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Troll



Synopsis

At the age of sixteen, Abby is undergoing major household changes. Her mom is getting ready to remarry and her new step-brother is driving her insane. She is just trying to keep herself busy with school and her part-time job when a most deliciously handsome stranger moves to her little seaside town and won't leave her alone. New arrival Wilhelm is unlike any other student at Abby's school. His emerald eyes and tattooed body don't truly reveal what he really is: a creature emerged from thousands of miles underground, seeking revenge, treasure, and a key that once belonged to an old enemy - a key Abby wears suspended from a chain around her neck. Why she has it is a mystery that Wilhelm will need to solve, and fast, in order to defeat a powerful mortal adversary. As an attraction between Abby and Wilhelm develops, more creatures like Wilhelm are drawn from beneath the ground to Abby's town; wreaking havoc as they offer Abby's classmates the fulfillment of their deepest desires. Will Abby and her new family survive as a game of magical warfare is unleashed? Her ability to reverse Wilhelm's bargain depends on it.

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Customer Reviews

Not only does Troll deliver a powerful punch in the message it delivers, there's also astounding character development! Abby, the protagonist is really put through the ringer in this one. The first chapter of this book is written in a prologue style. We get to meet Abby when she's just eleven years old, and her life is forever changed by an horrific event. The rest of the book is written in present tense when she's sixteen. I just loved the backstory and it very much helped me connect with the characters (especially Abby) that much more!! I really enjoyed the way in which the author wrote her characters. They are very realistic, especially Abby. In the beginning of this story we get to witness Abby on a date. I could see myself reacting pretty much the exact same way that she did at her age, I loved it!! If you would have told me I'd love a book written about Trolls I would have laughed at you, but alas I gave this one a chance and loved it! One thing I must hit on is the originality of this story. Have you ever read a YA romance based on Trolls? (There's more original twists but I can't tell you about them, you'll have to find out for yourself!) There is romance in this book and no love triangle! I will say that I believe the romance was more of a build up for the second book and am so pumped to see what happens! One thing I was a bit undecided about was the pacing of the plot. Now don't get me wrong, I thoroughly enjoyed it. But the pieces didn't really click until the last couple of chapters. (Actually around 98% through.) I think the climax of the book began a bit too late and made the middle of the book a bit slow. I couldn't have asked for a better ending to this story. There is a HUGE plot twist that completely shocked me! It was absolutely spectacular!

As a young girl Abby is tormented by bullies at school. One day, while running away from those bullies she meets and saves a young boy who is inexplicably trapped on a small island. In return for her saving him the strange boy gives her a beautiful gem, a gem that should have changed her future. Instead, though, her cousin steals the gem while Abby is sleeping and disappears, changing her future in a different way. Years later Abby meets a strange boy named Wilhelm and things that she had forgotten or that she had never been allowed to learn begin to surface in her life again. Things like Knights and Trolls and the darkness that either side holds. This book was very good. When it began I was a little leery because I had a hard time following the transition of time, but that was a short lived feeling. The idea of 'romance' between Abby and Wilhelm is still out for me, she seemed to only be drawn to him because of the power he held over her while he did seem to love her. But that was only because of who he 'killed' and the promise he seemed to have made (or something else that I can't post for fear of giving away a surprise!) It is fast paced and a fairly fluid read, I will be watching out for the second book. (I received this book free from KindleScout by voting for its publication.)

I seriously loved reading this book by Ms. Ashley C. Harris! Yes she is a new author for me and it seems she only has a few books but what books she does have I will definitely have to get. Ms. Harris at first confused me with her constant shifts in points of view but after figuring this out I loved the way she tells a story that it instantly captivated and enthralled me! The story just pulled me in just from the beginning paragraph and chapter no wonder I voted for it on the kindle scout program and it rightly deserves it. Now another group of paranormals I can add are trolls that I enjoy reading about. Really I am not averse to reading any paranormal fantasy light romance or otherwise I am beginning to think I just really love how broad this category of books actually is. Even though this is a young adult novel I think the book is perfect for yes the teenagers and the young at heart like me that love to read YA novels. Several YA novels do not even feel YA except for maybe all the angst that drives the book but the themes are pretty resonant for older adults as well. Abby is a normal sixteen year old girl that would like to be invisible but that is not to be. Abby not only has to deal with her mom getting remarried hating her new stepbrother and fending off unwanted or maybe much wanted attention from the handsome new boy Wilhelm. In Abby I felt her angst and her pain. Ms. Harris really got into the mind of a sixteen year old girl quite easily that I really felt for her. I really could just associate and sympathize with her that I am grateful not to be that age again. Wilhelm on the other hand really kind of frustrated and exasperated me! Okay yes he looked good but that was the only thing I found worthwhile about him. Yes he tried to protect her but there was just something about him. Plus, I also liked that Abby didn't completely trust him either because I felt the same way for him as well. I just didn't feel close to him as a character and wanted someone better for Abby. I do wonder what happens with everyone and I hope the next book comes out soon. That is why I rated the book four stars can recommend it for anyone older than 14 years old due to the scary themes in the story might not be appropriate for anyone younger than that and will get more books from Ms. Harris!

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