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A retro, 80s horror movie feel with a modern vibe. Haunted by the murder of his little brother, sixteen-year-old Ethan Harris finds a kindred spirit when Shay Cassidy moves to the stormy coastal town of Emerald Bay. Like Ethan, the beautiful and willowy Shay is the victim of a guilt-ridden, broken past, and she and Ethan are drawn together. But local bully Viktor Sols harbors his own dark and twisted desire for Shay and will stop at nothing to get her. A series of grisly murders begins, and Ethan, Shay and their friends find themselves in a pitched battle against a supernatural foe. Can they survive or will the shocking secret of the Sols family kill them all?

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Evilynn says

I have no idea what persuaded me to buy this book to start out with, and after reading the thing, I'm even more baffled. The good thing is it's a short read. The bad thing is, well, the rest. Badly written, oddly anachronistic in places, very rape-y and with a serious breast fixation. If you really love 80ies style horror movies, supposedly set in this century and don't mind bad writing and a lot of female characters being threatened with rape/being raped/thinking about their own breasts while about to die/be violated, give it a go, I guess? Otherwise avoid.

Stephanie Jane (Literary Flits) says

The Scare is a high school horror tale with an interesting mix of contemporary and gothic settings. It does get gory and very sexual so unsuitable for younger teens. The characters are well drawn considering how many there are and, although a misogynistic boys-protecting-girls theme keeps recurring, the female characters are allowed to do more than just pout, scream and die! I particularly liked Shaw's descriptions and imagery. His story is not stunningly original, but makes for an entertaining escapist read.

This book was recommended to me on Twitter back in May and I've unfortunately forgotten who by. If you happen to read this review, please make yourself known - I like your taste in fiction!

Meghan says

This is definitely not one of those books I should have been reading late at night with my cat sitting on top of me haha ...

I loved this book. There were a lot of moments, especially towards the end, when your breathing stopped, waiting for the next "Scare." It was one of those books that roped me in and I continued reading it every chance I got until I was done.

I'm not usually a fan of books that change viewpoints a lot, but this one was done very well. Each chapter was focused on either the group as a whole or on one particular character and the author does a great job with the transitions. In fact, it helps the story a lot by being able to know what each person is feeling in different situations.

These are a few of my observations while reading this book:

1 For this being a book for young adults, there is a LOT of people turned on in it. o_O It seems, at one point, that everyone not inside this little clique is seriously weird with it. (Ejayce's step-brother especially.) I'm not a fan of sexual content and I don't want to pass a book full of sexual content on to younger readers, so if you're a parent looking for a good read for your child, I would take a look at the book before you let them read it. There is a point to it, in the end, but I wish the point could have been made differently. This did not affect my star rating, as you can see, because this is a personal thing of mine and I didn't feel it should affect the author just because it's something that I personally don't like.

2 For high school kids, they sure think in big words. I would have loved this group when I was in high school because no one understood me because I was always using the big words. But most high school kids don't think that way.

3 Some of the descriptions of things were a little strange. Interesting, but strange. For example: "...putting him to sleep faster than a lethal injection." Very descriptive and also a way I don't usually think about things.

Joanne says

really good, scary story. One of the best horrors I've read in a while.

LadyReads TooMuch says

The Scare is about mind control games which include murder and rape.
So, if you are sensitive on these subjects, be warned.
Do not read it in dark, or if u have weak heart.
It's scary and nasty and very twisted.
It is well written work of fiction, and I loved it.

Lauren Lynne says

Wow! The aptly named The Scare by Robert Shaw kept me up at night... reading! The Scare is well written and engaging. I wanted to see what would happen next and the intensity of it held me captive. The protagonist, Ethan, is haunted by the murder of his little brother. He finds someone who understands in a new girl who moves to town with her own closet full of skeletons. They share broken pasts and try together to survive the present where the local bully torments everyone at school but has turned his sights on Ethan and his friends. When a series of grisly murders begins, Ethan suspects the town bully but doubts that anyone would believe him especially now that the town bully is dead. If you haven't yet read this... buy a copy. I'm not sorry that I did!

Mark Combs says

Ethan Harris is a sixteen year old boy who lives in the coastal town of Emerald Bay. He harbors a lot of guilt over the death of his younger brother a year before. One day, he meets the new girl in town, Shay Cassidy. Like Ethan, Shay has a dark past. The two immediately become inseparable, and Shay becomes member of Ethan's inner-circle, a close-knit group of friends.

The town bully, Viktor Sols, has his eye on Shay Cassidy too, and will stop at nothing to have her. Viktor is shrouded in mystery, living in creepy old house that overlooks the ocean. It is rumored that he has a wheelchair bound-brother.

Soon, people start dying, including some in Ethan's inner circle, victims of horrific murders. Ethan, Shay,

and their remaining friends soon find themselves locked in battle with a strong supernatural force that is determined to see them all dead, all but Shay that is.

The story was told from multiple viewpoints, and had the distinct feel of a classic horror story, complete with a creepy old house on the edge of a cliff, and plenty of horror and killing. The author was also very effective at blending haunting nightmare sequences with reality, making the reader question the very fabric of what is what is real and what is not.

The tension slowly built over the course of the book, and it seemed as though each chapter ended in a cliffhanger, pulling the reader further and further into the book, making it difficult to put down.

The main protagonists, Ethan, Shay, Quincy, and Eejayce were well developed by the author, and came across as the kind of friends everyone would like to have. They were thoughtful, loyal, and brave.

All in all, I really enjoyed this book. It took me back to my teenage years, when I would watch some of the horror classics like Halloween, Friday the 13th, and Nightmare on Elm Street.

With all the things I liked about the book, I have a couple of complaints as well. First, some of the dialogue in the book seemed as though it was taken right out of a bad, low budget horror film. There were times when I was reading this bad dialogue that I could almost hear some third-rate actor reciting it. Also, all of the following words were used in one chapter of the book: lambent effulgence, fulguration, and pyrexia. There were all used in the appropriate context. I know because I had to look them all up. There are appropriate places for words like this. A horror novel is not one of those places.

Bottom line: The book had a few shortcomings, but it was a fun read. Also, there was some fairly graphic sexual content, so I wouldn't recommend it for kids.

SoDark says

Five stars are not enough to rate this book! One of the best thriller/horror/mystery book I've read!

Ted Clermont says

man i really wanna read this book now. all these comments sayin how good it is, and the type of book they say it is makes me want to read it even more. screw it, im goin to a library.
