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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Young Adult

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There is only one thing inseparable sisters Kit and Fancy love as much as each other: murder. Worried that Kit's violent urges will land her on death row with their father, Fancy yearns for them to be able to kill without being caught. In the mysterious town of Portero, Texas, where monsters run rampant and people fall through doors to other worlds, the spirit of town-founder Cherry grants wishes once a year. Cherry grants Fancy's wish, and the two sisters can now kill without consequence. But to Fancy's dismay, this makes Kit become more compassionate. They drift further apart when Kit falls in love with Gabriel Turner and spends less time with her sister. Gabriel's brother Illan is a lot more sensible, except that he's head-over-heels for Fancy. Fancy begins to ask questions and search out answers and in the end, the four of them have to accept who they really are and work together to kill who hurt them the most.

This book is well-written and easy to follow. It creates great imagery, and the characters are well developed and distinct. The author doesn't over-explain, leaving room for the reader to interpret deeper meanings. It can be a bit cheesy, but it doesn't take away from the book's appeal. Neither does the fact that the relationships in the book are somewhat predictable. Although morbid and twisted, the book somehow maintains a light feel, and good messages can be uncovered in the book, including acceptance of one's self and acceptance of others. It appears that the author's intended audience is mature teens who have experienced some trauma and can relate to the feelings of the characters in the book. The moral of the book is not very evident, but the reader does come away with a lot to think about. There is enough left unexplained to encourage the reader to continue thinking about the story and its characters, but not enough for the reader to feel the book was incomplete. All in all the book is a simple yet thought-provoking read.

*Contains severe language, severe violence, and severe sexual content.