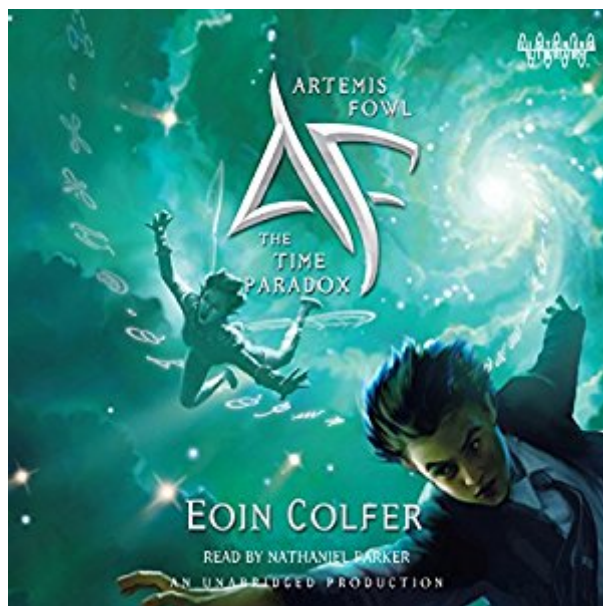


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The Time Paradox: Artemis Fowl, Book 6



Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories; these fairies are armed and dangerous. Artemis thinks he has them right where he wants them...but then they stop playing by the rules. "Stay back, Human. You don't know what you're dealing with."

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Customer Reviews

Those who have been faithfully following this series will know that this is book six of the adventures of the teenaged criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl II. Picking up at Fowl Manor, we learn that three years have passed while Artemis was otherwise occupied, and that he now has two brothers, twins named Beckett and Myles. This book goes in a different direction to the previous plot, making no mention of some of the characters introduced in *The Lost Colony*. There are references to certain events, but other than the main characters, most of the story is new material. As the title implies, an older and more mature Artemis Fowl enlists the help of his friend Captain Holly Short, dwarf Mulch Diggums and the imp warlock No. 1 to journey to the past to correct a mistake he made earlier in his eventful life. His mother has contracted a rare disease that can only be cured by an extract from the brain of an extinct lemur, and ironically, the extinction was hastened by young Fowl himself. The time trip gets very complicated when Artemis matches wits with his younger self, and rescuing the lemur from Dr. Damon Kronski, leader of the Extinctionists cult, proves to be much easier planned than achieved. To make it more complicated, there's now a fledgling romantic situation in play, and the

return of an enemy from the past who also wants possession of the lemur. Artemis isn't as devious and diabolical as in earlier books, but to his credit, the kid is growing up and has other things on his mind. This book is action-packed with the usual gadgetry and humor, but as is the case with time paradoxes, it is sometimes hard to keep things straight. The plot also has several twists, obviously getting even twistier in the final chapters. The story ends with an obvious hint for another book. And "What about the Kraken?" you may ask. Well, that part of the story is explosive, to say the least. Amanda Richards, August 1, 2008

My 12 now 13 year old son, loves this series. He likes them so much he wanted to get a copy of the series to keep for himself, borrowing from the library was not good enough in his opinion. He likes that the book is about a boy his age, with a lot of money and all the cool toys at his disposal and he is a super genius. He calls the books science fiction fun. Getting my son to read was like having teeth pulled, and having the teeth pulled was probably less painful. It is a good mix of Science Fiction and Fantasy Fiction I too enjoyed the books.

Book 5 left Artemis' world turned upside down! (No spoilers here.) So I was definitely excited to see what his world was like come book 6. Fans of the series shouldn't worry though, Artemis quickly finds himself on another fast paced adventure with familiar friends. The highlight of the book is further development of the relationship between Artemis and Holly. If you enjoyed the other books, you'll enjoy this one too.

My 11-yo son and I both really enjoyed the Artemis Fowl series, but this book was a major letdown. Time travel is difficult to get right, and Colfer missed the mark. The character development in the book is lame, and the story has more holes than a piece of Swiss cheese. My son didn't make it through the book, and I will certainly not read it a second time. Too bad, I really like Artemis, Holly, Foaly, Mulch and the Butlers, and was hoping to hang out with them for a few more books.

This was the 6th book in the Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer. Sounds like this is going to be the last Artemis Fowl book for a while. There is mention of Colfer writing a seventh book in a couple years, but right now no more books after that seventh one. This was a pretty good book although I didn't like it as much as the previous books. Artemis Fowl's mother comes down with a mysterious illness that can only be cured with the brain fluid of a specific type of lemur that Artemis himself helped to make extinct four years ago. In order to save his mother Artemis must travel back in time

to confront himself and save the lemur. To accomplish this he will need the assistance of many of his old friends; No. 1 and Holly Short are both back to help him. This book was okay. I didn't think it was as well put together as some of the previous books. It is interesting to read about Artemis as he tries to grow comfortable in his "good-guy" role. From the description of the book I thought we would be treated to more dialogue where Artemis banters with himself, but that really didn't happen. There were a number of times where everything was going well and then oops! something went wrong. In fact this happened so many times in the course of the book that it became kind of predictable and I thought made the book much lengthier than it needed to be. I missed Foaly who was absent through most of the book. I also missed Artemis being clever and all the neat gadgets that the faeries usually bring into play. All the characters were a bit mushy and weak throughout and the witty dialogue that usually packs the pages of these books was conspicuously absent. Although I liked this book and enjoyed reading it; I think it was one of the weakest books of the series. Most things are tied up at the end of this book, but there are a couple large cliff hangers that could fuel a plot for another book. Unfortunately I think Colfer is sick of writing this series and it came across in this book; the characters seemed tired and desperate and the plot did not carry me forward and excite me like it usual does.

My kids love all the books in this series. What is particularly surprising is that my youngest son, who normally treats reading as a chore, has devoured these books. Please don't be thrown off by the Kindle version of book 5 and book 6. describes them as "graphic novels" for some reason, but they are actually the chapter books.

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