

Title: *Switch*
Author: A.S King
Genre: Fiction

Reviewer Name and Grade: Aiden L., 8th Grade

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Switch by A.S King is one of if not the worst book I've ever read. The book starts in March of 2020 time has stopped, our main character a girl named Truda Becker attends school in Pennsylvania. The book is written in the first person so everything written is meant to be in the perspective of Truda. She goes into great detail about something called New Clock (which really provides nothing to the story) we then learn she is a member of a psych team, the head of which is a man named nigel. Nigel is not a good person; he is awful to everyone and assigns the psych team a project on how they think time could start moving and why it stopped. Truda also decides to join the track and throw javelin (this is the main crux of the plot). We spend the next 200 pages learning about how dysfunctional Truda's family is and spend maybe less than two paragraphs on the switch. Truda learns she can throw javelin real good. She also decides her project for the psych team will be called "Plutchik's clock". Plutchick's clock is a clock that deals with emotion, Truda's thesis statement is along the lines of "Time stopped because people were not giving a shit about other people." Her words not mine. Chapters in the book are broken up by emotion, joy, sadness, anger, you get the gist. As the book goes further we get to Truda's first track meet... she beats a world record twice. She becomes famous overnight but doesn't want fame. By this point her house has flipped over two times (oh, yea her house has been flipping over the course of the book). The book ends with the psych team exposing Nigel and with Truda flipping the switch starting back up time.

Did the plot keep you interested?

No, no it did not. This book was so uninteresting and boring. The only thing that I thought of was, I could be reading "The Grapes of Wrath" right now.

Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?

This book was a slog to get through, I kept pushing back finishing the book because of how boring it was.

What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?

No one should be reading this but if I had to choose, 6th grade.

What type of reader would recommend this book to?

I would recommend this to someone who likes to read bad books, as stated no one should be reading this.

What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?

That the summary on the back is 100% inaccurate.

Rating:

I give this book a 1 out of 5! It was inaccurate, repetitive and boring. The entire time I was reading I wanted to do something else and the amount of bliss I felt after finishing the story was immense. In the words of Truda Becker "This explanation will do"