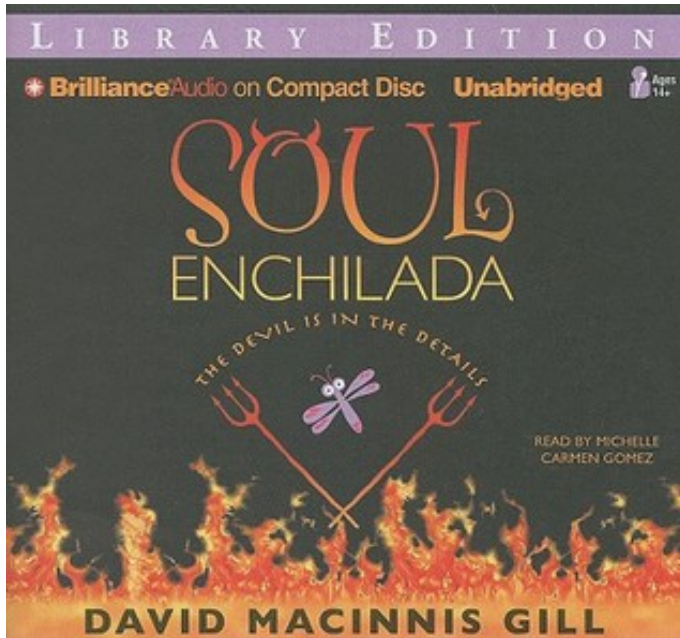

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Soul Enchilada



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Description

Eunice "Bug" Smoot was thirteen years old when her grandfather put her soul up as collateral on his dream car -- a classic 1958 Cadillac Biarritz. Now, five years later, Papa C is dead and buried, and Bug is trying to make it on her own by delivering pizzas and staying one step ahead of her landlord. And then the repo man arrives. Only Mr. Beals -- stinking to high heaven of rotten eggs and sporting leathery wings -- is not just any repo man...just as Pesto, Bug's longtime unrequited crush, is not just any car wash attendant. Set in El Paso, Texas, this debut novel is peppered with car chases, basketball, a séance, true love, immigrant agents of a totally different sort, and, oh yeah, the Devil himself. Mostly, though, it features an irrepressible, memorable, wisecracking, absolutely fearless main character who will stop at nothing to win her freedom and protect her free will.

Insightful reviews

Jackie "the Librarian": A YA version of Faust, set in El Paso, dude. This girl with the nickname Bug is trying to get by delivering pizzas, and the only real asset she has is this vintage Cadillac her dead grandfather left her.

But one day she looks out to see that it's been egged, and there's a demon sitting in it, who tells her he has come to repossess the car, and her soul, which was collateral on the loan her grandfather made.

Yes, it had potential, but it didn't convince me - the characters were flat, the danger felt like fake special effects, and the setting descriptions were sketchy. The only place I could really picture was Bugs' dank and cruddy apartment. And I didn't like Bug much. She was mouthy and all up in my face about having dreads and being biracial, and I was like, whoa, girlfriend, doesn't matter to ME...

Anyhow, Bug has to find a way out of this mess - everyone knows the devil can't resist a wager, right? So we get an exhausting series of encounters with Mr. Beals (Beelzebub), mixed up with Bugs' issues about giving up basketball after losing the championship game (supernatural forces were at work, though), and a totally predictable romance with the cute hispanic guy at the carwash Bugs has had a crush on for years.

Shallow, derivative storytelling with two dimensional characters. Skip this one, and read [Wicked Lovely](#) by Melissa Marr instead, if you need a fix of dark supernatural creatures invading a resourceful teenaged girl's life.

Dijon Miller: David Macinnis Gills "Soul Enchilada" is an inspiring story of an 18-year-old girl named Eunice "Bug" Smoot Deep in El Paso, Texas Eunice "Bug" Smoot is behind on the rent and in danger of losing her job delivering pizzas, but at least she's got a smooth ride—a 1958 Cadillac Biarritz bequeathed by Papa C. her grandfather. Then the repo man shows up, also known as the devil. Turns out Papa C. financed the car with his soul but disappeared upon death. Bug's got till midnight Halloween to produce grandpa's soul or turn over her keys—and

her free will. Good thing she's not afraid of anything and knows how to fight dirty.

