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Tony Stark is known throughout the world as many things: billionaire, inventor, Avenger. But mainly for being the Invincible Iron Man.

Just when Tony is about to add his pizzazz to an international eco-summit in Ireland, someone close to him forces him to question his role in making the world a more dangerous place with his high-tech weaponry. But Stark doesn't have much time to reflect before an old enemy presents him with an even greater challenge: the assassination of all the eco-ministers, and Iron Man himself. Just how invincible Iron Man is when he is stripped of everything remains to be seen in this breathless adventure by the bestselling author of Artemis Fowl.

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## Beth says

An entertaining Y/A story.

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## Jordan Finch says

[the real Mandarin (hide spoiler)]

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## KristinaSkjoe says

I lost interest in this book quite fast. And I LOVE Iron Man. But this book, no, just no.

Before I start with the negatives, which there are more of, I will start with the positive.

- Some other people will maybe disagree, but I loved how Eoin wrote "Z" in front of thing that the french man, who I can't remember what was called, said. It reminded me of me and my friend when we don't remember what things are in french in french class.

But now the negatives.

- I felt like the book was jumping. It may have something with the fact that I lost interest in the book and didn't want to read it, so I may have not paid so much attention, like I would if I liked it.

- I also felt it was moving fast (I know the book was only 288/273 pages, but still), that may also be the cause of me not paying a 100% attention. I have read books with so many pages and less pages that have a lot of information but manages to not make it move so fast.

- The whole thing was just confusing to me, the only reason I picked this book up is because I love Iron man, he is my number one favourite super hero. And that is the ONLY reason I didn't rate this book a one star book.

- I felt myself just wanting to turn the page to be closer to be finished with the book. I was looking forward to the end, which is not a common thing to me.

So if you are reading this because you want to read about Iron man and Tony Stark, please do not read this book. Go read a Iron man comic, which I believe is better. I am sad to say this because I had so high hope for this book, and I was so happy when I found this at the library, finally I had found a book about my favourite hero, but it was not worth it. As said, I was looking forward to this book to end. I wish it would have turned out better but it didn't. It is your choice if you want to read it or not, but I would recommend you not to.

2 stars, for obvious reasons.

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## Reetta Saine says

Colferin kannattaisi olla varovainen näissä muiden teosten kirjoittamisissa, sillä mopo alkaa karata käsistä

pahemman kerran.

Humoristista toimintaa, joka varmasti löytää lukijakuntansa. Voi ottaa mukaan vinkkauksiin juurikaan puhumatta mitään.

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## Neil says

It was an okay book. I actually enjoyed it more than I thought I would, but it was definitely not the best Marvel novel ever written. The quality of the novels that Marvel has been printing has been pretty hit-and-miss for me, but I have still enjoyed reading most of them. This one had some decent character development for some of the characters. I am not so sure about Tony Stark, though. It has action in it, and it gives a brief glimpse into what could be considered a "turning point" in Tony Stark's life at a young age.

I thought the premise (view spoiler) to be interesting. I did not feel like the author did a "good job" with the narrative to describe what it would be like for Tony, though. It felt like the author was trying to make a weird blend of the movie-version of Tony Stark with one of the comic-versions of Tony Stark. If this book is to tie into the "movie universe", I thought Iron Man III did a bet better job of portraying Tony Stark (view spoiler) than this book. It felt like it was trying to sync up with the movies (view spoiler).

There were some parts that I did like. (view spoiler)

(view spoiler)

There were some things that I did not like. (view spoiler)

(view spoiler)

I do recognize that stories like this can be hard to right to please every reader. Each person tends to go into them with a pre-conceived notion of how the 'main character' (or characters) should be portrayed. These pre-conceived notions can really make-or-break a book, depending on how well or how poorly a character

(or group of characters) is portrayed. I also know that authors and writers like to put their own stamp, their own imprint, upon a character. Sometimes it works; sometimes it does not. That is the case, here, too. At times it works; at times, it does not.

Overall, I did enjoy the story, despite it being geared for a “younger audience.” Anymore, I tend to go into these books with (1) zero expectations and (2) hopes of being entertained. It was a fast, fun read.

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### **Yusuf says**

At first glance, It appears to be a childish superhero book, but it is actually much better. Written by the renowned author, this book has smooth and flowing, great word choice. I highly recommend this awesome iron man novel.

