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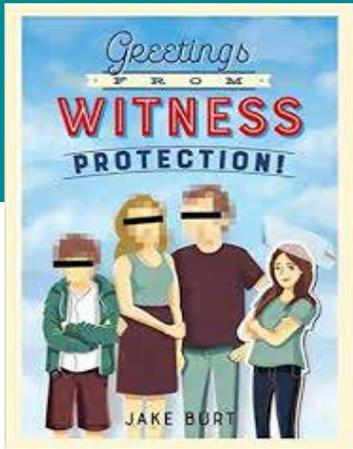
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Book Review

Greetings From Witness Protection!

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

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358

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Nicki Demere, a foster-child, is offered a position as the daughter in a family placed in Witness Protection. She disappears with her new family to North Carolina, becoming Charlotte Trevor. With strict rules to help them stay out of the limelight, the Trevor family actually seems to be making a life for themselves - that is, until the picture is posted. A middle school yearbook photographer posts a picture of the Trevor family, giving a murderous man the tip he needs to find them. With some ingenuity, the family comes out alive and the relocation process starts again. When Witness Protection tries to take Charlotte away, the family is adamant that she is their daughter and will stay with them. Triumphant, they move to Arizona together.

This book is a fast-paced and engaging read. The original plotline and characters are captivating and interesting. Life for the Trevors is not perfect, but their unique situation makes the family rely on each other and ultimately grow closer together. The end of the story is intense when the hitman finds the family; however, it does not exceed the development of the intended middle grade audience. With middle school characters and humor, this book is quite fitting for older children as they are sure to find it pleasurable. The uplifting themes of friendship, family, and being loved just as you are balance nicely with the intensities of the spy thriller genre. A story that both quickens the pulse in anticipation and touches the heart, Greetings from Witness Protection is sure to be a hit!