The Morgue and Me

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Christopher Newell wants to be a spy. But in the small town of Petoskey, Michigan, there are not too many chances to be a spy. That is until he takes a janitorial job at the local morgue during the summer. While cleaning the morgue one day, he finds a dead man with several gunshot wounds, a death certificate that states the man committed suicide, and an envelope filled with $15,000. Christopher realizes this man's death was a cover-up, but he cannot figure out this murder on his own. Christopher enlists the help of the "insanely hot" newspaper reporter, Tina, to find more clues in uncovering a blackmail case that involves the local sheriff, an upstanding lawyer, a resort owner, Chris's best friend, and the mayor.

*The Morgue and Me* is definitely "[a]n addictive read" as it states on the book jacket. Ford creates realistic and likable characters that grab your attention from the beginning. There are many horrifying but delightful twists and turns in the plot as Christopher's mystery unfolds. However teachers, parents, and librarians should know this book has content-such as sexual references, teenage drinking, and foul language-that is not appropriate for younger teen readers.

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