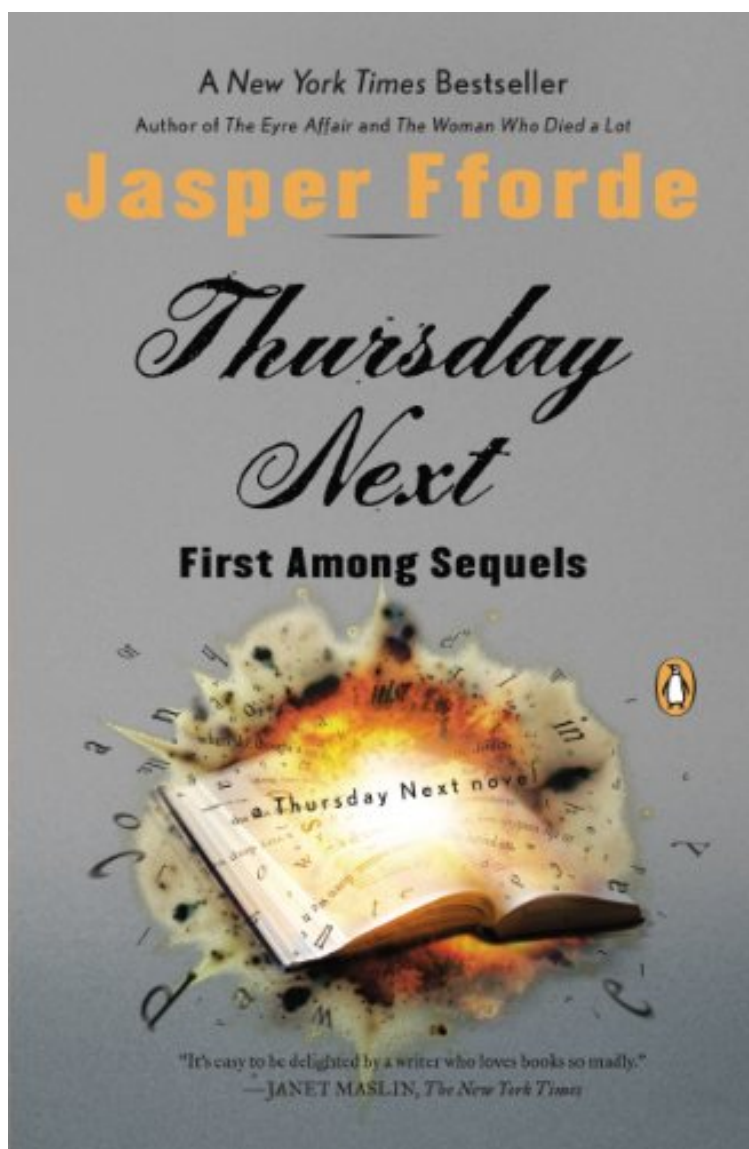


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**Description :** Description du produit Literary sleuth Thursday Next is out to save literature in the fifth installment of Jasper Ffordes wildly popular series Beloved for his prodigious imagination, his satirical gifts, his literate humor, and sheer silliness, Jasper Fforde has delighted book lovers since Thursday Next first appeared in The Eyre Affair, a genre send-up hailed as an instant classic. Since the no-nonsense literary detective from Swindon made her debut, literature has never been quite the same. Neither have nursery rhymes, for that matter. With two successful books of the Nursery Crime series under his belt, Fforde takes up once again the brilliant adventures of his signature creation in the highly anticipated fifth installment of the Thursday Next series. And its better than ever. Its been fourteen years since Thursday pegged out at the

1988 SuperHoop, and Friday is now a difficult sixteen year old. However, Thursdays got bigger problems. Sherlock Holmes is killed at the Rheinback Falls and his series is stopped in its tracks. And before this can be corrected, Miss Marple dies suddenly in a car accident, bringing her series to a close as well. When Thursday receives a death threat clearly intended for her written self, she realizes what's going on there is a serial killer on the loose in the Bookworld. And that's not all! The Goliath Corporation is trying to deregulate book travel. Naturally, Thursday must travel to the outer limits of acceptable narrative possibilities to triumph against increasing odds. Packed with word play, bizarre and entertaining subplots, and old-fashioned suspense, Thursdays return is sure to be celebrated by Jasper's fanatical fans and the critics who have loved him since the beginning.

Presentation de l'auteur  
The fifth installment in Jasper Fforde's New York Times bestselling series follows literary detective Thursday Next on another adventure in her alternate reality of literature-obsessed England. Jasper Fforde has thrilled readers everywhere with his gloriously outlandish novels in the Thursday Next and Nursery Crime series. And with another genre-bending blend of crime fiction, fantasy, and top-drawer literary entertainment in Thursday Next: First Among Sequels, Fforde's famous literary detective is once again ready to make the world safe for fiction. Thursday Next is grappling with a host of problems in BookWorld: a recalcitrant new apprentice, the death of Sherlock Holmes, and the inexplicable departure of comedy from the once-hilarious Thomas Hardy novels, to name just a few. While captaining the ship Moral Dilemma and facing down her most vicious enemy yet: herself. Thursday's many investigations continue with Our Thursday is Missing. Look for the five other bestselling Thursday Next novels, including Jasper Fforde's latest bestseller, The Woman Who Died A Lot. Visit [jasperfforde.com](http://jasperfforde.com) for a full window into the Ffordian world! Watch a Windows Media trailer for this book. From Publishers Weekly: Full of bizarre subplots, many of which don't go anywhere, bestseller Fforde's fifth novel to feature intrepid literary detective Thursday Next (after 2004's *Something Rotten*) blends elements of mystery, campy science fiction and screwball fantasy à la Terry Pratchett's *Discworld*. With the Stupidity Surplus reaching dangerously high levels all over England, Acme Carpets employee and undercover SpecOps investigator Next has her hands full trying to persuade her 16-year-old slacker son, Friday, to join the ChronoGuard, which deals with temporal stability; if Friday continues to sleep away his future, the end is near for everyone. To complicate matters, a malicious apprentice begins making classic works of literature into reality book shows (*Pride and Prejudice* becomes *The Bennets*), a ruthless corporation tries to turn the Bookworld into a tourist trap, and the Cheese Enforcement Agency tries to bust Next for smuggling killer curd. The fate of the world may lie in a Longfellow poem. Fans of satiric literary humor are in for a treat. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile  
Adult Harry Potter fans can find refuge in Jasper Fforde's Thursday Next series. Fforde brings to life the world inside books. Literary detective Ms. Next continues her work for Jurisdiction, the police force in the Bookworld. While she tries to persuade her slacker teenaged son to go to work for the ChronoGuard, who is responsible for temporal stability, she discovers that someone is turning literary works into reality TV shows and that others want to turn the Bookworld into a tourist trap. Emily Gray returns as narrator a second time, and her matter-of-fact delivery, especially regarding the National Stupidity Surplus, enhances the delightful lunacy of Fforde's tales. One annoying element to the presentation is a longer than usual lapse at the end of each track, which proves distracting. R.E.F. AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine