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Jay's Journal



Synopsis

Jay was a sweet, bright high school student who cared about his grades and his friends. He had ambitions. He was happy. And he thought he could handle anything. He was wrong. When Jay falls in with a crowd that's dabbling in drugs and the occult, he finds himself in over his head and doing things he never thought possible. Fascinated by the dark arts and in love with a dangerous girl, Jay falls deeper and deeper into a life he no longer recognizes...and sees no way out.

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Customer Reviews

A few months ago I read Go Ask Alice and was drawn in completely - I didn't put it down all night until I had finished! When Jay's Journal came up on my suggestions I got excited thinking it would be similar - the description says its about drug addiction... it really isn't. 95% of it is about his interest in witch craft... and it was interesting, however that wasn't what I was expecting (in the bad way) when I read it. I am completely aware that both Go Ask Alice and Jay's Journal are edited to take

away identifying names or create more flow to the writing etc. With Jay's Journal however I believe that Beatrice Sparks went a bit overboard. What I mean by that is that there is a letter at the end from Jay's mother in which she summarizes certain aspects of Jay's life which were pretty big plot points of the story... however the journal entries barely match up with what the mother described. And it wasn't just parental oblivion to his depression. It was a disappointment. Between the clash in the description and the story, and the letter and the story.... I was left a bit stunned at what was lacking rather than awed at what was there. If you loved Go Ask Alice, I would not suggest it as you will be disappointed. If you haven't - its an interesting style of writing which I would suggest reading.

Beatrice Sparks has made a career of editing "journals" of teens she "counseled" over her years as a licensed "professional" but I had to wonder if someone with schizophrenia could really form such coherent ideas, list goals, and truly idealize about the events in his life as "Jay" in this "novel" had. Would someone so into the devil as to drink cow's blood be so rational? Would somebody so lost in his ideas easily find a niche and be so effervescently concerned with trifles like a car, and a page later question the meaning of humanity? I thought not. Since I was reading this novel for an Outside Reading Project that had to be on an autobiography, biography, or memoir and had chosen this because I had already read Go Ask Alice, and suggested Jay's Journal. I was appalled after reading it and noticed that "Jay" had severe personality glitches, and there were holes in his accounts. For anyone who wishes to read a tale Beatrice Sparks wrote in order to get infamy, money and a pro-Mormon message out there, "Jay's Journal" is for you. If not, I highly recommend leaving this novel behind you in search of bigger, and CERTAINLY better, things.

This book was very interesting. It is about a boy and his 3 friends and how they get sucked into the occult and black magic. It is Jay' s personal journal, found after his death. It tells how they get so involved with the Occult and how it takes over their lives. How an evil spirit wants to take over his . body. It shows how easily one can go from curiosity to total involvement and how impossible it can be to get out of it.

This was a sad and scary book. I believe that if you let demonology in your home you are going to have problems. The devil is waiting to hurt anyone, takes delight in fear. I think parents should read this if they are Christians that believe in a Heaven and a Hell.

I send books to donate for those who are in jail and one of them requested this book. They

absolutely love it! I haven't read it myself but I heard good things about it. The guys in the jail can relate and I think it helps them.

I thought this book was very good. He knew he was not himself anymore. It was a good read

I gave three stars because behind the untruths, I believe there is a good story and interesting person ("Jay"). I'm really disappointed to have learned this was turned into fiction. I don't understand the logic behind editing a journal that belonged to a living person, to the point where a valuable story is turned into some fictional (and poorly written) cautionary tale. I think it's shameful for a writer to add story lines that were never legitimate, especially when it can affect someone else negatively (the occult idea). Basically, B.S. stands for more than the writer's initials.

great book. I read this years ago...and was happy to find it on . My daughter is reading it now. It is a story you won't soon forget.

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