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Beware, reader...you have been warned! This short story collection includes tales of: witches, ghosts, gypsies, creatures of the night, superstitions, fortune-telling, shape-shifters, mythological creatures, and magic.

A perfect read to get you in the Halloween spirit, whether in the classroom or around a roaring campfire.

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Jillian says

I received this book as a Goodreads giveaway. It was in my mail box last night. Since it was the eve of Halloween, I sat down to read it immediately. After one story, I quit. It was poorly written and amateurish. I don't want my children to read such poor material. There are so many books out there that are so well written.

Josèphe-Anne says

First off, let me just say how sweet it is to see a whole family of authors writing books together. It's nice to see sisters and other relatives working together on projects like this. Now, I shall present my review. (Believe it or not, my original review of this anthology was much longer than the following. It consisted of a full breakdown of each short story in this baker's dozen compilation and my opinions thereof. But I decided to abbreviate the whole tedious thing so that it wouldn't bore everyone to death. LOL!)

THE COVER: While this cover image simply screams "Halloween" with the jack-o'-lantern face on top of a pitch black background, I felt as it could have been more detailed. Perhaps, the cover art could have featured a scene (or certain objects related to a scene) from one of the stories. I did like the fonts and the coloration though.

THE TEXT: Overall, I give this anthology 3 out of 5 stars. I must say this collection was a real mixed bag; some stories I loved, while others... not so much. I like how the title for every story consists of a single word. It gives you a hint as to the subject of the tale and it gets your mind reeling. This actually draws you into the book by keeping you guessing and wondering. I was also impressed by the authors' choice of seldom-used vocabulary words. Yet, in general I found that most of these stories were centered on preteen and teen popularity cliques. On the same note, after reading this book from cover to cover, I believe it is more suited to teens than to "tweens."

My favorites of the lot were definitely "Sphinx" and "Hero." I thought both stories deserved a 5 star rating. I positively adored the whole concept behind the "Slayer" tale as well! I truly believed that the following stories could be turned into bestselling novels: "Sphinx," "Hero," "Boxcar," "Superstition," "Secret," and "Angel." In fact, I would be very, very interested to read them if they were! Above all, I'd love to see an entire series based on the "Slayer" idea! On the other side of the spectrum, my least favorite was "Truth." There were several different factors that caused me to dislike this story. Firstly, the whole idea of middle school girls practicing a (potential) watered-down version of licentiousness was a very bad example for today's youth. Another poor example was depicted when one of the characters decided to play around with sharp objects. I don't like being critical, but I had a big problem with these elements being included in a children's book. I would have given this anthology a higher rating if this story had been omitted. However, I did notice that a common thread throughout many of these pieces is that a lesson is being taught. So, that must be acknowledged.

In closing I'd like to say that I hope the Nardini sisters keep doing what they're doing! :)

Kerry says

Clearly a great read to read again and again every year for Halloween, especially to a new audiences who have no idea what to expect. If you love being on the edge of your seat this is definitely the book for you. There is a story for each and every one for those who favors the paranormal and beyond. Great read and five star recommendation all around.
