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Teeth



Synopsis

A gritty, romantic modern fairy tale from the author of *Break and Gone, Gone, Gone*. Be careful what you believe in. Rudy's life is flipped upside-down when his family moves to a remote island in a last attempt to save his sick younger brother. With nothing to do but worry, Rudy sinks deeper and deeper into loneliness and lies awake at night listening to the screams of the ocean beneath his family's rickety house. Then he meets Diana, who makes him wonder what he even knows about love, and Teeth, who makes him question what he knows about anything. Rudy can't remember the last time he felt so connected to someone, but being friends with Teeth is more than a little bit complicated. He soon learns that Teeth has terrible secrets. Violent secrets. Secrets that will force Rudy to choose between his own happiness and his brother's life.

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Customer Reviews

What in the fudge did I just read? I have no idea. I distinctly remember reading this book, but I'm at a loss for words or feelings or just anything that requires thinking. Teeth is the epitome of WTFery. I've heard it called gut-wrenching, beautiful, and haunting, and so many people have raved about it, but I

just don't get all the fuss. Teeth has a sharp bite, but I'm not entirely sure why I'm hurting and to what purpose. I am a crazed hunter of mindf*** books, but this one was just perplexing on so many levels. Enter stage left: older brother Rudy who is trapped on an island while his family tries to cure his brother's cystic fibrosis with magical flipping fish. You heard right. Magical fish. This aspect actually intrigued me, but let's go on. Said boy meets two people about his age while he is on this island. One is a girl named Diana who is kind of a homebody, seeing as her mother never lets her go out into the big, scary world. We can definitely tell this by her awkward social skills and the fact that she's learned everything from books and not personal experience. The other is half human, half fish. This just keeps getting more and more interesting. Rudy is torn between his brother's need for the fish in order to survive and Teeth's vehement protests against killing his brethren for the sake of the humans he hates. Rudy was such a tool. He is a very realistic, angst filled teenager who thinks about sex frequently. Half the time, I wanted to punch him in the face. The other half, I admired his deep love for his brother and his concern for Teeth's welfare. I actually think the island made him a better, stronger individual; it gave him some much-needed perspective. He sounded kind of like a douchebag before his isolation.

Rudy runs to the market, bare footed through the cold wet sand. He is uncertain as to why he refuses to wear shoes, he just does not want them on his feet. His shoeless attire probably is a reflection of the major changes that he has undergone over the last few months. Rudy and his family moved to this small secluded island looking for a magical cure for his five year old brother, Dylan, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. Living in the ocean off the shores of this island, are unique fish that have magical healing properties when eaten. No one knows how or why nor do they seem to care for as long as they eat the fish they are better. Torn from his friends and former life, Rudy tries hard not to be resentful. He does adore his brother and he is willing to make certain sacrifices, but it is awful lonely on this island as there are no other teenagers his age. That is until the day he meets the mysterious fish boy, Teeth. Teeth is half human, half boy and he guards the fish at a terrible price. Will Rudy be able to save his brother's life once he learns Teeth's secrets? What I Liked: *This is one of those books that left me completely perplexed. It is a book that I could see literature teachers loving as there are so many metaphorical inferences in this one. You could spend hours analyzing it. If you are someone that likes book with complicated themes and inferences, you should read this one. *I liked the gritty, in your face writing style that Ms. Moskowitz uses for this book. I have said this before, I am a big fan of stream of consciousness narration and this book incorporates this style. Rudy is a teenage boy and he narrates this book.

Let's talk about this cover. I am so excited to get this because I am hoping and praying this cover is going to be shiny. It has to be shiny. Do you know how amazing it'll look if it's shiny? Yes. I cannot wait. I'm a huge fan of Hannah! She's so unique and it certainly shows in all of her stories. This book made me sad. A lot of her books make me sad. You'd wonder why I keep reading such sad books but it's because it's so good. Sad isn't always a bad thing. You feel more connected to the characters and you also feel like you wanna reach in the pages to give them a nice, big hug. This is how I felt for Fishboy most of the story but also for Rudy. He was forced to move to this remote island with his parents and younger, sick brother, Dylan. There are magic fish at this island that cure people who are sick. People with a tumor magically no longer have one, people with MS are magically cured and they're hoping for the same thing for Dylan. It works. These magic fish are making him better and it's a miracle. But what would happen if he would ever stop or if there was a fish shortage? Would he be fine or go back to how he was? Fishboy isn't a merman but he's referred to as one by Rudy at first. He's got a human upper body but a tail and fin for his lower body with scales going all the way up to his chest. He's also got sharp teeth so he can eat easily. Rudy's never seen anything like him and isn't even quite sure he's real but he is, in fact, very real. He's got a story and it's somehow related to the Delaney's, whom are a mother-daughter duo that live closest to Rudy but never come out of their house. Rudy starts hanging out with Diana, the daughter, because she's the only other teen on this god forsaken island.

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