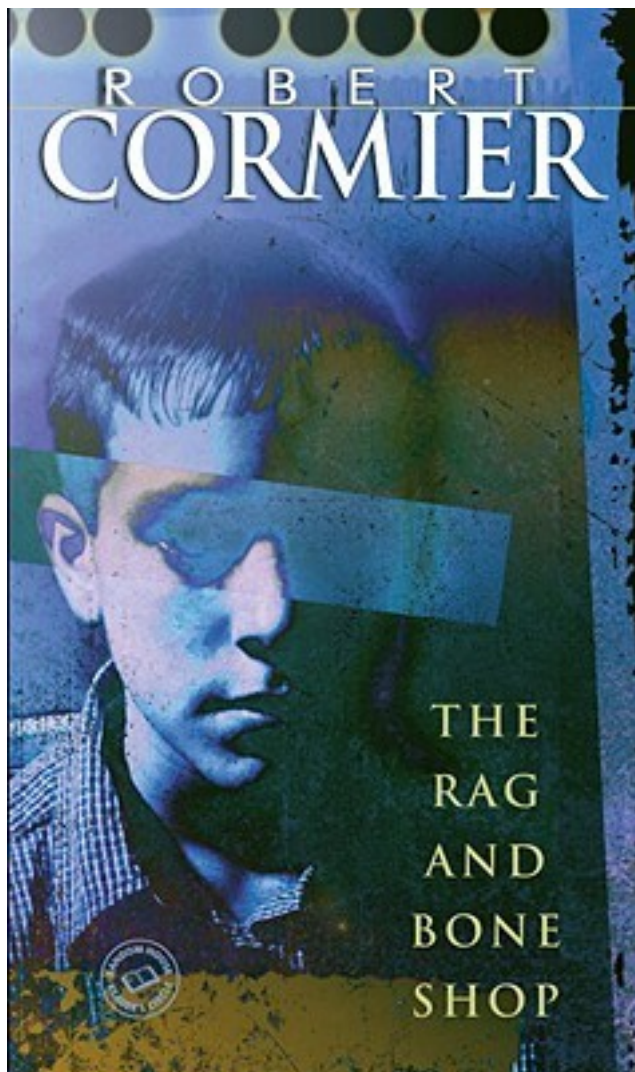

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The Rag and Bone Shop



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Description

Terse and terrifying, this final book from Cormier will leave a lasting impression. Jason, almost 13, is a shy, ineffectual child, who takes being bullied as a matter of course--but if he sees someone else being pushed around, he may strike back. When the seven-year-old girl who lives next door is murdered, Jason is horrified. He was the last one to see her alive. He wants to do everything he can to help find the killer, so when the police come calling, he tells them all he knows. What he doesn't know is that Trent, a detective adept at extracting confessions, has been called into the case--and Trent has Jason in his sights as the murderer. Cormier presents a cat-and-mouse game so tense that readers will feel they must escape the pages just as Jason wants to extricate himself from the stuffy, cell-like room where his interrogation is taking place.

Insightful reviews

Katie: REQUIRED

After a the murder of a young girl, the community wants justice. Jason, a young, socially awkward boy was the last see her. Needing someone to take the blame, the police bring in Trent, an expert interrogator famous for his ability to get confessions. Jason's meek personality is no match for Trent, who manipulates the room, his questions and Jason in getting a confession for a crime the little boy didn't actually commit. I tore through this novel, desperate to know the ending (which I've since tried to forget because it was so traumatizing). My first exposure to Cormier helped me to better understand his high status in the YAL world and I plan to read more of his books in the future.

Zhiyi: *Rag and Bone Shop* is a book about a boy named Jason who is framed of brutally killing a little girl, this book really had me at two side as I couldn't really say if this was good or bad, but I'll try. For pros I thought that this book was interesting, I thought the characters and the plot and how they made you feel about the girl who was killed in a small scene they show you when Jason and the girl are in a room together, showing that they are friends, not only that, but I thought the climax of the book really got me going, when Jason is in the room with the detective I honestly thought that he killed the girl, but I can't spoil anything. For cons, this book was SO BORING, at the start I thought this was a good idea, but for half of the book we see Jason facing up to the detective scott, who tries to break him, but this was so winded out and boring, I'm glad that the story is only 150 pages, but that doesn't make this any better, I just left the book when I was halfway because of the boring pages and segments. Also, I hated, and I mean HATED the end, it sucks, Jason does something horrible which you already know because of me, but not the way you think. So this book is a hit and miss book, its fine but not perfect.

Anna: *The Rag and Bone Shop* is an exciting, suspense-filled read that sucks you in and keeps you reading page after page in anticipation of finding out what happens.

