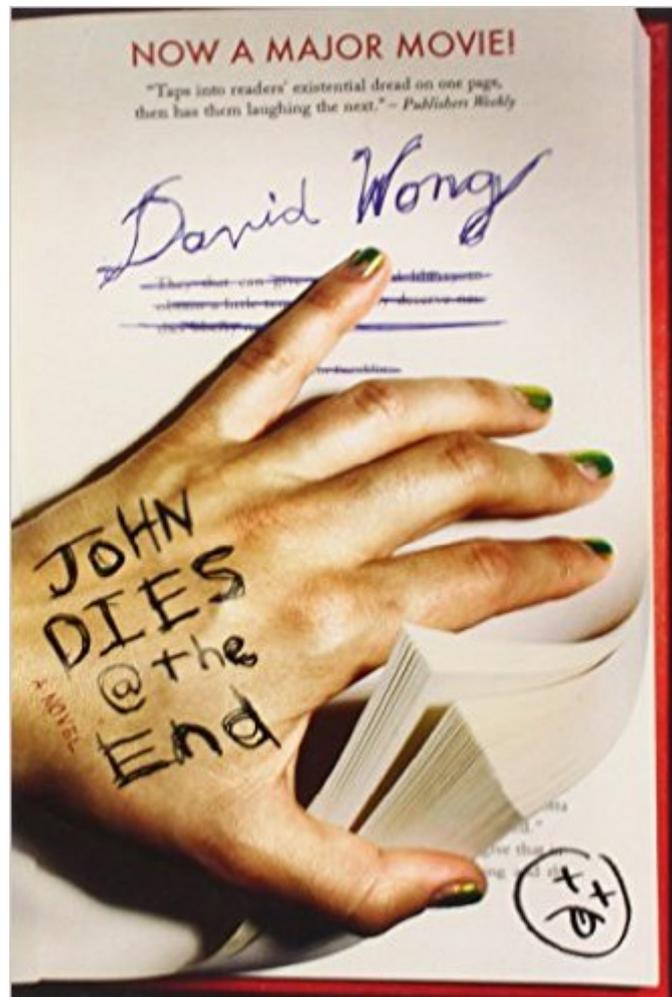


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# John Dies @ The End



## Synopsis

My name is David Wong. My best friend is John. Those names are fake. You might want to change yours. You may not want to know about the things you'll read on these pages, about the sauce, about Korrock, about the invasion, and the future. But it's too late. You touched the book. You're in the game. You're under the eye. It is crucial you keep one thing in mind: none of this is my fault.

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If I were 16 again, this would be my favorite book. That sounds like such a douche comment, like, oh, now I'm an adult and I read "serious" literature, by guys who are only referred to by their last names, and I have no time for horror drivel. Luckily, this isn't the case - I may be an adult, but I love all the horror drivel, good and bad, I can get my hands on. What I really mean is that, were I 16, I think I'd be a lot more likely to overlook the negatives of John Dies At The End in favor of all the good stuff. And there is a lot of good stuff. Above all, the book is insanely imaginative. So many fantastic monsters and creatures and creepy crawlies, so many fun worlds, and just when you think you've got it down, something comes along to completely surprise you. John Dies At The End is also funny - really, really funny. Laugh out loud funny. And the characters are simply fun to hang out with. Bill and Ted, Wayne and Garth, Dave and John. Anyone who doesn't enjoy spending a few hours with anyone on that list probably should stick to literature by guys who go by their last names. The problems are in the storytelling. The book began as an installment penny dreadful sort of web ebook, and unfortunately, this continued into the final version. It's REALLY meandering and, worse, dragging. The first story is fine, but by story 2, you're really grasping for any sort of narrative

direction to the whole thing, and by story 3...If I were reading on a weekly basis, it'd be fine, but something just kills it in a 400+ page book. Find a plot, go somewhere, make us feel like you're not just making this up as you go along.

I don't know why this book has such immaculate reviews -- I think the author himself has a big cult following from the Cracked readership in which case it's really cool to see them all supporting him. Being a startup writer is hard and wish him the best of luck. My personal preferences aside, this book is a fun/funny romp not unlike a Bruce Campbell movie written for a 9-15 year old crowd that includes a handful of Hitchhiker Guide to the Universe-esque silliness to it that keeps the book firmly in the Teen/Pre-Teen reader box in my opinion. This is absolutely not The Stand, this is not a mature Stephen King book, there is no sex and the gore in it is straight forward teen-horror language... things like "the massive pustule burst and sprayed us with sickness" or something along those lines. Also it is not scary or suspenseful in the sense that Under the Dome or The Girl Next Door is -- that's adult-suspense I'd say, this would be 'suspensful and horrific' if you were 12 or something. But that isn't what makes the book charming, so it's not that big of a problem. That being said there are strengths in this book:\* John, the main character's best friend is wonderfully written. He's the punchline guy in charge of all the humor and he delivers it excellently. I will continue to read further books in this series for no other reason than to enjoy John's company and one-liners.\* Even though the story stretches the limits of "ok, now I think you are just making stuff up", and regardless of how I feel about that, I still found myself amused and continuing to turn the pages... so I think that counts for something. If you go into this thinking you are going to have a campy/silly adventure, I think you'll be very happy with the experience.

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