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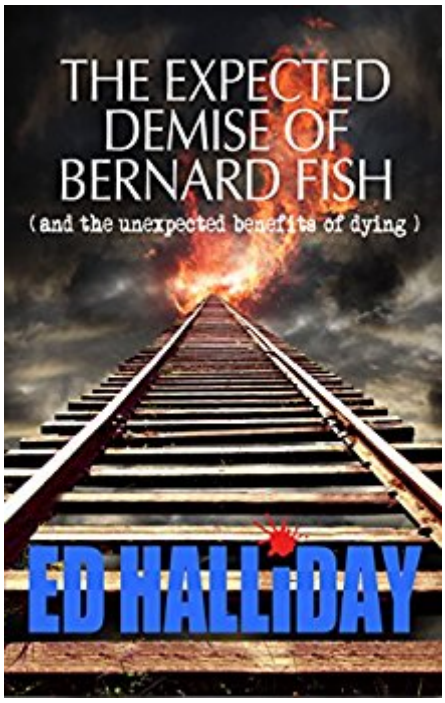

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Synopsis

A very unique and comical view of life, death and all that comes after it. This very darkly humorous but strangely heart warming tale follows the unremarkable Bernard Fish as he learns that living is far less simple than he thought. He also discovers that being dead is more exciting than he could ever have imagined, not that he has ever had much of an imagination.Betrayal, greed, love and lust all play a part in this simple everyday story of an ordinary man who wasn’t supposed to know he was going to die. With guest appearances from God and of course Satan as well as a host of afterlife characters, this book will put ideas in your head beyond your strangest dreams. Ed Halliday’s books are for lovers of dark humour. His reviewers have likened his work to Douglas Adams of Hitch Hikers Guide To The Galaxy fame as well as Elmore Leonard and a touch of the humour of the great Terry Pratchett.

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As humans we foolishly believe we are immortal. We live life like we have all the time in the world. Bernard thought he was prepared for everything in life- even his eventual death. However, no amount of preparation could make his journey into the afterlife easy. A bumbling "Angel" and the

"Grim Reaper/s" manage to make his transformation a comedy of errors and the best time he has ever had in his life- err, in his death! I have to give praise to Halliday for putting a unique twist on the evolution of man. Very imaginative and beautifully written.

Loved this book. I wanted it to go on and on. The characters were so finely drawn; I knew them and saw them and cared about them. To the author, please continue to write. What a gift you have! Thank you, thank you!.

I read for pleasure everyday. This was a short, entertaining story. I chose to read this story as a break from very long convoluted novels. I enjoyed the story, I LOL at some of the behaviors of the characters. It was fun to read. I passed it on to friends and family to read. 4 stars because the ending was a little weak.

A wonderful book. Interesting take on death and the afterlife.

I enjoyed this book because it provided a not-usual twist on untimely demise. It’s not "A Tale of Two Cities"--but 1 of those is enough! I loved following Bernard in the afterlife.

An interesting book, a lot of intricate plot details all tied together. I really enjoyed it.

This book started off well but lost steam as it progressed.

"The Expected Demise of Bernard Fish" (2014) a debut novel, authored by Ed Halliday, is an alternative creative fictional tale that begins in modern day London and ends in the afterlife. Bernard Fish, a confirmed bachelor, was tragically hit by a bus. He left behind his non-wife Bertha Fish, who happened to have the same last name as his, she would have gladly legally married Bernard if only he had lived long enough!Bernard Fish was able to provide for Bertha in a round about way, this was one of the many surprise plot twists in this black humour story. Notice in the title: that his death was actually expected- how he was able to find out about his death in advance, readers are left to wonder if this could possibly realistically occur. Although Bernard led an dull and unremarkable life, he had managed to save a large sum of money- which would have gone to the government without the quick planning he made as his time ran out. Bertha Fish was heavily in debt and broke at the time of her non-husbands tragic accident, as the nurse at the hospital gave her Bernard’s personal

effects.The second part of the novel covers the cause and effects of the after-life, Bernard learns of the glitch that occurred before, during and after he was hit by the bus. The large variety of characters and their personal stories are colorful and interesting as this fascinating story comes to life in another dimension.Many thanks and much appreciation to the author for the signed ARC of this book for review. Ed Halliday, a British novelist, resides in France, where he returned to write. The novels: "The Grinning Dog" and "The Almost Perfect Plot" are expected to be released soon.

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