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Book Review

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Charles Thompson is being forced to move to Echo City with his parents as his father works on renovating a building. But when Charles moves into the penthouse with his family, he finds out that there is a lot more to Echo City than just the crime rates and perceived danger. A closet monster starts wreaking havoc in his life. Desperate and not sure what to do, he calls Margo Maloo, the monster mediator that his new neighbor recommends. Together, Charles and Margo are able to solve the closet monster issue as well as let curious Charles see that there is more to monsters than he ever thought, and that they have feelings, family, and lives too.

This is a really intriguing first book to a series in the graphic novel genre. The pages of this graphic novel are well illustrated with full-color images and rich dialogue. The hardcover is bound well and has raised text and images, adding to the richness of the text. The characters are fun and easy to relate with. Coming from the perspectives of youth, monsters, changes, creepy abandoned buildings and the strong ties of family give the book a wonderful feel and rich background development. Weing is able to develop a society and place monsters into a new and rather fascinating life and show that maybe monsters are sometimes treated as oppressively as children.