Book Review

Book You Are Reviewing: _The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll & Mademoiselle Odile_

Author of the Book: _James Reese_

Genre of the Book (fantasy, biography, sci-fi, etc…): _science fiction, historical fiction_

Reviewer’s Name: _Jennifer Harward (librarian)_

Give a brief summary of the book. Please, no spoilers! 😊

This is set in 1870s war-torn Paris, and it tells the story of how “kind” Dr. Jekyll became the evil Mr. Hyde. Odile, a young orphan girl and possible witch, and her brother come to Paris from the countryside after her parents are killed. They are living on the streets until they are taken under the wing of the well-off Dr. Jekyll. What Odile takes as kindness is really Dr. Jekyll’s selfish interest in the powers that Odile possesses.

Would you recommend it to others? Who? Why or why not?

Reese did a good job of reconstructing the historical setting of 1870s France. He also provides an interesting spin on how Dr. Jekyll became Mr. Hyde. That being said, this was not my favorite book. I wanted it to move faster than it did, and I had a hard time empathizing with any of the characters in the book.

Warnings (things that prospective readers should consider before choosing this book)!

- Language issues (0 to 5 scale, 0—no problem, 5—big problem): _0__
- Sexual content issues (0 to 5 scale, 0—no problem, 5—big problem): _0__
- Violence issues (0 to 5 scale, 0—no problem, 5—big problem): _2__
- Drugs/Alcohol issues (0 to 5 scale, 0—no problem, 5—big problem): _1_
- Others (please explain):