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### **Jana says**

3.5\*

I really enjoyed seeing the more vulnerable side of Tony Stark in this book because I love that about Iron Man, but the plot itself didn't always manage to capture my attention.

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### **Nathan Usher says**

This book is about Tony Stark, who is known worldwide as an inventor, a billionaire and most importantly, Iron Man. Tony is going to somewhere in Dublin when he sees something going on. There is people there when he comes and they take his suit. Can Tony get out alive?

I like this book and I would recommend it for kids who like adventure. I would recommend this book to kids who like the Artemis Fowl series. I like this book because it took somethings from the movie Iron Man and also made up a few things.

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### **Roxana Chiril? says**

This is an Iron Man novel penned by a very famous children's author - and I bet you've never even heard about it before!...

...for a good reason, actually.

I read Eoin Colfer's "Artemis Fowl" and a couple of its sequels a few years ago and fell in love with them. They were fun, creative, funny, and pretty much hit the right spot for me, even with their occasional bathroom humor and such.

Later, I fell in love with the Marvel movies (so many of us have...) and Iron Man was among my favorites - despite Iron Man 2, also known as "fuck, did you really have Tony Stark pee in his suit?"

So, naturally, when I came across "The Gauntlet" in a bookstore, I was surprised. I mean, I haven't been keeping up with Eoin Colfer's work, but you'd think I'd have heard about THIS. I grabbed it, took it home, and a few months later I got around to it, only to be disappointed.

I mean, not as disappointed as when I tried reading the Assassin's Creed books by Oliver Bowden, but still. I'd never heard of Oliver Bowden before, but I knew enough of Colfer to expect more.

"The Gauntlet" reads like a comic book - but not one written by Neil Gaiman, Frank Miller, or any of the greats. It has a decent-ish plot, a lot of pow-bang-boom, some humor (a few jokes feel a bit forced) and little characterization.

I can only assume the story is meant to fit either in the comics universe somewhere, or in that hazy place where comics universes tend to resign, where we know the elements and we can combine the blocks in all sorts of ways, without bothering to tell a single, coherent story.

Tony Stark is off to attend a party, and then an environmental convention on the next day, so he's flying his suit to Ireland. Little does he know that his suit's been hacked and that he's about to be delivered into the hands of his enemy, the Mandarin - who is actually himself in this one, not an actor hired by some other guy who is the REAL bad guy.

The Mandarin is the head of an assassination squad of sorts, and he's been hired to kill the people at the environmental convention in order to further the plan of the eeeeevil unknown people who want to make money at the expense of the planet (or just kill people they dislike). And what he wants to do is frame Iron Man for it. So he needs the suit.

Shenanigans ensue, complete with escapes, running about, lots of fighting, and the good guys winning in the end, but nothing that's likely to blow too many people's minds.

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### **Stephanie (Bookfever) says**

Honestly, I don't know how to review this book. First of all, since Eoin Colfer is my favorite author ever I should've read this book ages ago but other books kept coming in between. And then it took me ages to post this review. I know, shame on me! Second, it was so very awesome. Just like I had hoped.

I don't want to get too much into the story because then I'd be giving too much away for sure but I can say that it's partly set on Little Saltee, which is obviously is very familiar (fans of his other books will totally get this!!!). I felt like a lot of Colfer's personality was definitely written into Tony Stark. So you can imagine the snark and wit was so very much on point.

I don't know why but I felt like it also had a lot of Artemis Fowl vibes. Another reason why I enjoyed this story so much. It's classic Colfer! I can't tell you enough how many times I laughed out loud. It was really hilarious.

Overall, Iron Man: The Gauntlet was yet another great read by Eoin Colfer. Funny, with a lot of high-tech

action as usual and unforgettable and witty characters, it's a must-read for young and old.

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### **Gbolahan says**

Awwwwww, ?, so short!

This was a light fun read. We knew Tony probably wouldn't really die, or come to much permanent harm, sigh, that's the popular super hero genre for you, but, damn, he really went through a lot in this one. Colfer humour; top notch as usual. There were actual times that I actually LOLed. He does this thing where he shows us a perspective that is ultimately unrelated to the whole story, but is as funny as hell.

