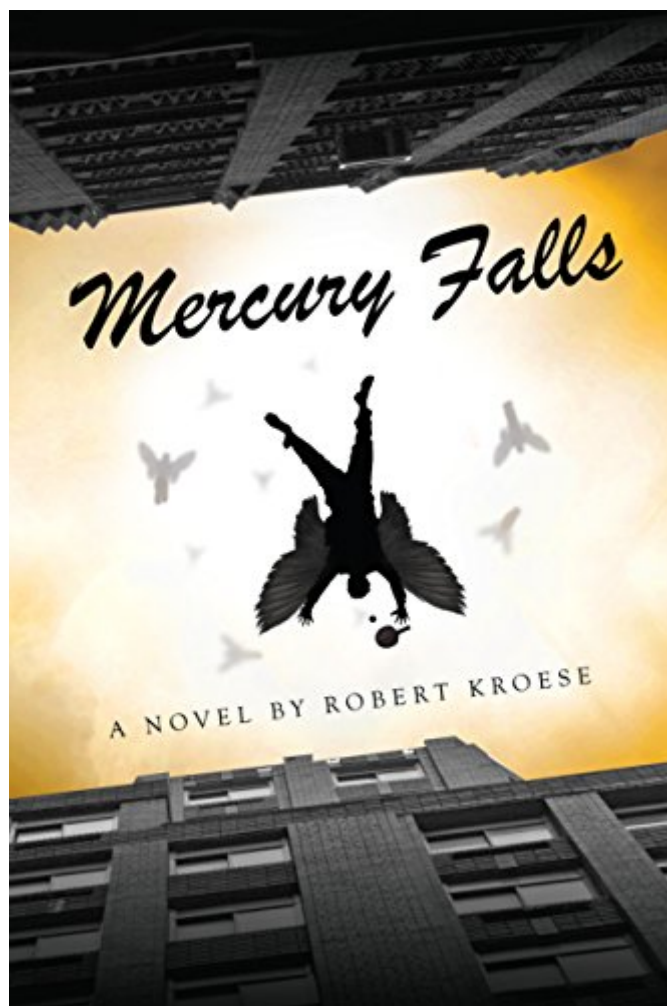


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Mercury Falls (Mercury Series Book 1)



Synopsis

While on assignment in Utah, Christine Temetri isn't surprised when yet another prophesied Apocalypse fails to occur. After three years of reporting on End Times cults for a religious news magazine, Christine is seriously questioning her career choice. But then she meets Mercury, a cult leader whose knowledge of the impending Apocalypse is decidedly more solid than most: he is an angel, sent from heaven to prepare for the Second Coming but distracted by beer, ping pong, and other earthly delights. After Christine and Mercury inadvertently save Karl Grissom—a film-school dropout and the newly appointed Antichrist—from assassination, she realizes the three of them are all that stand in the way of mankind's utter annihilation. They are a motley crew compared to the heavenly host bent on earth's destruction, but Christine figures they'll just have to do. Full of memorable characters, Mercury Falls is an absurdly funny tale about unlikely heroes on a quest to save the world.

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Customer Reviews

The end of the world is here, and there are hysterically funny angels orchestrating the planned

event front both sides and are things aren't going as planned (yes, it's a carefully orchestrated event.) Who's messing up the plans of the Four Attache Cases of the Apocalypse, you ask? Well there's a magazine editor who sometimes hears messages about the end of the world, and the woman he keeps sending out to report on whenever any cult has an end of the world event (she does crossword puzzles while she waits.) There's the anti-Christ, a forty-ish pasty blob of a mama's boy who sometimes delivers pizza, but who mostly lives in the basement and plays video games. There are a few rogue angels who you're not sure which side they're really on, and then there's Mercury. Mercury is the free agent agent who is writing the report on the Armageddon for his superiors. Throw in a cherub who works for tips (never wear white after Labor Day), and the writer of the Charlie Nyx children's books about sorcerers, and passages such as this - "There is of course a lot of disagreement on Earth about whether demons actually exist, what they want, and how much of the tax code they are responsible for," and you have one whale of a great read!

A good effort, but the writing didn't resonate with me. I made it about halfway through the book and couldn't finish. The style is an imitation of Douglas Adams but doesn't really work, it feels a bit forced. The characters didn't seem well developed. Overall scattered and frantic, maybe in an effort to be exciting and zany. There were a couple of good jokes, I'll give it that. The beginning running gag about flooring throughout history was forced and awkward, and put me off immediately. To be fair, the book might have improved in the second half; I didn't make it that far.

Very well written, something like a physics paper on life, the apocalypse, and the proper use of footnotes. I'm going with Christine as the heroine, Mercury as the comic relief, Karl as the...well, Karl's bloody useless. Harry could have been the love interest, but he was too confused and properly married. A sad lack of flying monkeys didn't manage to ruin the story, so you've got that going for you.

For a hilarious book! My brother is hospitalized with lymphoma and undergoing chemotherapy. To keep up his cognitive skills I read to him. Well he took over reading to me on most of this book and it had him laughing so hard he couldn't speak straight. It also brought his blood pressure down. Laughter IS the best medicine! Please keep writing!

Christine Temetri is a journalist who reports on cults and religious nuts. Fed up and almost ready to abandon her career, her boss sends her in the midst of warfare, which leads her to the angel

Mercury. Mercury is flaky and well-intentioned as he tries to steer the world into the apocalypse. The Antichrist is Karl Grissom, a dim-witted fellow who's more interested in fast food than world affairs. Christine shuttles through portals, going on different planes of existence to handle angels and demons, trying to figure out a way to stave off the end of the world as she obsesses about the eerie linoleum that she just purchased for her kitchen. Robert Kroese's Mercury Falls is a hilarious take on the apocalypse. The characters are a colorful, kooky bunch of humans, angels, and demons. The action consistently engaged me and the entire novel bubbled with humor. Who knew that Armageddon could be so funny?

"People hate footnotes. What's wrong with footnotes? They're Satanic. No! Yes. Footnotes were invented by Lucifer in 1598 to prevent anyone from reading the fine print in the Edict of Nantes." In this comedic thrill ride of Biblical proportions, Rob Kroese manages to both entertain and provoke metaphysical/theological thought through his use of religious knowledge infused with real world interactions between fantastical character flaws. His protagonist is an average person thrust into a world of drama, action, and laugh out loud repercussions amidst a gauntlet of surprisingly emotive moral dilemmas. A supporting cast of strongly identifiable individuals lends to the comedy stylings and plot driven pace reminiscent of a Terry Pratchett novel, causing you to care about what happens to everyone that enters the fray of this Apocalyptic farce. Rob Kroese has a knack for keeping you turning the pages, and this tale will leave you wanting more of his prose. If you liked Dogma, you'll get a kick out of this tactfully funny take on Christian lore and Armageddon.

I bought #1 and #2 in the Mercury series at the same time, so this review is the same for both: Kroese does a good, not great, job on this satire fantasy series. Loved the Four/Apocalypse joke, of course, but otherwise the characters are superficial at best. If you are a fan of Simon Green and his Nightside, Hawk & Fisher, and Secret History series, you will find Kroese's world-building and character development much inferior. A pleasant read, but not worth keeping in my collection.

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