

Disney released 'Artemis Fowl', a film based on author Eoin Colfer's book series by the same name that opened up a magical world of fairies, dwarves, and centaurs. Times NIE readers offer a review of the film; and why you must read the books

Has Disney failed Artemis Fowl?

MOVIE VERDICT: Lost the plot

The film version has slaughtered the uniqueness of the book series and turned it into a good guy-bad guy cliché. They have placed characters and plot lines from different Artemis Fowl books in one place. The film has acquired lowest rating out of all Disney+ independent films released, with Rotten Tomatoes giving it 9 per cent. **What didn't work for me?** The knowledge of fairies was unknown to the movie-Artemis who found this information after his dad's disappearance; unlike book-Artemis who knew about the fairies and was

determined to crack their mystery.

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The Artemis Fowl books portrayed humans as creatures whose basic desire was selfishness. The appeal of the character was that he was motivated by selfish desires but slowly redeemed himself. The movie, on the other hand, focuses on

friendship. Besides this, the carefully sculpted universe that Eoin Colfer spent years creating is lost in the film. Each page of the books have a secret sentence in code

which when deciphered all together reveal a short story. **AARON MUKHOPADHYAY, class XII, NPS Koramangala, Bengaluru**

CONTEST:

We have a task for you Fowl fans out there. Watch the first episode, then answer the following question:

Q: Name five ways in which Film-Artemis is different from Book-Artemis.

The best answers will be printed here. Word limit: 100 words. Email at timesnie175@gmail.com

TRIVIA TIME

The film has been in development since 2001. Eoin Colfer has jokingly stated that the movie would be finished two years after he died.

Colin Farrell's involvement in the film wasn't announced until March 2020 - nearly a year and a half after the teaser trailer.

Artemis Fowl author Eoin Colfer has a cameo in the film.

Colfer shot his cameo in one day.

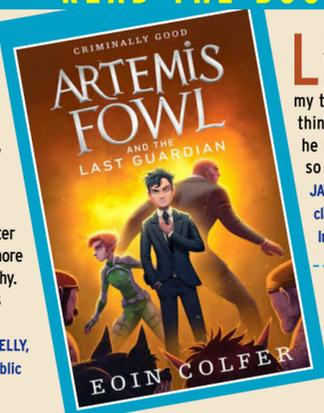
"The only direction they gave was: Walk across the field and don't look at the camera. I have a new respect for actors," he said.

READ THE BOOK FIRST, SAY FANS

The story of a 12-year-old who ran his father's crime empire... what more do you want? At first, Artemis seems to be cold and ruthless.

However, throughout the series his character changes, becoming more honest and trustworthy. This alone makes this series a lovely read.

MATHEW KARTHIK SHELLEY, class X, Gregorian Public School, Ernakulam



Like Artemis, I too got into the habit of rubbing my temples when thinking because he made it look so 'cool'!

JATIN YASHROY, class XI, Singapore International School

It's the complete package - sci-fi, action, comedy, fantasy, adventure and a plethora of interesting new words that will add to your vocabulary.

BHAVYA GULATI, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula

Artemis is an evil genius. But don't judge. This book is not just about a criminal mastermind but also an arrogant twelve-year-old who changes.

CHARUMATHI M, class XII, SBOA Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

Besides portraying the protagonist as a tween criminal genius, we meet interesting characters like Captain Holly Short, the fierce fairy and Butler, the bodyguard. Colfer's fairies have highly advanced technology that augments their magic. The science behind it is logical.

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Books (NYT Bestseller Lists)

THE ONE AND ONLY BOB

by Katherine Applegate

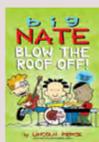
In this sequel, Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister. (Ages 8 +)



BIG NATE

by Lincoln Peirce

Where Nate goes, trouble is sure to follow. (Ages 8 to 12)



LITTLE DREAMERS

by Vashti Harris

The inspirational true stories of 40 women creators. (Ages 8 to 12)



STAMPED

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

An exploration of racism and anti-racism in America. (Ages 13 to 17)



STAR WARS: QUEEN'S PERIL

by E.K. Johnston

Newly elected Queen Amidala prepares for a peaceful transition of power. (Ages 13 to 18)



THE BETROTHED

by Kiera Cass

Lady Hollis Brite and King Jameson are set to be married, but will a commoner steal Hollis' heart? (Ages 13 to 17)



Phrases from Greek Mythology

Harp on

MEANING: Dwell tediously on the same subject

ORIGIN: In Greek mythology, harpies were birds with the heads of women who were winged spirits known for stealing Phineus' food. Harpy means that which snatches.

Example: Her daughter kept harping on about buying that toy but she did not budge.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

MEANING: Do not trust enemies who bring you presents - they could very well be playing a trick.

