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The White Gates



Synopsis

WHEN TORIN SINCLAIR's mom gets a job as the town doctor in Snow Park, Colorado, Tor can't wait to learn to snowboard. But on Tor's first night there, a member of the high school snowboarding team dies. "It's the curse," everyone whispers. Tor's new friends Drake and Raine explain that there's an old Native American curse on the doctors of the town. Snow Park can never get a doctor to stay. Tor and his friends must piece together a mystery involving an old mine, a Ute curse, the entire snowboarding team who just might be blood doping in order to win competitions and an attempt to save the wild river otters of Colorado. But to complete the puzzle, will Tor have to ride the deadly White Gates? And how will he survive the avalanche that follows? From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Hi Bonnie: I read the book and loved it. Great plot turns that were unexpected and a real page turner. I hope boys this age will love it too and want to read more books like this. Martha Lancaster

A friend (who is a mom of two children) recommended this book for both me and my 9 yr old son to read. Once I started to read it, I couldn't put it down. The mystery and colorfully quirky main characters captivated me. The author paints a vivid world for her reader - I didn't know much about snowboarding or what White Gates were and Ms. Ramthum managed to transform me into a snowboarder-wanna-be! My son is looking forward to reading it next and I am looking forward to our discussions about the mystery and choices the characters make.

An excellent adventure/mystery for young readers. With snowboarding as the main sport, and both boys and girls in the cast of characters, it should please most readers (including adults, for that matter). I sent it off to one of my great-nephews and will be interested to hear if he likes the book as much as I did.

There are so many reasons to love this book. It's an adventure involving snowboards, an avalanche, a curse, and a hidden valley. It's got memorable characters who spout dialogue that made me laugh. And the story will appeal to both boys and girls. But I think what I like best about it is the way it puts adventure together with soul. Tor, the main character, has moved from one world to another--San Diego to the mountain town of Snow Park, Colorado. There, he forms friends that end up making the difference between life and death. Tor must not only be resourceful and strong as he learns to snowboard, he must also reach within and be open to what his soul is telling him in order to save his life, solve a mystery, and change the history of the region. Highly recommended for readers 9 - 12 especially, and also for adults like me who enjoy well-written books for any age. (P.S.: I don't think the cover does justice to this title.)

I loved this book! The characters were believable and the plot exciting and compelling. I enjoyed waiting for it to play out. It is a well crafted book with an airtight plot and great pacing. Ms. Ranthum has a great eye for details especially when it comes to her characters. She breathes life into them with her wonderful descriptions of how they look, move, gesture and interact with others and their dialogue is individualized, and full of character. Her supporting cast of grown-ups are equally well written. The references to classic literature made the book loads of fun from an adult perspective. Best of all, my kids loved this book, and are eagerly awaiting more books with Torin, Rain and Drake. I have high hopes that these three characters will be elevated in our house to the ranks of Harry Ron and Hermione, and Percy, Annabeth and Grover.

I found The White Gates a great read for both kids and adults. It combines an exciting mystery, snowboarding, fast paced action and intriguing characters. After I finished it, I sent it to my granddaughter.

It is hard to find books for pre-teen boys to read and love. This book hit the mark. My son could not put the book down and commented that he wished the story would not end. He is very happy that a sequel could be in the works for the main character of the story. This book is highly recommended.

I read out loud to my kids a lot, but as they got older it got harder to find a book that my young teenage sons would enjoy. This book was perfect! Great action and message to my kids. They were enthralled!

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