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Emily the Strange stands for: Do it yourself; think for yourself; be yourself.

In the concluding volume of the story arc that has defined this singular 13-year-old, Emily's uniquely odd to-do list includes:

1. Lose (and regain) mind
2. Reprogram golem
3. Locate secret book vault
4. Commune with Dead Dark Aunts
5. Rescue Cousin Jakey
6. Redecorate souvenir kiosk
7. Thwart Thought Thief
8. Endure hero worship
9. Grant ancestral enemy's deepest wish
10. Save cat-napped kitty
11. Summon black rock
12. Defeat Shady Uncles
13. Guard family legacy and claim inheritance!

Lavishly illustrated with trademark black-and-red art, this delightfully quirky story follows Emily on her journey to uncover her family's mysterious secrets—secrets that are ancient, surprising, and Strange!

Piece of Mind Details

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Kujo93 says

“Emily the Strange: Piece of Mind” by Rob Reger, Jessica Gruner, and Buzz Parker is published by HarperCollins Publishing Co. and is the fourth book in the, “Emily the Strange” series. It was published in 2012. I greatly identify with the main character, Emily although I find that this book differs rather greatly from its three counterparts.

The basic outline of the book, not to mention the series, is that, Emily is anxious to get the mysterious magical substance that is her ancestral birthright, Black rock. There is a catch, being the thirteenth “Dark Girl” she has to get the black rock before the thirteenth in the line of her ancestral enemies, the “Shady Uncles” gets it. The ancestors of an old friend from the past show up but are working for the opposite side. All of this making it a book worthy of its series.

I feel a deep seeded compassion and respect for Emily. She is the kind of person who would rather run around in an abandoned building with her cats in the middle of the night, than hang around a bunch of people during the day, I admire that. She is highly imaginative along with inventive, and I happen to share those same traits. Her ability to pick locks is a skill I envy and admire, a skill I have been planning to pick up myself. A finalizing similarity between us is the fact that we prefer our animals over our people, it makes me feel truly akin to Ms. Strange, even if I do like my dogs a little bit more than her preferred, cats. It is because of these over arching factors that I can truly say that I identify with the one and only Emily the Strange.

On a more serious note, this book differs greatly from its three counterparts. “Emily the Strange: Piece of Mind,” compared to the other three in the series, has an actual, particular plot. Rather than starting off with no real substance, it starts off with something of a quest which, in a sense, is maintained throughout the book. Although the other books do have some sort of storyline, the message of the author is less outspoken and harder to understand, although in all reality none of them have an exceedingly clear message, if any. I also find that the other books do reference back to themselves. They just happen to reference themselves less than the last book does. Thus, in the way that they are written, the fourth book vastly differs from its three predecessors.

All in all, I enjoyed the novel, “Emily the Strange: Piece of Mind” although I believe this may sadly be the finally of an amazing series, it is a fitting end. The book not only amplifies the style of its three predecessors, but in a sense surpasses them. It is a novel which makes me feel the characters and I have been pulled into an even closer proximity of each other than before. “Emily the Strange: Piece of Mind” is a book that would bring a sense of pride to any frequent readers bookshelf, and may very well be the bitter sweet end to my love affair with the, “Emily the Strange” book series.

Lauren E. says

Awesome end to this little series! Although I am still left with questions - like how can Emily be a Dark Aunt if she doesn't have any siblings?!

Emi says

I've read all of the "Emily the Strange" novels, and this one was not my favorite, nor was it my least favorite. None of the sequels compare to the first novel; however, this book had the same sense of punk adventure and was a quick, fun read. Like the others, I enjoyed it. I wished there had been more development of the characters. Regardless, the unique plot made up for that shortcoming.

Megan says

Ok, exams officially are evil! I can't believe it took me a week to read this book!

Anywho, as always, it rocked! I really wish this wasn't the last book! Emily has got to be one of the best characters ever. She is dark-ish and definitely strange, and *totally* out of this world....but somehow, she really fits! I love it! I love the new character introductions- I am proud to say I actually saw the Shady Uncle thing, as well as the Bright Girl bit- and I was ecstatic to get to see Jakey again! I wish we got more of him. Great series, I definitely need to buy it, and I really recommend it...not that I can quite think of the crowd I would recommend it to?

Awesome as always!

India says

I love Emily the Strange, and I am most definitely going to dress up as her for Halloween next year, because I will be thirteen and everything! But anyways, Emily has taught me a lot, and has helped me so much with finding my "inner-strangeness". I found out about Emily the strange when I heard about Chloe Moretz playing her, because I had seen Kick-ass and I thought that she was awesome and hit girl was awesome. Last year was tough because it felt like the whole class was just stupid, (well, it wasn't just that it felt like it, some of them were really stupid and annoying), but I had to deal with it anyways, and just suck it up for the whole year. I started reading these, and they cheered me up. I loved how she rocks out on guitar, and has a posse of pet cats, and wears black, just like me. (Well, I don't have a pack of mischief causing cats, but I have a mischief causing bunny!) I had started wearing a lot of black in sixth grade, and got sick of wearing pink, and wearing matching crap, so I just wore a lot of black, which caused people to start calling me goth, which ANNOYED me so much, but I didn't really care if they thought I was strange or anything. And Emily helped me with that! Anyways, Emily the Strange is awesome sauce, and this book is amazing. (Another thing, I discovered the Yeah Yeah Yeahs through Emily the Strange!)

