



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Epidemic By Suzanne Young Reviewed by Giavanna Corrao

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Grade: 7

Book Title: The Epidemic

Author: Suzanne Young

Number of Pages: 328

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Quinn McKee** – She portrays people who have died to bring a sense of closure to their families while she is undergoing her own identity search. Her memory was erased as a child so she would not remember her parents or who she was and therefore she could continue being a closure.
- **Deacon** – He is Quinn’s boyfriend and the only person she trusts. Deacon sacrifices himself to become a handler underneath Arthur’s rule to prevent Quinn from being hurt anymore by him.
- **Arthur Pritchard** – He is the evil mastermind that is causing the epidemic of suicides.
- **Virginia Pritchard** – She is Arthur’s daughter that is surrounded by the suicides and eventually commits suicide herself.
- **Marie** – She worked closely to Arthur to find out what was going on and then helped Quinn and her friends to escape.

Review:

In *The Epidemic*, Quinn McKee and her boyfriend Deacon, along with the help of their friends, abandon their jobs as closures to figure out the reason for all the suicides that seem to be causing an epidemic. Quinn is also trying to figure out the connection between Arthur Pritchard’s daughter Virginia and herself. As Quinn searches for her own true identity, she discovers the truth about Deacon and his past. As one of her friends commits suicide and Deacon is taken hostage by Arthur, Quinn realizes that looking for her identity does not matter as much as her friends being in trouble. With a new sense of urgency, Quinn goes to rescue Deacon and the rest of her friends who have also been taken. When Quinn searches for the cure to make people stop committing suicide, she realizes that there is no cure.

In *The Epidemic*, the author writes in a style that keeps you waiting in suspense, which makes you keep reading. This story contains romance, mystery and adventure. I have read a lot of books involving mystery and romance but none have been like this because there is a plot twist in every chapter. Suzanne Young has a way with words that makes you want to read more and more. Teen readers who enjoy books involving romance and mysteries will find this to be a perfect book for them. As long as you don’t mind that some parts involving people dying, Happy Reading!