



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Witching Hour by J. Fallenstein Reviewed by Analis Agreda

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Grade: 7

Book Title: The Witching Hour

Author: J. Fallenstein

Number of Pages: 88

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

Character List:

- **Rosie:** Forced to move to the boring town of Middleton, she finds herself caught up in a bunch of drama involving the dead.
- **Omar:** He was once looked up to as a football star, but after being accused of killing his best friend, that all goes away.
- **Mackie:** He was known for being number 44 on the football team. He was supposedly killed by his best friend Omar, but what happens when he wants revenge?

Review:

Rosie has been living with her mom ever since her dad moved away, but when her mom gets a three month transfer to Germany, she has to move in with her dad. Just on her way to Middleton, things are already getting weird. It's a rainy day and her dad almost runs over what looks like a child in a football jersey. Then they pass a funeral, bringing back memories of her dead sister Jessica. Finally arriving to Middleton, she goes down to a diner to get some food. While eating, she learns that the boy who died was named Mackie and he was said to be killed by his best friend. Across the diner, Omar, a boy who was accused of killing Mackie, is getting some food. Rosie befriends Omar but soon realizes how bad he's taking the loss. He keeps saying something about seeing Mackie but that's impossible because he's dead, right? Someone must be pranking Omar by putting the number of Mackie's jersey around his house and whispering to him, telling him to go to his grave at midnight. Will he go and make things right or will he go insane thinking about the loss of his best friend?

J. Fallenstein's *The Witching Hour* is a thrilling tale for all ages. It was published in 2017 and is one of Fallenstein's amazing books. This book is a great start for anyone from any genre to start to enjoy horror and thriller books. I would recommend this book if you aren't the biggest horror fan because this book is a basic ghost story. For any extreme horror fans, I would give the warning that this isn't a book that is very scary. This is more of a humorous ghost story instead of being focused on extremely scary elements. This is a great ghost story to tell around the campfire or just tell your friends. Although it is mostly targeted to 9-13 year olds, many more ages can enjoy *The Witching Hour* due to its addicting nature. I wouldn't suggest reading this to anyone under 7 years old since it could trigger nightmares. In my opinion, *The Witching Hour* by J. Fallenstein is a great ghost story, which is why I gave it a 5/5 rating.