Jashley Lopez says

Emily the Strange written by, Rob Reger, is an amazing interesting take on a young girl's life. This book is a fictional story that seems very realistic because a girl named Emily Strange keeps all her life plans, ideas and stories in these journals that make up the whole book. Emily is 13 years old, very alternative in her style and life, has 4 cats (Mystery, Sabbath, Miles, NeeChee), is extremely into science, loves anything dark and twisted, and is very creative; She once made a detailed, down to the last piece, "picture" of monsters that her mind created. She is as many people in her life such as Great Aunt Millie calls, "strange". This book is

interesting because we can see someone else's perspective of life through a journal where she keeps her deepest thoughts, feelings, doodles and little notes that she throws in. For example on page 42 she has a note which is a conversation between her and her mom about an experiment she made successfully, and on page 79 she has a date (May 15th) where she wrote all the details about her day and what happened. For example she says she was "enjoying a lovely, lovely nightmare about giant mutant yeti-spiders when I was brutally shaken out of sleep by loud knocking on the kiosk door." That's how much detail the author puts into this story. I strongly suggest that you read this book if you want to be introduced and fall into this world of a girl who lives a very special life with four cats, a golem, and a crazy family, because this book will make you feel as if you are actually living her life. Although Emily the Strange may seem interesting to some people, other people might say they don't like the whole alternative life theme. That's understandable but Rob Reger makes everything humorous, there is nothing very dark or scary in this, so if you want to check it out, do it!

Jane Rose says

Stále se mi líbí kresby, nářty a jsem ráda za větší výskyt záznamů rozhovorů. Příběh utíkal svižným tempem a já se bavila.

Dost mě udivoval věk Jakeyho, protože se zdálo, že je o dost starší, nebo minimálně stejně starý jako Emily. Kvůli těm myšlenkovým pochodům i jeho vzhledu jsem to vážně nečekala, nebo mě i vyholenou hlavu, což jsem snad u takhle mladého kluka zatím neviděla.

Zajímalo by mě, kdy se vztah mezi Havranou a tamtím na U stihl vyvinout, protože Havrana se většinou držela při Emily, aby ji ochránila.

U toho dopisu mi bylo hned jasné, že byl falešný.

Hodnocení 76% Jazyk: ?j

Freya Zank says

Emily strange is in search of her black rock, with Akotol and many others in her way like... A thought thief?! Emily strange: piece of mind is the 4th and final book in the Emily strange series. :(I almost cried when I finished it

Nepeta Leijon says

Emily Strange is what most girls want to be. Intelligent, witty, humorous, girl genius. She is independent and quite smart, so I don't understand *why* this book is so underrated. Mind you, it has a great average rating, and I'm glad.

This is the end. The end of my sweet Emily Strange. I think I'm going to cry. Give me a moment.

That's better. *Piece of Mind* has been one of the best books I have read so far. I absolutely love it.

All the characters are funny and they all have a purpose in the story.

The plot is easy to follow and to understand.

The art is lovely and most of all... no love interest.

Five stars for the entire series.

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I can't believe this is the last Emily the Strange book. You have no idea *how* much I love this series.

Emily the Strange goes along in the Goth girl hall of fame right next to Lydia Deetz. Yes, *the* Lydia Deetz.

This book is fast paced, witty, and funny. I read almost half of the entire book in about twenty minutes. That how much I like it.

Sure, it might be confusing at some parts, but truly, it all gets cleared up quite quickly. It's fast moving and there's a clear plot.

I'm pretty sure I'm going to give this book five stars. It's really a good read and I enjoy how Emily isn't a depressed cry baby.

She's one of the only heroines in YA novels that actually can do things without the help of a man.

Ah, Emily, you never fail to impress me.

Gaby says

La verdad no termine el libro, teia un buen recuerdo de esta saga al haber sido prácticamente la que me introdujo al mundo de la literatura juvenil. Tenia 11 y seguía en la sección de libros infantiles.

Los padres empezaban a verme raro.

Parte d mi quería terminar la saga ya que en su momento fueron buenos. Pero ahora que he crecido, leído y en si vivido mas... Son algo aburridos para mi.

Siempre les tendré cariño pero no los volveré a tocar básicamente.

Queena says

Emily the strange is about a thirteen year old girl who loves cats. Emily loves to solve mysteries. This time she has to solve all these missions: try to lose her memory and then gain it back again and save her cousin Jakey from the place he is stuck with and much more. Emily is a bit pressured into solving all this but she loves a good challenge.

I think that Emily is a brave and independent girl. Sometimes you have to face your challenges on your own by being brave and strong even if it means putting yourself in danger. I think that Emily is a girl who can manage a lot of stuff that comes at her and be able to handle it without going insane. I really like Emily's personality even though it may not be like a normal teenage girl's personality. I think that the reason why I like her character so much is because she is different from other girls. She is not afraid of almost anything.

She loves the dark and is not afraid of spiders. In fact she thinks it is cool. Her curious and determine mind is what makes her an intresting character in the book. I also think that because Emily is so curious and determined, she goes through very intresting and unique adventures and find something that can help her acomplish her mission.

K?rlis says

Definitely a fun and entertaining pause from all the #deep literature at school! This is very edgy, emo, quirky and rebellious but the book doesn't shy away from that, it embraces the "cringe". It's a diary of a fourteen year-old genius who develops new inventions using liquid black rock and, for example, the saliva of a bat. Of course it's not to be taken seriously.

I really enjoyed the plot twists, the foreshadowing, the drawings, the atmosphere/context splotches on the pages (e.g., dirty fingerprints), the plot hole fillers (TranscriptionSpies, or whatever they're called), and the overall feel of the book. Fun, fun, strange (;), suspenseful, fun!

Mauoijenn ~ *Mouthy Jenn* ~ says

I'm done! I guess I need to have the tweens/teens tell me all about Emily to maybe understand more of what I just read. I'm just not getting it. Oh well.

Chris says

Good four-book series about the strange adventures of Emily the Strange, as told by Emily in her journal.

Thu Lam says

A wonderful mind indeed!