I did NOT see the twists coming, damn. Well played, Mr Colfer. Your mind is wonderfully devious.

If your life has been serious and you just want just get away for a while, read this book.

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### **Jane says**

Colfer has captured the snarky genius of Tony Stark and lets him interact with some fun new characters, both real and AI. And there's an overall comic book superhero flavor to the text and the story. But...it's hard to connect with anyone, and the book reads rather like one long chase scene where technology, boosted by coincidences, keeps everyone from really having to think, ponder, and outwit.

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### **Khurram says**

I enjoyed this book more than I thought I would. Yes it is aimed at younger readers but that is ok, as usually this just mean there is less swearing in the book. As Eoin Colfer's says he see himself as a bit of a wise guy, and Tony Stark is definitely a wise guy, so this works very well for him writing the character. He also sets the story in Ireland, and the other main characters are Irish. So he plays to his strengths nothing wrong with that at all.

Even though this is an Iron Man story Tony Stark has lot of time outside the amour, I do like the way Tony and ProtoTony's interaction. It is like looking into the mirror that also talks back. There are a couple of changes like the main villain's powers are technology based rather than magical. I am a little unsure about Eoin use of constantly tying up loose ends in the same chapter. An example is the character is in trouble then on the next couple of lines we are told that when Tony discusses it with Roodhy in a few weeks they end up wrestling. It kind of takes away from the moment as I already know the character will be ok (I know that subconsciously, but don't need it reinforced at this time). Also they the character have a habit of thinking something they saying it out loud a little while later. However this can all be put aside as the story is very good, and as great use of technology which has to be there in an Iron man book.

Tony Stark, despite his public image is trying the "clean up" all the Stark weapons still out there on the black market. Publicly he also make appearances at Rock shows, and summits, in amour of course. However on the way to a said an even he flies into a trap his amour is hijacked, and he himself is challenged to mortal combat by his nemesis. Can he survive, get his amour back, and stop an international terrorist? A good and enjoyable

book. I especially like Tony's anti-charm tactics, I would be interested to read Eoin Colfer take on Iron Man again or is he decided a certain wisecracking wall crawler.

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## **Stephanie (Reading is Better With Cupcakes) says**

I should probably start this off by admitting that I have never really watched any of the Marvel movies (including the Iron Man ones and the ones that have Iron Man in them) nor have I read any of the comics or books or all that stuff...

In short, I am more or less an Iron Man noob with very limited knowledge about the guy. It is not to say that I am totally ignorant about the character and have no idea about his personality or anything, I do. I have been in the room while my husband has watched the movies, so I am not TOTALLY clueless. I just know that I am no where near an expert on this character.

So, if I don't know much about this character, why did I want to read this book? Because it was written by Eoin Colfer. He is an author I have enjoyed in the past, so I thought I would get this book and genre a go.

The Gauntlet, in short is about Iron Man (duh!) on one of his adventures. This particular adventure, he is supposed to be going to an eco-summit - but finds that is suit has been hacked and that he is more or less kidnapped. Now he has to make it out and he needs to try to help a young girl get out too.

Oh the stuff that goes on in this book!

All in all, I enjoyed the book well enough. Was it my absolutely favorite? No. But I liked it. I found myself wanting to know what was going to happen next and how.

It really kind of felt like I was reading a movie or something.

Character wise, they were okay. Sometimes they felt a little flat or a little too similar to each other. Eoin Colfer did try to keep true to Tony Stark/Iron Man's personality though. I felt the snarky roll right off the character and the pages. I just wish I could have found a way to connect with the characters.

Also, just a heads up, there is some language use in the book. Not too much, but it is there.

So, for not being a huge Marvel fan by any means, I still found this book to be okay and mostly enjoyable.

My Rating  
3.5 Stars

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## **Jerry says**

In recent years, I've seen various movies and television shows featuring Tony Stark as Iron Man, ranging from *The Avengers* on the big screen to the old-school 1994 animated series on DVD. I've also read various Marvel comics, both in issue and omnibus format.

This pales in comparison to those.

I've enjoyed print novels featuring comic book superheroes before, but, this one lacks the magic of the other ones I've read. If you want to see how a Marvel print novel should be done, read Peter David's adaptation of *Spider-Man 2*; now **that** is amazing stuff!

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