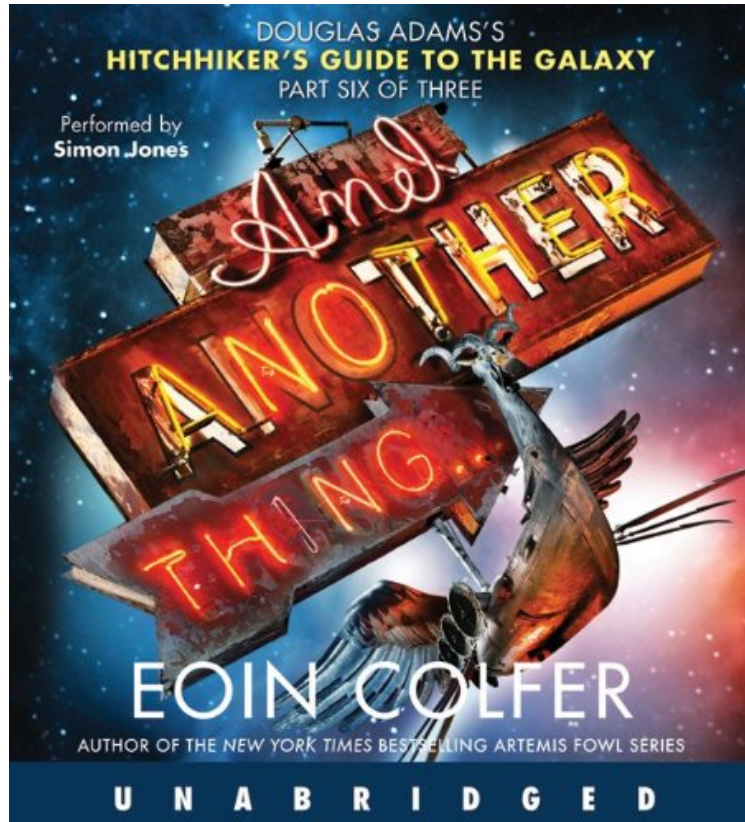


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**Eoin Colfer : And Another Thing... (The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised And Another Thing... (The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An excellent book by 2nd best HHGTTG author By Gary J. Evans Look - I can't give this book 5 stars because of the bar that's been set for it by Mr. Adams. But I tell you what: I really enjoyed Eoin Colfer's And Another Thing. It was intelligent, clever, zany, and funny. It surprised me, kept my interest, and it made me laugh out loud, on several occasions. It is clearly the work of an extremely talented author who loves the source material, and knows it intimately. While I guess it's not likely to happen now at this late date, I for one would be incredibly pleased if he were to write another of these books. I miss Douglas Adams' more than any other author, and while he can't be replaced, Colfer's work does an admirable job of keeping the characters I love so much alive. Mr. Colfer - perhaps we can at least get you to write a new Futurama story? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Just wanted some closure. Low expectations are the key. By Notvinnik A couple of preliminary comments before the review proper. First, after resisting any inclination to buy this for 2 to 3 years, I thought maybe I could get the "cheap" edition for my new Kindle Fire. \$12.99 for the Kindle edition, \$10.40 for the

