



All These Bodies by Kendare Blake

Reviewed by Ariella



Fiction, *All These Bodies* is a standalone novel.

Give a summary without spoilers!

All These Bodies is a mystery novel that follows Michael, a small-town boy who gets wrapped up in a string of gory murders. When a mysterious girl named Marie is found at one of the crime scenes. Michael is wrapped into Marie's story as she reveals details of what may have happened with the murders. The novel looks at themes of truth, fear, and the uncertainty of innocence, which allows readers to question who can really be trusted and who cannot be trusted at all.

What drew you to this book?

The dark and atmospheric setting pulled me into the story, and then suspense followed after I began reading. The mystery that slowly unveils itself throughout the book adds to this suspense, making me never want to put the book down. It has a unique blend of crime and supernatural elements, and it has a way of keeping readers on their toes and making the question and differentiate truths from lies.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

All These Bodies shares similarities with books like *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. Both novels explore dark mysteries through the eyes of young people, along with similarities in themes such as life, death, and mortality. Both books have somewhat of an otherworldly and terrifying feel, which does a lot for the atmospheres of each book.

To whom would you recommend this book?

All These Bodies would appeal to readers who enjoy suspense that is dragged out in such a good way. Readers who enjoy a mix of crime and supernatural horror will love the eerie and slow-building atmosphere of this book. It is perfect for anyone who does not mind how unsettling a book can be and for anyone who likes to solve the situation as they read.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

All These Bodies was an amazing book that had me raising questions that I would have asked if I was inside the book myself. It did an amazing job at creating scenes for readers to picture (and scenes that once created, one might never forget). The writing style was a large factor that may be overlooked by some when determining different things that contributed to the suspense of the book as a whole.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

The cover of this novel creates a slightly eerie and mysterious tone for the book. The innocent look of the young girl and the small drip of blood somewhat represent the book as a whole. Upon further reading, the cover is only a scratch on the surface of something much deeper and sinister.