

Title: *Dark Room Etiquette*
Author: Robin Roe
Genre: Young Adult, Thriller

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Nitya M., 9th Grade.

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Dark Room Etiquette is thriller and suspense novel made by Robin Roe, the book primarily engages on a teenager named Sayers Wayte. Sayers is an almost perfect teenager as he has wealth, popularity, and good grades. Although Sayers has this perfect teenage life, one day it quickly disappears and his world crumbles due to a mysterious man named Caleb who kidnaps Sayers. The mysterious man Caleb says that Sayers isn't who he is, and that Sayers is a fraud and that he is full of lies and even that his whole life is a lie. After this happens, Sayers is brought to a room that has no lights nor windows. Sayers is terrified by this kidnapping and knows he needs to figure a way out of this place. As the days go by Sayers learns he needs to listen to everything Caleb says and adapt to this new lifestyle. Sayers also needs to play along with Caleb's twisted games. As days go by and days turn into weeks Sayers starts to go insane and now cannot tell the difference between truths and lies, he starts to question his identity. He even starts to question everything he used to think was true. The book is split up into 3 parts; before, which is before he is kidnapped, during, what happens when he is kidnapped, and after, what happens after he is rediscovered. The way that Sayers gets out of the kidnapping is not clear and not told in the book, but after Sayers is back home, he battles with emotional and physical trauma. Sayers must see therapists regularly. Sayers must try and rebuild his life because although he is free now the trauma of what Caleb did still give Sayers nightmares and flashbacks. In the story it is never clear whether authorities discovered Caleb or not nor his intentions with Sayers or his motives on why he captured Sayers which makes the story more suspenseful and leaves the reader thinking and gives the reader their own choice on what they thought might have happened.

Did the plot keep me interested?

It kept me very interested.

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

The pace of the book was just right.

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

I think this book is appropriate for grades 6 and up because the words are not complex and can be read by a reader of any level low to high.

What type of reader would you recommend this book to?

I would recommend this book to someone who likes thrillers and mystery books because this one is very good.

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

The book will leave you frustrated at the end.

Rating: I will give the book 4 stars because it had me turning pages for 2 hours and was worth it because the book is very good.