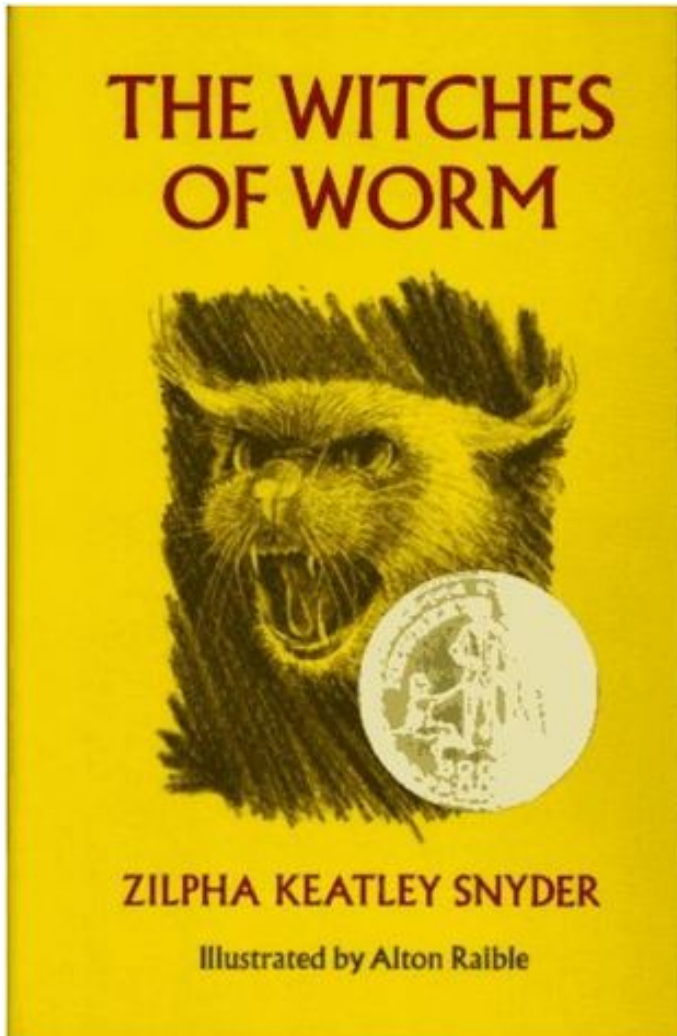

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Description

Cats. Jessica's never liked them. Especially not a skinny, ugly kitten that looks like a worm. Worm. Jessica wishes she'd never brought Worm home with her, because now he's making her do terrible things. She's sure she isn't imagining the evil voice coming from the cat, telling her to play mean tricks on people. But how can she explain what's happening?

Witches. Jessica has read enough books to know that Worm must be a witch's cat. He's cast a spell on her, but whom can she turn to? After all, no one will believe that Worm has bewitched her...or worse!

Insightful reviews

Kate Hastings: A possessed cat causes lots of bad things to happen. TOTALLY creepy.

David Manning: Five stars for sentimental reasons, at least four stars on its own merits. The book creates a gentle sort of menacing atmosphere in which a twelve year old girl may or may not be periodically possessed by a demon or a witch's familiar.

I discovered this book in the school library when I was in first or second grade, and it made a deep and lasting impression on me. About ten years ago I started trying to find the book again, but I couldn't remember the title, and ever since then whenever I've thought of it I've driven myself crazy searching the internet with whatever details I could remember from 27 years ago. I finally figured it out a few weeks ago and have been sitting on a copy of this edition (the same edition I read as a kid, it was the cover photo that I finally recognized online somewhere) until the semester ended. It's a really good kids' book in its own right, and reading it offered me a few murky little glimpses into the long-unremembered inner world of my young childhood self, which is quite a treasure.

Hamster: This book started out a little slow, but quickly caught my interest. In a way I prefer the older style kids books to the pop-culture fiction of today. They don't always start out with a bang, but they are generally more realistic, more detailed, and the characters are fully developed. Kind of like a foreign film as opposed to a mindless Hollywood action flick.

