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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Ed Abbey's 1975 novel, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*, ended with a classic--and literal--cliffhanger: it left its hero, George Washington Hayduke III, clinging to a sheer rock face in the wilds of Utah as an armed posse hunted him down for his eco-radicalist crimes. *Hayduke Lives!* allows the grizzled Vietnam veteran another day in the sun, reunited with his old comrades Doc Sarvis, Seldom Seen Smith, and Bonnie Abbzug to battle the world's biggest earthmoving machine, the aptly named GOLIATH. Their principal foe, apart from that behemoth, is the fundamentalist preacher Dudley Love, the mastermind behind uranium mines, power plants, and other insults to Abbey's beloved desert. Abbey has great fun lampooning the pretensions of environmental activists, New Agers ("vee put flowers on zee Big Bucket, vee put flowers on zee driver's neck and hug heem? her? it? and kiss and luff and squeeze and make GOLIATH stop," says one starry-eyed European crystal gazer), and developers alike as he unfolds his tale of a motorized Wild West and its latter-day outlaw heroes. As full of improbable situations and noisy politics as *Monkey Wrench Gang*, *Hayduke Lives!* proves to be great fun for readers as well. --Gregory McNamee

From Publishers Weekly

Only apparently was Fool's Progress , a flawed but highly endearing novel, Abbey's swan song (he died last summer). Here, unexpectedly, is a posthumous sequel to the cult classic *The Monkey Wrench Gang* , unhappily, not the finest of farewells from a very original American writer. It is the sort of sequel that picks up all the characters years later; most of them--Doc, Bonnie, even Seldom Seen Smith--have more or less settled into respectability after their wild outrages against developers and ruiners of the Great Outdoors. Then along comes GOLIATH, the Giant Earth Mover, about to trample another precious wild canyon, and the fiercest of the old gang, George Hayduke, brings his friends unwillingly out of retirement for the biggest caper of their lives. It's ditzzy, entertaining stuff, and Abbey, as always, strikes wonderful grace notes off the landscapes he loves. But the characters are a yard high, and the dialogue the sort that appears in bubbles over people's heads. Naturally the G.E.M. bites the dust, but in the course of the environmentalists' coup a man gets killed, contradicting what used to be the whole point of Abbey's writing: only machines died. This time out, his work seems a little sour and tired.

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From Library Journal

A former Arizona park ranger, the late Abbey has ingathered a cult who share his loathing for those who violate our landscape and pollute our environment. His final work, a sequel to the novel *The Monkey Wrench Gang* , brings to hilariously melodramatic climax the violent, anarchic tactics of his epic Bakuninites to save their flower children devotees from corporate and governmental violators. Forget credibility: heroes, villains, na ture, and machines--all are monstrously larger than life. What matters is the ingenuity of George Washington Hayduke, eco-warrior supreme, and his merry gang of misfits as they "ecotage" Goliath, a seven-story excavating machine that threatens to turn the Grand Canyon into a uranium mine. Abbey's prose ranges from Whitmanesque lyricism to vulgate, but he has energy, passion, and an infectious comic madness. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 9/1/89.

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