STALKING JACK THE RIPPER

by Kerri Maniscalco

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



I chose to review the book Jack the Ripper, by Kerri Maniscalco. The book is set in Victorian England and follows the main character named Audrey Rose. Audrey works in forensic sciences and experiments on bodies with her uncle. Soon, people start dying and it seems up to Audrey and her assistant, (who may be the killer) Thomas Cresswell to find who Jack the Ripper is. I won't give any spoilers, but the ending is the best part of the book. I think there are over eleven plot twists that happen in just a few chapters at the end.

I personally think this book is very good. It's not exactly the best book I have ever read, but it is up there. I like how it is based on real events, but the author took some creative liberties. Jack the Ripper was a real person who extracted peoples body parts. On the flipside, Audrey Rose is not a real person and did not help Thomas find Jack. As previously mentioned, the ending is very good, but I think the lead up to the ending is very interesting. The way she found the clues was very smart of the author. As it is a mystery novel, everything needs to fall into place at the right time which is exactly what she did. I also liked how the author put out so much useless information to keep the reader guessing.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes mystery novels. There is a lot of gore and intense detail so be prepared for that. A lot of people die, including characters that the book makes you care for. If it were a movie I would give it a PG-13. Overall, it is a very good book and even if you don't like mystery novels, you will probably still like it.

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