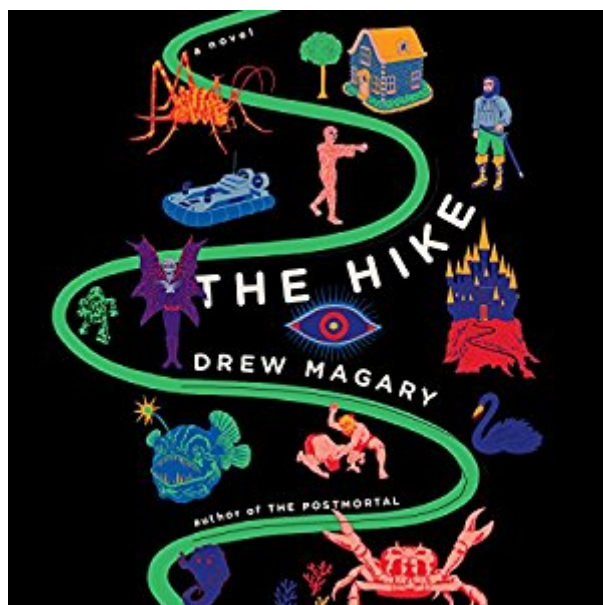


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# The Hike



## Synopsis

From the author of *The Postmortal*, a fantasy saga unlike any you've listened to before, weaving elements of folk tale and video game into a riveting, unforgettable adventure of what a man will endure to return to his family. When Ben, a suburban family man, takes a business trip to rural Pennsylvania, he decides to spend the afternoon before his dinner meeting on a short hike. Once he sets out into the woods behind his hotel, he quickly comes to realize that the path he has chosen cannot be given up easily. With no choice but to move forward, Ben finds himself falling deeper and deeper into a world of man-eating giants, bizarre demons, and colossal insects. On a quest of epic, life-or-death proportions, Ben finds help comes in some of the most unexpected forms, including a profane crustacean and a variety of magical objects, tools, and potions. Desperate to return to his family, Ben is determined to track down the "Producer," the creator of the world in which he is being held hostage and the only one who can free him from the path. At once bitingly funny and emotionally absorbing, Magary's novel is a remarkably unique addition to the contemporary fantasy genre, one that draws as easily from the world of classic folk tales as it does from video games. In *The Hike*, Magary takes listeners on a daring odyssey away from our day-to-day grind and transports them into an enthralling world propelled by heart, imagination, and survival.

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## Customer Reviews

This was not the absolute best book I have ever written but it is definitely up there in terms of one of the best endings. Of course having read Magary's stuff at *Deadspin* and *GQ* over the years, and

following him on Twitter and seeing his steady stream of RTs about the book, I had to order (as he said, "you must go full pimp" in promoting a book). It was even darker and more twisted than I would have imagined, but it still lacked a certain punch in some areas. One of the big baddies in the book is dispatched a little too easily, and the dialogue at times could use some work, but the imagination Magary has is unbelievable. The ending was a huge surprise, and actually almost brought tears to my eyes because it was just so darn sweet. I read it in a couple of days--if you want a quick and easy, albeit unconventional, book to read then you should pick this up.

If I had to compare this novel to others, I'd say it was a mix of Alice in Wonderland, Dante's Inferno, and *Gewgaws*. Then add a touch of acid and a healthy dose of quirkiness! I enjoyed its quarks and style. It was definitely a speedy trip (I mean the acid kind.) If you're looking for a lifelong classic, maybe look elsewhere. If you're looking for a walk on the literary wild side, this is your book. Definitely not for the kiddies. Read "*Gewgaws*" if you want PG dimension-shifting. *Gewgaws: A New Adventure with an Old Friend*

this was an interesting read. I was a little disappointed in the end. Left me with not a lot of understanding the motive of the story, unless i missed something. I still give it 5 stars due the unique story and readability.

Drew Magary is such a creative writer. I first read his book "The Postmortal" and loved it, so I was really excited to find his second novel. This book is a fun, unpredictable read that leaves you thinking about it for days.

Well it's sort like if Franz Kafka had a a sense of humor instead of just a sense of doom this might be his progeny book. Sorta. The writing is quick, the plot line quirky, and it's filled with some just plain horrible things that the character has to get through. But you keep reading because like the main character, you really to need to see how it all ends.

I enjoyed the ride. In truth that's what this book is, a journey. Drew does a good job helping you experience joy and suffering along with the main character, Ben. I thought it was especially prevalent in what some are calling "the slog", when Ben (spoilers) quite literally toils away for years (/spoilers). Great story overall, and very entertaining.

Drew Magary is a great young novelist who can write on different subjects and genres with a fresh take. You should definitely read this book and his other great book The PostMortal  
[https://www..com/Postmortal-Novel-Drew-Magary-ebook/dp/B0052RHFM2/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1486407131&sr=8-1&keywords=the+postmortal](https://www..com/Postmortal-Novel-Drew-Magary-ebook/dp/B0052RHFM2/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1486407131&sr=8-1&keywords=the+postmortal) His non-fiction is just as good. This book has elements of Neil Gaiman and Gary Shteyngart but with his own voice coming through loud and clear. I am always looking for new books by Drew. He is a cool cat!

Wow what a great and crazy read that was! It was a great break from my usual thriller or horror reads. A sci-fi novel that anyone can read, understand and even follow. This book has everything from giants to talking crabs (if this is made into a movie please have John Leguizamo voice the crab. Worked for me) to doppelganger. You will love this!

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