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Melissa says

2 1/2 stars

AmbushPredator says

One of his best shorter novels, with a wicked ending.

Katy says

As usual, King (as Bachman) writes a riveting story that'll keep you reading late into the night even though you have class first thing in the morning because you HAVE TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.

And he cites himself which is hilarious: one of his characters tells another that their situation is very 'Stephen King' to communicate just how weird and creepy it was... I had to put the book down because I was laughing so hard.

Anyway, if you're a fan of Stephen King, you'll love this book. If you don't know if you're a fan of Stephen King, you'll still probably love this book... just sleep with a light on.

Ashleigh says

Oh man, couldn't put this book down! I've seen the movie many times, but like usual it didn't live up to the book.

Susan Shuman says

My favorite Stephen King book, ever!

Mariah St.Pierre says

Billy's life was flipped upside down after he caused a tragic accident by driving while being distracted. Throughout this mysterious and slightly morbid novel, readers can follow the path of middle-aged Billy who undergoes a series of strange and risky events after mistakenly running over an old Gypsy woman with his car. Heavily overweight Billy must attend court where the judge, whom he knows on a personal level, sets him free with minimal charges. Just as he thinks he got off virtually scot-free, the Gypsy woman's elderly father approaches Billy and mutters a one-word incantation. Soon after, Billy starts losing weight at an alarming rate. Billy worries excessively and struggles to pay attention to anything other than his health. He

now understands that he was cursed by the old Gypsy man. Billy ends up seeking help from his friend Richie, an ex-Mafia member, to stop the curse before it's too late. The two track down the Gypsies on the East Coast of America. They confront the Gypsies at their camp, asking them to reverse the curse set on Billy. The Gypsy man explains to Billy that the curse cannot be stopped but can be transferred to someone else if he can get them to eat a cursed pie that the Gypsies had made. Faced with a timeline as he keeps getting thinner, Billy struggles morally whether to save his own life while killing another or to continue to his certain death.

This somewhat gruesome and mysterious page-turner captivates its audience from page one. Stephen King creates a tense and suspenseful mood which makes this novel hard to put down. This novel, filled with extreme detail, was slightly too graphic for my taste. However, the thrilling twists and surprising turns allured me into the ominous world of Gypsies.

This novel would be a perfect match for someone who is enticed by grim and macabre stories. I would not suggest this to anyone who is innocent or easily disturbed. This novel can be somewhat difficult to read; I tried and failed when I was thirteen. I have now finished the book at seventeen, therefore I suggest that the reader should be at least sixteen years of age.

This book, as suspenseful and gruesome as it is, is well-written and hard to put down.

Wendy says

We live in an unjust world. That is not even a contentious assertion. There is no justice. Only the Law. And the law is administered by those with bias and self-interest. And by the privileged. Thus, those who are in the minority or in the margins lose out in the justice stakes.

I have often had a fantasy; wouldn't it be a great superpower to be able to curse those who persecute the unfortunate and at best neglect the rights and needs of the marginalized.

Stephen King manifested that fantasy in this superb horror novel. "The white man from town" gets his comeuppance and even in the face of his terrible punishment, tries to weasel out of any responsibility and punish others. Cosmic karma steps in.

This book explores so many themes and has many levels. Accountability, racism, the white boys' club, vengeance, justice, karma, relationships, and power, imagined and true.

I loved it. My fantasy played out on its pages and it was deeply satisfying; like eating a whole strawberry pie all to myself.

Carol Krenzke says

A fat man kills a gypsy woman by hitting her with his car. A group of people work together to make the charges go away. The victim's father touches the man and says the word "thinner." The book recounts the

weight loss curse and how the man attempts to get the curse removed.

Rick Boyer says

First rate, and a darn good read!

Tahera says

Loved it! It's the true Stephen King kind of a book that keeps you in the edge throughout.

Florida Uzoaru says

Quite like it, but don't like the ending.

Barbara Nutting says

Gore and gypsies, what more could you ask for? Stephen King has woven another tale that is good to the final jaw dropping words.

Irina N says

I could never forget how this story ends.... Soooo wicked...

Wanda Hartzberg says

Trying to think of a reason why I should not give this book 5*. Cant think of a single reason. As much a psychological thriller as a supernatural thriller, it is still a thrilling read.

Sarah Wildmon says

This is one a those deliciously twisted and entertaining King novels, that makes me love the guy so much. Its not complicated or super deep, it is just a GREAT creepy story, whose characters get under your skin and live there long after you finish the last page. I have always loved the movie, and now the book takes its place in my list of King favorites. Nothing quite says horror like a gypsy curse!