In smart, and funny story readers will cheer and worry as sassy Eunice 'Bug' Smoot fights both the literal and metaphorical demons that plague her. Wonderful and unexpectedly touching. It gives insight into life when you're ready to leave the comfort of your home. In "Bugs" she had no choice. A possible theme that came to me during my reading was "Put your faith in what you most believe in" In Bugs case it was the Cadillac given to her by her grandfather Papa C. she is willing to fight the Devil him self to hold on to this sentimental car.

The author portrayed Eunice "Bug" Smoot as a young mixed-race girl with hazel eyes and dreads. She lives in an apartment motel "--two hundred square foot roach motel with a half bath, no phone, no cable, and no air-conditioner" as she describes it. In a bad neighborhood in New York. To me she was a believable character with real life issues like not being able to pay the rent on time, and having to sweet talk the landlord, or not having another outfit to wear the next day. Her character was one of the most believable, and realistic in any book I've ever read, and makes me question whether I'm going to have to deal with some of these problems when I'm 18, it kind of scares me for adulthood.

David Macinnis Gills "Soul Enchilada" was a great story of the struggles of adult hood if not properly prepared for it. I think many teens can make some sort of connection to this book whether it's dealing with psychological demons or struggling to get on their feet when their kicked out the house.

Josefina Gutierrez: This was a fast and enjoyable read. It is thought provoking in ways I didn't expect when I first bought it.

Bug has experienced harsh realities and it only gets harder when she realizes her soul was sold to the devil, for a car. The concept of this story is original and witty. The controversial topic of immigrants in the United States is discussed in a supernatural manner. Bug lost her mother in a fire and was raised by her irresponsible grandfather. The same grandfather that made a deal with a minion working for the devil, thus putting Bug's soul up as commission in the contract. Her grandfather died and found a way to cheat his contract. In doing so, Beals, another minion working for the devil visits her in order to obtain her soul and seal the contract. Eventually, Bug finds a way to keep her soul and save the world- very humorous and grandiose.

The concept of "you people" comes up a lot in the text. Bug is mixed, Black and Mexican. She explains in the beginning, "The Tejanos didn't accept me because I was black. Black folks didn't accept me because I was a Tejana". She never fit in anywhere, always being reminded of her inadequacy because of her biology. In addition, her gender role is challenged by her sexuality. Bug does not satisfy her gendered role in the community. She is strong and opinionated, often displaying male characteristics- basketball, driving, and dreadlocks.

Citizenship status and visa stays are integrated into the discussion of supernatural beings entering and staying in the country. Pesto tells Bug, "I've captured my first illegal. Mamá is going to be so psyched," after freezing Beals with hairspray. An unusual circumstance granted, but if the reader looks past the humor in their situation, the idea of citizenship status is crucial.

More so, because the person who is talking about catching an illegal is Mexican. On one hand, Pesto has already internalized racism, and is proud of catching an illegal immigrant. On the other hand, this scene emphasizes the debate with saying "illegal" or "illegal immigrant", instead of "undocumented". In other words, Beals is a demon. He is the epitome of unnatural and does not belong in their world. So then, is it justified if an individual could give evidence how another being does not belong?

The author comments on stereotypes and prejudices based on the cultural divide in the U.S.; hybridity, citizenship status, and curanderas. Bug's aunt accentuates the misconceptions of curanderas being witches.

Michelle Rebar: This publication is FRIGGIN GREAT! A hilarious, paranormal riot! while a Demon involves gather the soul (and car) of a feisty lady named Bug, he will get much more than he bargained for. She and her pal Pesto, who's far more than he seems, tackle the total underworld to reclaim what's hers. while you're keen on Christopher Moore, i like to recommend this one!

Sunny Smith: most sensible e-book i have learn in a very lengthy time! This ebook has to be MADE right into a MOVIE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jodi: I had excessive hopes for this book. while trojan horse Smoot discovers that her grandfather had bargained away HER soul in order that he may possibly force a Cadillac, she has no goal of going to Hell. There needed to be a fashion out. Armed along with her boyfriend, who occurs to paintings at the aspect of the angels, she makes the satan meet her on her terms. yet trojan horse is much too stereotypical. She's a Tejana, yet does not communicate Spanish. However, her English grammar is so terrible that i am unsure what language she speaks. She has a chip on her shoulder the dimensions of Texas and whereas I comprehend to a point, it made her do silly things. the 1st silly factor should be forgiven, after that, she did not look too bright. The analyzing was once amazing however the tale attempted to be too many stuff and succeeded at few.

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