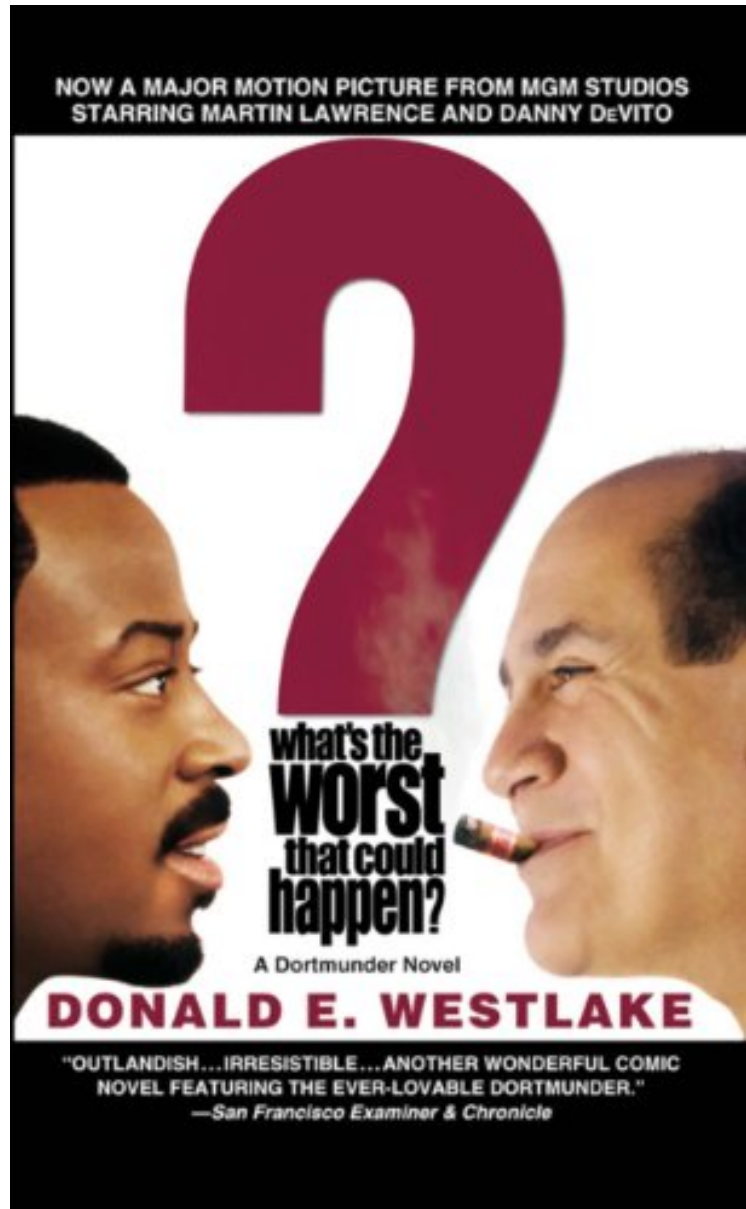


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Whose Bad Luck Is It? Von Donald Mitchell In If you have read any of the previous novels about John Dortmunder, the imaginative planner for many a heist, you know that he lacks only one element to have a perfect life . . . some good luck. In What's the Worst That Could Happen? Talented crime caper author Donald E. Westlake reveals many ironies about our views on luck. As the book opens, Dortmunder is offered \$500 to pretend he is someone else at a deposition. He spends a week memorizing his lines, and is ready to go. Then his friend cancels the whole thing. So there's no \$500 coming. As usual, such a setback sets Dortmunder in motion to find a new source of "easy" and illegal income. May, Dortmunder's girl friend, receives a FedEx package, and is puzzled. Unexpectedly, her uncle, Gideon Gilbert Goodwin has died. Her sister, June, has decided to send her Uncle Gideon's "lucky ring." May remembers Uncle Gid as "the one who smelled like horse manure, I think. He was out at the track all the time." The ring was not too thrilling. It was "gold-looking but wasn't gold . . ." and "displayed on its flat surface three thin lines of tiny stones -- chips, really -- . . . that were probably glass." The top line was discontinuous with a blank in the middle. May's annoyed because she sees this as a gambit by June to get May to call her. The ring also doesn't fit her. She asks John to try it on. "You could use a little luck." The ring fits perfectly on the ring finger of his right hand. "So there you are," she said. "Your lucky ring." Immediately, the phone rings and a friend, Gus, offers him the chance to work on a burglary that night. A billionaire, Max Fairbanks, "is in Chapter Eleven, so the house his corporation owns . . . is under control of the bankruptcy court, so nobody's supposed to go there, so it's empty." Unfortunately, Max has decided to sneak into the house to entertain Playboy's Miss September, Tracy Kimberly, for one last time before he loses the house. When Gus and Dortmunder break in, Max lifts his head from Tracy's navel, takes a gun from a bedside drawer, and catches Dortmunder in the act. When the police come, Max notices that Dortmunder's "lucky" ring has the same symbol on it as his corporation uses. Max tells the police that the ring belongs to him, and steals it from Dortmunder. Although the ring has little real value, Dortmunder doesn't want to lose it because it's a gift from May. After one of the most hilarious escapes from the police that you will ever read about, he sets about recovering the ring. In a rare reversal of fortune, Dortmunder always succeeds in pulling off each caper . . . reaping lots of loot in the process, but he cannot recapture that "lucky" ring. The people who are getting lucky are Dortmunder's friends who help him with the capers. Andy Kelp does best because he even finds a girl friend in the process. Gradually, Max realizes that it is Dortmunder who is after him, so all the resources that a billionaire in bankruptcy can muster are arrayed against Dortmunder. The