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# All The Crooked Saints

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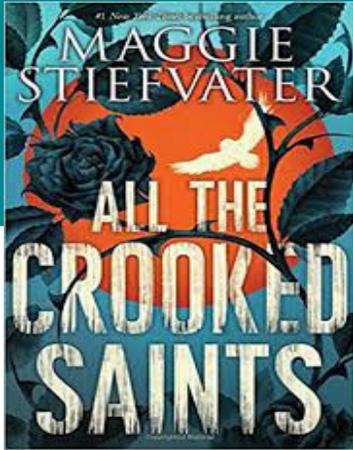
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## Book Review

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### Illustrator

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Young Adult

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320

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Everyone wants a miracle, but not everyone is willing to pay the price for one. For generations, the Soria family has provided miracles for those who seek them out in their desert town of Bicho Raro, but the miracles require a person's inner darkness to take a physical form. The Soria family cannot help any pilgrims lest their own darkness take form—and the darkness of a Soria is much stronger than anyone else. But when Daniel, the Saint of Bicho Raro, helps a pilgrim who he has fallen in love with, he ventures into the desert alone to keep the darkness from spreading. Now his cousins Joaquin, an amateur radio DJ who calls himself Diablo Diablo, and Beatriz, the girl without feeling, must find Daniel and save him from his darkness, and from the darkness within themselves.

A tale of magical realism where anything could happen, Stiefvater pulls readers along this tale of imperfect people trying their best to overcome their imperfections. The novel weaves a beautiful tale of service and self-progression through its magical realism. Many people might feel alone in their struggles or like no one can truly help them. But only through vulnerability and through allowing other people to see one's own darkness and help heal them can one move forward and grow. Seeing the vulnerability and darkness of another person reveals the shortcomings of oneself, but only through this service can people grow and help each other grow. The book does start a little slowly, but if readers can make it through the slower pace, they too can find their own miracle from All The Crooked Saints.

\*Contains mild language and mild sexual content.