

Title: *Gorgeous Gruesome Faces*

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Linda Cheng's *Gorgeous Gruesome Faces* is a dark and emotional story that explores many things an idol has to experience, like grief, identity, beauty, as well as pressure. The novel follows Sunday Lee, Sunny, an Asian teen dealing with the loss of her best friend, Mina. Sunny becomes obsessed with trying to find out what truly happens, which leads her into strange and supernatural events. One event is the changing of people's faces, which makes them both beautiful and terrifying—a strong symbol for how the book explores how we see ourselves and how others see us.

Sunny's journey isn't just about exploring secrets, but also about confronting her own fears, insecurities, and unresolved trauma. I believe that the horror in this story reflects herself and her own experiences, and as the line between supernatural and reality becomes blurry, Sunny has to face both emotional and physical changes.

I also love how Cheng makes Sunny feel real and honest, as Sunny is going through a lot, including guilt, broken relationships, her past as an idol, and many many more. These struggles make the novel feel more than just a scary story, it makes it feel almost real, as if Sunny really was living in this world.

The writing of this novel is very vivid and atmospheric, especially in the descriptions of the eerie mansion and the strange transformations that happen inside. It allows readers to sit with the emotional weight of Sunny's experiences. With the perfect mix of fantasy and reality, it really brings not only Sunny, but all the characters to life.

Gorgeous Gruesome Faces is a unique blend of horror and emotional depth. Linda Cheng balances creepy elements with an honest look at identity, grief, and how society's view of beauty can affect us. This is a powerful and haunting novel that replicates reality in a way that is rarely seen.

I think that anyone who enjoys horror stories with emotional depth and a twist would absolutely love this story as it captures both the supernatural world and reality perfectly. This book will definitely leave a long lasting impression on all types of audiences.

I would also like to note the fact that this book does contain some descriptions of harming others, so please be advised.