final showdown comes in Las Vegas in a hilarious caper that will remind you of many of the great Hollywood movies about knocking off casinos. By the time you are done, you'll be wondering who and what are really lucky and about what. Perhaps Dortmunder should realize that his good luck begins and ends with May. After all his previous relationship had been an unfortunate marriage to and divorce from a nightclub entertainer named Honeybun Bazoom in San Diego. The main problem with the book is that Dortmunder is a lot funnier when he's having more problems. A lot of the tension that creates laughter is lost by having him successfully ripping off Max in New York, Washington and Las Vegas. After you finish reading this book, think about where you have good luck . . . always!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Joy Von Jack Jalove These Dortmunders not only make me laugh out loud (which can be embarrassing when you're sitting alone on a bus or train) they bring joy. Does that seem goofy? Well here's to goofiness 'cause I can't help but feel better after reading 'em. They're paperbound treasure chests to me.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dortmunder, funny as always. Von Old Fisherman John Dortmunder is a burglar. While on what should have been an easy job he's caught by the pistol-toting homeowner and gets caught. That's bad enough, but the homeowner, wealthy Max Fairbanks, adds insult to injury when he claims that Dortmunder's lucky ring actually belongs to him. Big mistake. Dortmunder vows to get the ring back no matter what which leads to a series of funny capers where Max Fairbanks loses more and more wealth until the slam-bang finish in Las Vegas. I've been reading the Dortmunder novels for years and they never disappoint. They are always funny with a little cockeyed slant to them that Donald Westlake is famous for. They are just fun books to read and I'd recommend any of them.

Kurzbeschreibung It started with a ring. A cheap ring. The yellow metal said brass, not gold, and the sparkly bits were certainly not diamonds. But the ring belonged to May's horseplaying uncle, who swore it brought good luck. Dortmunder, who wouldn't kick a little good luck out of bed, puts it to the test when he goes to burglarize Long Island billionaire Max Fairbanks. As luck would have it, Dortmunder is greeted by Fairbanks himself - and a loaded gun - as soon as he strolls through the door. When the cops arrive, the mogul adds insult to injury by claiming that Dortmunder's lucky ring is actually his. Big mistake, big guy. As soon as Dortmunder can give the cops the slip, the world's most single-minded burglar goes after the fat cat with a vengeance and a team of crooks that only he can assemble. And from the get go everything will go Dortmunder's way - everything, that is, except the ring. .de When Max Fairbanks, a vastly wealthy and powerful magnate, catches John Dortmunder breaking into his Long Island mansion, he thinks he is dealing with some regular loser. It amuses him to deprive Dortmund of his lucky ring. In

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