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Book Review

Title: The Undertaken Trilogy: Death Watch

Author: Ari Berk

Reviewer: Torin Kelley

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

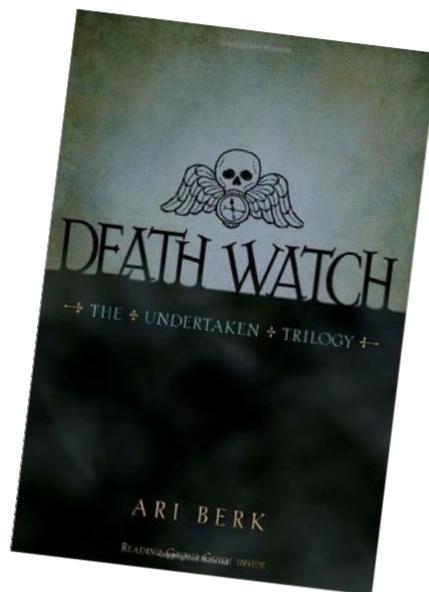
Publication Year: 2011

ISBN: 9781416991168

Number of Pages: 523

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Silas Umber's world is turned upside down when his father mysteriously disappears. In response to disappearance of his father, Silas withdraws from his friends and family. However, things start to change for Silas when his uncle invites him and his mother to move in with him in his mansion in Lichport, the same city where his father had worked. While searching for his father, Silas finds a watch that allows him to see the dead. Silas discovers his father's role as the town's undertaker and soon he is expected to take over his father's role of caring for the dead in their passing. To find out what really happened to his father, Silas must free himself from distractions. Through this journey Silas learns how to handle hardships, serve others, and emerges with a clearer perspective on life.

Berk has a talent for captivating his readers through suspense, giving just enough information to keep the reader eager to read more. *Death Watch* is a powerful story of growth and discovery. Additionally, Berk inspires readers with a new and interesting perspective on the dead. Berk paints the dead not as the creepy, soulless creatures they are usually made out to be, but rather Berk portrays them as real people with wants, needs, and problems. *Death Watch* is a book that anyone, young or old, can enjoy and learn from.