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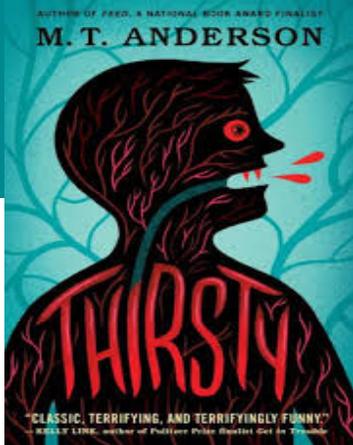
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## Book Review

### Thirsty

#### Author

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Young Adult

#### Pages

256

#### Year

2008

#### Publisher

Candlewick

#### ISBN

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Chris has problems, serious problems for such a young man. His parents have announced that they will divorce as soon as he and his brother are out and on their own. He has a crush on a girl that he finds it impossible to talk to. His big brother treats him like a jerk, and to round it all off, puberty is turning him into a vampire. He meets a Celestial Being who asks for his help destroying the old vampire trapped under the nearby lake. The Celestial Being promises to cure Chris of vampirism, which is what Chris wants more than anything. Chris agrees but rapidly finds himself in way over his head. Chris and the Being successfully rid the town of the demon in the lake, but success doesn't bring the results Chris was counting on.

This is an interesting coming of age story paralleling puberty with becoming a vampire. Chris has a new lust and urges that he must control, but can he? As complications surge through his life he is faced with challenging questions and decisions. Who can he trust? Is he completely alone? Can he save the world? Can he change his fate? What teen doesn't relate to these issues? While this is a supernatural tale, the underlying current of truth gives this story validation for every male youth who is regretting the safety of childhood ebbing but thrilling to a new body with new abilities and desires. While not always moral, *Thirsty* is a very intriguing read.

\*Mild sexual content, moderate violence.