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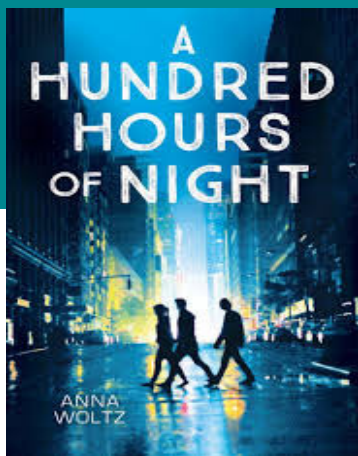
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Book Review

A Hundred Hours of Night

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

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242

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Emilia De Wit decides to run away to New York city when her father is caught in a teenage scandal. Tired from her journey, she shows up to her arranged apartment to find that she has been scammed. The next morning she meets Seth, who lives in the apartment she originally rented. He is astonished to find out where she has spent the night and offers her a spot in his sister's room. Hurricane Sandy strikes as they head to Sam's apartment. The teenagers stick together as Hurricane Sandy rages on, keeping them confined to the apartment for days. Emilia's parents then come to New York for a fresh start at a life that should have happened the first time.

This book is absolutely inspiring, but has some elements that make it hard to recommend. At the beginning of the book as Emilia is describing her fathers situation, the book has some comments and posts about their situation that are not exactly appropriate. However, most of the book is beautiful, to say the least. As the reader observes the teenagers come together and open up to each other, it feels as if they were there when the storm is going on. The character development is very well done. The reader is able to see how each character feels and where they are coming from. Overall, this is an excellent story, but contains some themes that would not be appropriate for all ages.

*Contains severe language