

Writing A Book Review
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Today I'm going to write a book review about a book called 'Skulduggery Pleasant', written by Derek Landy.

'Skulduggery Pleasant' is a book with a mixture of genres – mystery, detective, science fiction and adventure.

This book is about a skeleton detective Skulduggery Pleasant and his partner, a 14-year-old girl, Valkyrie Cain. They are on a mission to stop Serpine, Vengeous, Scarak and Hill-Billy, Billy-Ray Sanguine, from taking control and the end of this world as we know it. They're going to need all the help they can get so Skulduggery calls on some of his friends, Ghastly Bespoke and Tanith Low.

Skulduggery Pleasant is taking place in Ireland in the city of Dublin. Most of the time, wherever they are they're usually about to get killed, but there is no actual place to stay because they're always moving around to find clues and arrest people.

The action and mystery doesn't take place until Valkyrie's Uncle, Gordon gets murdered. At the time her name is Stephanie Edgely.

The good thing about the book is that you can't stop reading, because every once in a while the author puts some tension and curiosity. For example, like when you find out Valkyrie is going to have a baby brother or sister, or when she finds out she's going to destroy the earth. Whenever you feel quite bored he'll add something really surprising, but it's really rare that you would get bored. Skulduggery Pleasant is very addictive. When my parents say, "You need to come down now," I would just keep fixed on my book!

There were so many characters in the book but you don't really need to remember them since most of them die or go to prison. There were no illustrations, so I had to rely on the description to create an imaginative picture, but this was easy since Derek Landy would take up a whole paragraph just to describe one person.

I feel sometimes that I'm in the book and I'm standing right next to Valkyrie and Skulduggery helping them on their cases. This is what really makes the book come alive for me.

Some of the words in the book I don't know but I just read the whole sentence and figured out what they meant.

I think it is great for people who are 9 and over, but I'd recommend it for people who like mystery and action. I love these books and the great thing is that the author writes a book every single year. I always tell my family about the book and they don't understand a word I say, but I don't care because after all, I'm the reader.

I would definitely read another book by Derek Landy.