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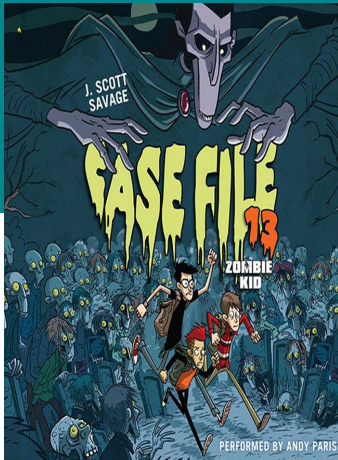
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate

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269

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Angelo, Nick, and Carter are best friends who love monsters and Halloween. This Halloween is different though; at the last minute, Nick's great-aunt passes away and Nick must go with his parents to the funeral in Louisiana. While in Louisiana, Nick finds an amulet that is cursed and decides to bring it home. Once at home, Nick notices many changes: he begins to reek of a horrible smell, he cannot feel pain, and suddenly he starts to lose appendages. He is becoming a zombie! With the help of Angelo and Carter, the three boys solve the mystery of the amulet by traveling to an undead world to free other zombies and turn Nick back into a human.

This book is very creative and entertaining. The plot, which sounds over-the-top, is surprisingly very well written. For children, the length might seem daunting; however, J. Scott Savage keeps the story line flowing, and it moves seamlessly from event to event. All of the pieces come together in the end for a solid closure. At the beginning of each chapter, there is a picture of Nick, denoting his slight body changes over time. This gives the reader a prediction of what events might occur within the chapter. There are humorous elements as well. The titles of each chapter say things such as "Do not read this chapter before going to bed!" or "This part is even weirder than the last." It is a great story that includes comical characters and an interesting adventure.