The premise for the story is that a 12-year-old boy named Jason is the last person to see his 7-year-old friend alive. Her brutally murdered body is recovered and the police suspect him. They bring in an "expert" interrogator to get him to confess and much of the book focuses on the

interaction of the interrogator and Jason in the small, hot interrogation room.

The novel is dark in the way that is typical for Cormier, yet its beauty lies in way that he portrays human nature and vulnerability through Jason. It leaves the reader wondering about truth and questioning the black-and-whiteness of the world.

Quite honestly, I think this is one of the best young adult books I've read in quite some time. It's very fast-paced and engaging and I think it's the ideal book to recommend to middle school boys who usually hate reading.

Damian: The Rag and Bone store via Robert Cormier. the most characters are Jason Durant, a 12 12 months outdated boy and a guy named Trent who's an interrogator for the police. the tale happens in Monument, Mass. He was once expecting the summer season holiday while without notice town used to be hit with the homicide of Alicia Bartlett, a seven yr previous girl. She was once Jason's friend. there has been no weapon, clues, or fingerprints. the one factor the police knew used to be that Jason used to be the final individual to determine her alive. Lt. Braxton from the police division got here to his condominium to question him, yet he quite did not have any info to offer him. The police determined to name in a distinct interrogator named Trent to question Jason. He had a name for consistently getting a confession. town was once difficult an arrest and the police determined that Jason was once the single suspect. They was hoping that Trent may possibly get a confession in order that the strain will be off the police. while Jason used to be taken to the police department, he went with out his mother. 4 different boys have been additionally got to the station and so they suggestion it was once neat simply because they have been a part of the investigation. a girl named Sarah Downey from the District Attorney's place of work rode with Trent in order that she may provide him history details at the case. Trent requested her if she suggestion Jason was once in charge and he or she acknowledged no. She felt the police was once giving into city pressure. The interrogation room used to be small and sizzling that's the way in which Trent sought after it. He didn't want Jason to be comfortable. Trent placed Jason at ease, analyzed him and his physique language and not used the be aware murder. Trent begun asking questions and Jason requested him why he was once asking yes questions. He acquired worried and desired to leave. He requested Trent for whatever to drink, and whereas he was once gone, Jason left. Trent chanced on him within the parking zone and informed him that if he left, he may glance guilty. Jason went again and the questions all started again. Trent requested why he was once pals with a 7 yr previous and he used to be 12. He sought after him to speak about something that was once bothering him. Did he have any anger or regrets? Did he visit her university in the course of recess? Did he like her and need to the touch or kiss her? Jason's response to those questions led him to think he used to be innocent. He felt sorry for Jason and desired to finish the interrogation. Jason puzzled if he should still inform that Alicia's brother, Brad, looked to be indignant along with her that day. He did not simply because he was once continually teasing her. They all started conversing approximately the place the physique used to be found. He requested Jason had he ever been there and Jason stated yea. He then desired to comprehend if he inspiration the dying used to be deliberate or simply anything that occurred at the spur of the moment. He stored wondering Jason like this. Jason stored denying any half within the murder. Trent started to doubt himself. He questioned even if he had met anyone who outwitted him and deceived him. i might fee this e-book a 3. the inner clash Trent had used to be that he started to believe

that Jason was once innocent, yet he had a name of having confessions and he was firm to attempt to get one. But, he stored having doubts simply because he felt Jason used to be blameless and desired to ship him home. He additionally felt he needed to do his task so he persevered the questioning. The text-to-world connection is that such things as this additionally take place today. occasionally someone is puzzled a lot and in this sort of means that they ultimately confess. one of many difficulties right here was once that Jason was once a minor and he didn't have a attorney current in the course of questioning. they all started conversing

Justin: this can be a creepy secret that saved me on the fringe of my seat whereas reading. The plot is especially simple. a tender boy named Jason is the final individual to work out younger Alicia Bartlett alive, therefore, he's accused of murdering her. The detectives usher in knowledgeable interrogator who's identified for buying confessions to just do that with Jason. approximately seventy five percentage of the e-book is the interrogation. the results of the interrogation is particularly marvelous and the top of the radical is extra so. i believe this publication is acceptable for any junior excessive age pupil or older. the subject material could be a little bit too darkish for someone more youthful than junior high. there's a nice mental twist within the book, and that i imagine that younger readers will locate it interesting. i might certainly suggest this book.

Sam Leppe: i assumed that this publication was once lovely good. the one factor that was once undesirable in regards to the publication is it was once lovely gradual and didn't have loads of motion in the course of the first one hundred thirty pages. when you get to the top it will get very fascinating and makes you sit down at the fringe of your seat. For a horror publication this didn't have as a lot horror as i presumed it used to be going to have which was once a sadness to me simply because i used to be anticipating it. if you'd like an outstanding ebook with a few scares this can be your book.

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