ORIGIN: This phrase originates from the story of the wooden Trojan horse, which was a gift by the Greeks to the Trojans in the story of the Aeneid. The Trojans thought that the horse



was a gift given as a peace offering to end a war. However, the Greeks hid soldiers inside the horse. **Example: A: "I can't believe the opposing team made us cupcakes before the big game!" B: "Yeah, I'd beware of Greeks bearing gifts if I were you."**

the future ruler of Asia. Alexander the Great allegedly cut the Gordian knot in one blow.

Example: Mark has tamed the mad elephant. I have no idea how he did it, but he sure cut the Gordian knot.

Exercise: Can you think of more phrases from Greek mythology? Mail at timesnie175@gmail.com

Cut the Gordian knot

MEANING: To solve a difficult problem in a very direct way by doing something forceful or extreme

ORIGIN: The phrase alludes to Gordius, the king of Phrygia, who tied a knot that an oracle proclaimed would only be cut by

Achilles' heel

MEANING: A weakness or vulnerable point

ORIGIN: The legend of Achilles has it that he was dipped into the river Styx by his mother in order to make him immortal. His heel wasn't covered by the water and he was later killed by an arrow wound to his heel.

Example: Though he was a good person, his short temper was his Achilles heel.

Quiz time

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q.1) Where is the US Pentagon located?

A. New York City B. Texas C. Las Vegas D. Washington

Q.2) Who has been elected as the new President of Tunisia?

A. Nabil Karoui B. Beji Caid C. Abidine Ben Ali D. Kais Saied

Q.3) The 2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships

was organised in which country?

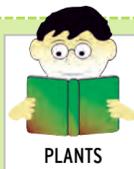
A. Spain B. Germany C. Japan D. Canada

Q.4) Who has been named as the ambassadors for 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' by PM Modi?

A. P. V. Sindhu B. Deepika Padukone C. Geeta Phogat D. Both A and B

ANSWERS

1. D) Washington 2. D) Kais Saied 3. B) Germany 4. D) Both A and B



PLANTS

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Queen Sago

Queen Sago or Cycas Circinalis, is a species of cycad found in southern India and Sri Lanka. It resembles a palm with its feather-like leaves arranged in a rosette that crowns a single trunk. The solitary trunk can grow up to 20 ft high. The dark green pinnate leaves with narrow foot long leaflets are used for decoration. The female plants produce large orange seeds in a cone-like structure located in the centre of the rosette of leaves. Queen sago is endemic to Western Ghats. The seeds-considered poisonous-are used as food after cleaning, drying and powdering.



GARDENING

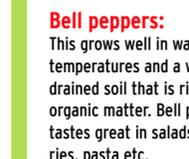
Easy-to-grow veggies in your kitchen garden

Have you been thinking of growing some vegetables in your backyard or kitchen garden but don't know how to go about it? There is a whole list of vegetables you can easily grow at home - without a gardener's help. Check this list and get going.



Cucumber:

If your garden gets a lot of sunlight, cucumber is your best bet. This vegetable needs a lot of sun and it doesn't even take too much space as it grows vertically.



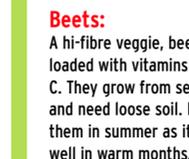
Bell peppers:

This grows well in warm temperatures and a well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. Bell pepper tastes great in salads, curries, pasta etc.



Lettuce:

This one is a very fast-growing vegetable that can tolerate shade and moderate temperatures too. It is ideal for small garden spaces.



Beets:

A hi-fibre veggie, beets are loaded with vitamins A and C. They grow from seeds and need loose soil. Plant them in summer as it grows well in warm months.

LOCKDOWN DIY

MAKE ORGANIC DEODORANT IN 5 STEPS

Now that you have more time due to partial or complete lockdown (depending on your area and city), try your hand at something you haven't done before like making an organic zero waste deodorant. Here's the DIY recipe:

INGREDIENTS: > 3 tablespoons arrowroot powder > 1 tablespoon shea butter > 1 teaspoon coconut oil > 1/2 teaspoon baking soda > 10-15 drops essential oil of your choice

HOW TO MAKE: 1. Take a microwave-safe bowl and put 1 tablespoon shea butter and 1 teaspoon coconut oil. 2. Microwave it for 40 seconds until both are liquid. 3. Add 3 tablespoons of arrowroot powder to the mixture with 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Mix all the ingredients ensuring there are no lumps. 4. Add 10-15 drops of any essential oil. Mix everything and transfer to an airtight container. 5. Freeze the container for 3-4 hours so that you get a creamy and textured deodorant that's easy to apply. Enjoy the chemical-free freshness. TNN



CURRICULUM EXERCISES

Q1. How do you define momentum?

Q2. Fill in the blanks:

A. The friction experienced by a body, when in motion, is known as ____.

B. The velocity ratio in case of an inclined plane inclined at angle θ to the horizontal and weight being pulled up the inclined plane by vertical effort is ____.

Q3. Identify the following monument.



Answer: (1) It is the quantity of motion of a moving body, measured as a product of its mass and velocity. (2) A) dynamic friction B) $\sin \theta$ (3) Topkapi Palace Museum