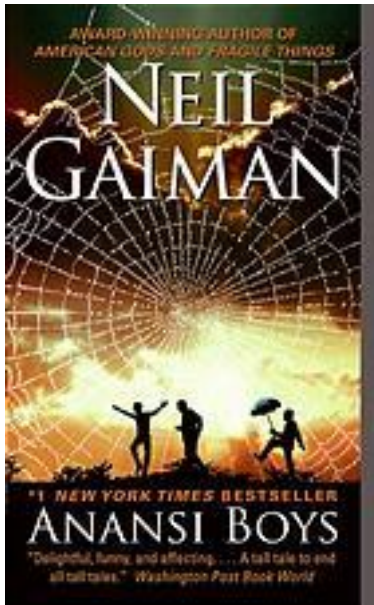

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Description

Fat Charlie Nancy's normal life ended the moment his father dropped dead on a Florida karaoke stage. Charlie didn't know his dad was a god. And he never knew he had a brother.

Now brother Spider's on his doorstep -- about to make Fat Charlie's life more interesting... and a lot more dangerous.

Insightful reviews

Kate: I'm not sure what I was expecting. I had quite a bit of knowledge about the Anansi stories going in (my dad, a college prof, was also a professional storyteller while I was growing up, and the Anansi stories were part of his routine) -- perhaps someone who was meeting Anansi for the first time via Gaiman would feel differently. Though multi-layered, it was light enough to feel deceptively simple, yet I felt as though it lacked... something.

Notes I made while reading (I read this for a Book Club):

-- the race of the characters was never overtly stated except for Daisy and Grahame Coats. It took me a while to realize that the majority of the characters were black/Caribbean. Not sure if matters to the story at all, but it was strange to have to visually reset about two thirds of the way through the book.

-- main females have flower names (Rosie, Daisy) or smell like flowers (the older ladies = violets, lavender)... any significance?

-- significance of other names: Coats (fur coat? tiger's pelt?), Livingstone (for a character that spends half the book as a ghost)

-- interesting that Gaiman is writing about writing: the power of the story/song

-- definite ties to MacBeth: (being misled by) witches, (lust for) power/ambition, betrayal of friends/family, paradoxes & pairs (similar yet not identical, illusory elements), blood & gore, (upset of) natural order (Anansi & Tiger), moral ambiguity

All in all, I didn't like the novel. I certainly admire Gaiman's ability to manipulate so many elements, location, puzzle pieces, etc. but overall it felt... unsubstantial, pretentious and a bit overblown.

Arthur Graham: Sort of like [American Gods](#), but more manageable in scale. I enjoyed both books, but readers turned off by the sprawling narrative of AG might enjoy this one better.

Mark: I had this 1st edition hardcover novel lying about for some time and only after recently building some new bookshelves I discovered books I had bought but forgotten about. Having read this book, which was not a strain at all because Gaiman's prose makes you have a fairly easy read, I found that my giving this novel to my youngest daughter in Dutch something I should have waited with. She loved the story about star who fell to earth but was clearly too young for a tale this complex. Meaning that this Gaiman novel clearly is not meant for the younger fantasy reader, you need some more personal development to really appreciate this novel.

I loved the idea of the young man finding out that he was actually a son of a God, his discovery of his split personality and the soapy aspects of the tale about a family rediscovering each other. Gaimans immorality tale is beautifully told and is funny as well. What I liked best was the writers love for all his characters even if they were less than good.

Now I have to find American Gods in a decent copy, just because this one made reading fun.

Jason Koivu: Anansi Boys is sort of a rollercoaster without the loops, only a few twists and a person who retains the rate to a minimum. You strap yourself in, prepared for pleasure that by no means materializes. My god, I have by no means felt extra luke hot in the direction of a booklet in my life. The mildly attention-grabbing tale is of a little bit relatable modern-day slacker coming to grips along with his father's and brother's overwhelming personalities in addition to a fable international he did not be aware of existed. I am bored with tales with modern-day slackers bringing their pessimistic cynicisms to a global full of fantastical lore. It is a fourth wall breaker and it has been performed to death. I will not say Gaiman has taken the myth, secret and intrigue thoroughly out of this Caribbean mythology. He has although married it with a latest sensibility that claps a ball and chain approximately its ankle. At the very least with different books of his he might be given the credits of imaginary inventiveness. Anansi Boys does not also have that going for it.

Brownbetty: It's time to admit I'm really not going to complete this book. It sat subsequent to my mattress with the backbone cracked open to bankruptcy for I do not understand how many months with no my even touching it. Explanation why is especially simple: I can't stand the protagonist, Fats Charlie. He's an utter drip. He is winging, and useless, and type of ill-willed approximately it. I received a ways sufficient in to fulfill the second one significant character, Spider, who's particularly obnoxious, at which aspect I placed the publication down for even though many months it truly is been. Well, I supply up. You will have defeated me, book. I am sorry, I presumed I want you. You appeared promising. Yet I must care approximately somebody within the e-book to maintain reading, and that I don't.

Laura: A few humans may well favor American Gods, with that epic tone, yet I favor Anansi Boys, and never simply because it truly is unique and lighthearted, yet since it turns out to be pulled off even more smoothly. Finally, Gaiman is writing approximately somebody extra like himself than Shadow was- anyone who lives in England having adventures in America. Notwithstanding Fats Charlie is American by way of origin, he is very British, and that I bet that simply made it more straightforward for Gaiman simply because he took it and ran with it and every thing used to be easily fantastic. It additionally feels much more like he is truly writing concerning the the US I know. In its way, this e-book is simply as stunningly inventive as American Gods-- the animal-people who signify the traditional African gods are excellent, especially, of course, Tiger. Simply as inventive are the characters, who're a lot more uncomplicated to take care of than any of those in Gods. They get into hopelessly awkward occasions and appear so actual that you just can not help yet be on their side. Even the villain is likable, in a foul kind of way. Finally, those modern-fantasy-splotched-in-alongside-the-real-world books are easily my favourite type of delusion novel. You cannot break out with excessive myth anymore, really. The genre's been performed to loss of life during the last fifty years, and except

we wish to tire it out completely, there are a number of authors who will need to supply it a rest. even more enjoyable, to me, are the myth novels that have the ability to be straight-up fable with no need elves or castles or swords of any style in them-- they're frequently ten occasions as creative, a lot fresher, and much more enjoyable to read. different books like this, from either early life and grownup fiction, contain *Dogsbody* by means of Diana Wynne Jones, the not-quite-fantasy-but-silly-enough-to-count *Thursday* subsequent and Jack Spratt novels via Jasper Fforde, and, on a marginally various note, the Terry Pratchett *Discworld* series, which takes each sentence and makes use of it to make enjoyable of excessive fable and, extra recently, of recent naily life. *The Watch* mini-series is very solid at this. At any rate, I easily cherished *Anansi Boys* much more. It felt like a runner who'd had time to stretch their legs a section and get right into a rhythm.

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