hardcover? What? Why? So I got the hardcover. Maybe they'll lower the price on the Kindle version when they've gotten rid of all the unsold hardcover and paperback copies. Maybe they'll raise it. Also, I'm assuming that nobody would buy this book unless they were familiar with the earlier Adams books. If I'm wrong, and you don't want to any spoilers for the earlier books, then don't read this review. No spoilers here for Colfer's book, however. "Mostly Harmless" had a total downer of an ending that worked. Earth definitely destroyed, no reason to hope that Arthur, Ford, Trillian, Random, or Tricia would survive. Fenchurch's fate a loose end which might never be tied up. I took Arthur's experience on Bartledan earlier in the book to be a hint that maybe this really was the way it ended. So you don't like it, so what? Personally, I'd thought that the relatively happy ending of the fourth book "So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish" would have been a better place to stop the series, even though "Mostly Harmless" was a better book on its own merits. It appears that Adams really did intend to continue the story somehow, if he had lived. That was enough to justify seeing how Colfer would wrap things up. Colfer makes a game effort to adopt Adams prose style, which works intermittently. He uses sufficient detail from the earlier books to put this believably in the Hitchhiker's universe, without being afraid to introduce some ideas and elaborations of his own. He has the courage to give us a story line that works, sort of, on its own terms, without necessarily giving the majority of the fans what they want to see. So A for effort, if nothing else. Unfortunately, the execution is a bit off. The prose often seems forced, and things begin to drag, although this is not a long book. Then there are the characterizations, they all just seem slightly wrong. Zaphod and Ford are little more than caricatures of their earlier selves. Arthur has the ineffectual and socially awkward part down, but is missing the quietly despairing irony and intelligence. Thor? Well, maybe we never knew exactly who he was, but somehow I didn't think it was this. Is the bit about Wowbagger something that Adams himself might have come up with? Well, you decide. I'm not really sorry I got this; I would have wondered about it if I hadn't. Who knows, Adams himself might have done something similar, just more entertaining to read. Keep your expectations low, and "And Another Thing" will give you a kind of closure for this story, there's even an apt statement on this at the beginning of chapter 12. With this 6th book, however, there's no point in taking things any further. If Colfer comes out with "But Wait, There's More...", I'll skip it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Colfer, And Another Thing... By Awilson And Another Thing impressed me quite a lot when I read it. When I finally decided to hitchhike a galaxy without Douglas Adams in charge, I was very nervous. I am always very nervous to try a series that has been continued by another author, same with movie franchises with multiple directors. (Just look at the inconsistency of the Harry Potter films). Eoin Colfer, author of the Artemis Fowl books among others, somehow pulled it off and impressed me with this sixth HHGTG novel. I felt that it fit seamlessly with Adams' work and, although some may argue that that is not a good thing, I believe it is when continueing a series like this. This book contains all of the wackey randomness of the previous five and the only negative thing I can say about it is that it kind of wore me out. The entire series begins to strain the mind a bit near the end because of the incredible amount of ridiculous and funny information and plot twists coming at the reader. Colfer managed to take all of the randomness and continue it, but I think that maybe I am just done with the series. It is one of my favorite series of books of all time, but some things need to end. Colfer did a marvelous job, but an unnecessary one. He gave us more Hitchhiker's Guide, but, to me, it didn't really add anything to the series that we hadn't already experienced. I hope that the Guide is left alone but I know that if a seventh book is written, I will be drawn to it by curiosity. Again, I enjoyed it, I just get nervous when other authors continue the series of a deceased writer.

An Englishman's continuing search through space and time for a decent cup of tea . . . Arthur Dent's accidental association with that wholly remarkable book, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, has not been entirely without incident. Arthur has traveled the length, breadth, and depth of known, and unknown, space. He has stumbled forward and backward through time. He has been blown up, reassembled, cruelly imprisoned, horribly released, and colorfully insulted more than is strictly necessary. And of course Arthur Dent has comprehensively failed to grasp the meaning of life, the universe, and everything. Arthur has finally made it home to Earth, but that does not mean he has escaped his fate. Arthur's chances of getting his hands on a decent cuppa have evaporated rapidly, along with all the world's oceans. For no sooner has he touched down on the planet Earth than he finds out that it is about to be blown up . . . again. And Another Thing . . . is the rather unexpected, but very welcome, sixth installment of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series. It features a pantheon of unemployed gods, everyone's favorite renegade Galactic President, a lovestruck green alien, an irritating computer, and at least one very large slab of cheese.

From AudioFile This is a title for people who wish they could hit the reset button and hear more from THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY. Writer Eoin Colfer does just that, picking up the story from the late Douglas Adams and continuing the bizarre, irreverent adventures of Ford Prefect, Arthur Dent, Zaphod Beeblebrox, and Thor, the Thunder God. Narrator Simon Jones (who played Dent in the BBC series) not only has to imitate humans from different cultures but also aliens, machines, insects, and talking cows with a death wish. And he makes it sound easy. While some may be critical of Colfer's attempt to bottle lightning and continue the hitchhiker saga, the

result is a solid story that keeps the dream alive--in all its strangeness. M.S. AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine