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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—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

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"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*

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About the Author

Lance Rubin is the author of *Denton Little's Deathdate*. He's worked as an actor and written sketch comedy, including successful runs of *The Lance and Ray Show* at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York City. He's also co-written a new musical called *Broadway Bounty Hunter*. Lance lives in Brooklyn with his wife and son. He is very glad he doesn't know his deathdate. You can follow him online at LanceRubin.com and on Twitter @LanceRubinParty.

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