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## Book Review

### I Scream, You Scream (Scary Tales)

#### Author

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Intermediate

#### Pages

112

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2013

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Sam Carver has won a ticket to be the first on the brand new ride, Dragon Tooth. The attendants soon belt her into her seat next to a rather pasty boy who looks sick even before the ride begins. As the carts move forward into a dark tunnel, a landslide and the sounds of explosions separate Sam and the pale-skinned boy. At the end of the tunnel they see a fallen ride worker and another woman desperately trying to fix things. Sam manages to extricate herself and the boy with her, and together they make a mad dash for the surface. They encounter a giant Thing and take cover in a cave. As they explore, they discover a cavern of bats and use the bats to find a way out of the cave. Sam determines to save herself, the boy, and to find her parents while discovering the depths of her courage.

I Scream, You Scream is another excellent book in the series of scary tales that closely resembles The Twilight Zone and The Outer Limits TV series from the fifties and sixties. Sam Carver's heroism is wonderful and inspiring. Especially endearing to the reader is Sam's consistent and persistent loyalty to her family and to the promise that she has made to her amusement ride co-passenger. The story line is predictable but fun to read, and where the story ends is provocative and could inspire additional story lines as a Halloween reading or writing project for an English class. One of the primary themes of this story involves facing fears, especially personal phobias, and it does so in a very positive way. This is a fun little episodic thriller that young readers will enjoy reading and re-telling without becoming totally terrified.

\*Contains mild violence