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Book Review

Supernaturally: Paranormalcy #2

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Young Adult

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336

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HarperTeen

Evie has the normal life she's always wanted, even if high school is a lot different than she thought it would be. But when Raquel appears asking for Evie's help, Evie is conflicted about returning to the International Paranormal Containment Agency (IPCA). Knowing she wants to do more, she returns and is assigned to work with Jack, a boy raised by the faeries who has more to him than meets the eye. Trying to balance her life, her relationship with Lend, and her job back at Central, Evie works to preserve who she is. Even though Evie tries to withhold judgment on an entire faery race, she finds herself stuck in her worst nightmare, and it's only the relationships she has with others that can bring her home again.

This is a solid sequel that delves more into the relationship between Lend and Evie. It also further explores the whole idea of Evie's empty soul, something that readers eager for these aspects will enjoy. However, other characters are mildly disappointing. Jack had a lot of potential but lacks the essence to connect him with readers, and Lend also seems less vibrant in this book. With a solid focus on the importance of truth in relationships, integrity and honesty come out as big themes in the story. This book will relate to teens as it explores the same question they might be asking of "who am I," and then ends with a nice resolution that ties up the answer. The flow of the story is well paced between action and conversation scenes. Readers looking for a clean read will also like to know that White uses the word "bleep" instead of swearing.

*Contains mild violence.