I found it hard to sympathize with the main character, since she was a total nut-case, but I suppose I didn't hate her by the end. Snyder did a good job of keeping me guessing and exceeding my expectations. (I was expecting a one-star book and ended up giving it three.) If there's one thing that could be said about this book: it was super creepy. Perfect for a little halloween reading.

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I was, however, surprised that I'd found this in the children's section. When dealing with witches, demon possession, and exorcisms, I think small children would be either confused, or psychologically disturbed.

Luke Baldock: A cat at the cover, in fact i will learn it. Witches of bug is a Newberry Honor Book, that follows a 12 yr previous lady named Jessica. Jessica lives along with her mum yet is mostly

left on my own as her mum needs to paintings or is going on dates. lately she has been ostracised from her closest friends, as they've got constructed new friendships. One night she unearths an deserted child kitten. She does not like cats, yet feels a definite legal responsibility to assist it. After a while, she starts off turning into paranoid of the cat, in most cases as a result of all of the books on witchcraft she has been reading. She then hears a voice and is coerced into doing issues similar to mendacity and breaking things. For a kid's book, Witches of trojan horse takes a really mature method of responsibility. The e-book continues to be ambiguous as to how a lot is supernatural and what sort of is psychological. just like the Salem witch trials themselves, Jessica could possibly be making up those voices to excuse her actions. The ebook manages to create suspense and secret the place there is not any, through sucking us in to Jessica's paranoia. Snyder is a smart writer, and she or he brings to existence a very easy story by utilizing a large choice of vocabulary. She does not underestimate her objective audiences intelligence, nor does she weigh down the tale with cryptic references to previous events. The relationships are effortless to appreciate and Jessica isn't too likeable nor a villain. an excellent brief book, that i believe may be thought of an incredible learn for any youngster.

Linda Lipko: I snapshot this 1973 Newbery honor publication may provide teenagers the heebie jeebies and it may take a extra mature YA to sift during the overtones of paranormal to the truth that the writer is creating a powerful assertion approximately those that appear to blame others or outdoors forces for his or her personal personality defects. Jessica is greater than a latch key child, she emotionally ignored by means of a selfish, immature and younger mother. Astute in understanding she isn't really wanted, Jessica suffers dramatically and acts out viciously. When she discovers an abandoned, weak, feeble, scrawny kitten, she reluctantly nurses him to life. Calling him worm, as he grows, she tasks her internal turmoil to the cat and blames computer virus for her evil, nasty, spiteful deeds. Believing either old and young are opposed to her, and refusing to just accept accountability for her actions, she grows a growing number of out of control. I can't suggest this book. whereas the writer is a three-time Newbery honor winner, this one does not appear to be considered one of her best.

Sara: "We all invite our personal devils, and we needs to exorcise our own." UGH THIS BOOK. You guys, the article is that ZKS is awesome. I mean, The Egypt Game? The Headless Cupid? Like, come on, simply ridiculously great. SO. this can be one the place analyzing it as a child and analyzing it as an grownup are wildly diversified experiences. seeing that i have lately learn The Fever and Conversion, this e-book sprang to brain and that i reread it and guys, it is so bizarre and awesome. (view spoiler)[As a kid, I learn it as a maybe-magic-maybe-not, like, is trojan horse particularly telling her to do those things? Is she relatively a witch? probably she was once possessed!!! And then, now, as an adult, I learn it and i am like, "Holy hell, this can be an abused, ignored child projecting onto her cat and elsewhere." The leaves-falling-on-the-baby factor regularly felt bizarre to me as a kid, and now it is so obvious. The ending, I hated the finishing as a kid, yet now the finishing is particularly unusual to me in a special way. i do not recognize besides the purpose is that this is a weird-ass, frightening book. (hide spoiler)]["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>

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