



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Stranger Game By Cylin Busby Reviewed by Kaylee LaCarrubba

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Book Title: The Stranger Game

Author: Cylin Busby

Number of Pages: 281

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

Character List:

- **Nico Walker:** Nico is a fifteen year old girl who feels relieved when her older sister Sarah goes missing.
- **Sarah Walker:** Sarah is Nico's sister who suddenly returns home after being missing for four years
- **Max:** Max was Sarah's boyfriend and a suspect in her case since she's gone missing.
- **Paula:** Paula was Sarah's best friend who is also a suspect in her case.

Review:

The Stranger Game is about a teenage girl, Sarah who went missing four years ago. Told from the point of view of her younger sister, Nico, you begin to learn that Sarah never treated Nico well. Sarah is the typical bratty and condescending older sister character that is often seen in shows and in books. And to make it even more cliché, Sarah is a cheerleader and quite popular at school. As the book progresses, you begin to see that Nico is conflicted on how she should feel about the disappearance of her sister. She knows she should miss her; however, she finds it nice not having someone constantly beating her down. Throughout the book, readers get to see relationships between characters grow and witness some characters find themselves. You get to live through and feel the hope and longing that Nico and Sarah's parents feel as people think they found Sarah. You will soon learn that this family has one crazy journey ahead of them. After four years, Sarah suddenly returns home. She's somehow different, and her retrograde amnesia prevents her from remembering where she's been and what happened on the day she vanished. But someone out there knows the truth about what happened to her.

Author Cylin Busby does an amazing job of developing the characters throughout the story. Busby also throws some surprising twists into the story as well, and I found that the plot flowed very nicely. Overall this book was a very good read, especially if you are a fan of mysteries. I found myself not able to put this book down at times because I needed to know what happened next! Will you be able to figure out the ending?