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### Dillweed's Revenge: A Deadly Dose of Magic

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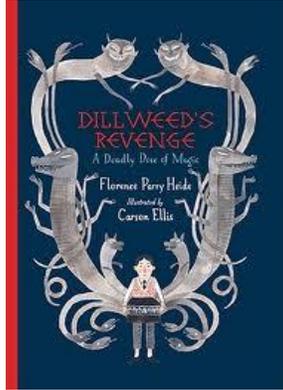
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Heide, Florence Parry. *Dillweed's Revenge: A Deadly Dose of Magic*. Illustrated by Carson Ellis. Harcourt Publishing Company, 2010. ISBN 9780152063948. \$16.99. 48 p.

Reviewer: Lauren Bangerter

Reading level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Cannot recommend

Genre: Informative; Occult fiction;

Subject: Revenge--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Dillweed wants to go on adventures, but his parents do not take him, and the maid and butler who are left in charge in their absence make Dillweed do all the work. Dillweed works hard and doesn't complain, but once the maid tries to get rid of Skorped, Dillweed has had enough. He uses magic and demons to get rid of the maid and butler. When Dillweed's parents return home he uses the same means to get rid of them.

Heide's commentary on revenge is told in simple sentences. Because of the simple language, much of the story is conveyed through the illustrations. Ellis has used pen ink and gouache to depict the demonic action of this story, which, combined with the simple prose, make the book more than disturbing. This book of how a child wrecks revenge on all his parental guardians is not to be recommended.

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