

Lovereadng Reader reviews of Messenger of Fear by Michael Grant

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Amelia White, age 14

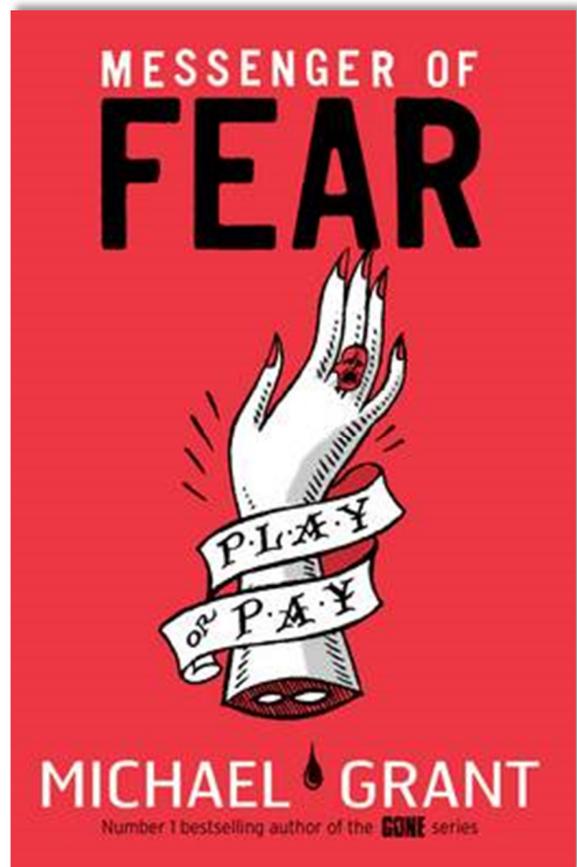
A mysterious, supernatural book. Do we really know how the world work? Are accidents really accidents?

Mara is taken in as the Messenger of Fears apprentice. He blocks her memories so she can remember certain things, slowly he reveals them to her. Mara doesn't understand where she is. She can read peoples memories and with the help from the messenger begins to judge people. When people say that things are accidents, sometimes they're not, the messenger offers those people whether to play or suffer. You play you win your safe, you loose or decide not to play your greatest fear happens to you. Play or Pay.

This is a brilliant book written by Michael Grant, I have read some of his stories like 'Gone' and found this book really good. It shows you the world in a different way and what's behind bullying and the choices people make. Grant lets you into Maras mind and helps you realise what she's going through. It's a supernatural book and is a great story to read.

Rose Heathcote, age 15

This book is a real page turner it has a mix of real life problems with fascinating fictional events, a fantastic partnership which keeps you hooked. A must read for both teenage girls and boys.



*The main character is Mara a girl who wakes up with no memories apart from knowing her own name, she is surrounded by a strange mist from which a man appears who calls himself the Messenger of Fear. There are three different plots within the book, each with a very different story to tell, however, the Messenger of Fear is involved with them all. If you read this book it will open your eyes to real life problems and make you more aware of how your actions can affect others. The book sends you on a roller coaster of emotions, scared, sad, angry and happy. I hope Michael Grant continues the book into a series as I would definitely read it. I give this book 5 stars ***** and would recommend it to my family and friends.*

Thora Harrison, age 13

This book is AWESOMELY EXCITING and yet manages to be emotional at the same time. I loved it!

This book was an emotional and disconcerting journey through a strange world for the main character, Mara, and me. It was filled with twists and turns in the plot which kept me on my toes until the very end, despite one detail being quite predictable. Overall, all the characters were, though unique, believable, which really made the story enjoyable for me. In conclusion it was an amazing book and I'd recommend it to anyone my age. Definitely a nine out of 10.

Esmé Molloy, age 14

Scares with every sentence.

With this book I found myself lured into that trap of; More you discover, less you know, until right at the end. This meant (naturally) I read it all in one go. - oops- It is a thriller-horror story but also has a surprising depth, of which you would not expect of this genre.

I actually really enjoyed this book, it had the right balance of scares and mystery and lures you in with every page. scares:10 action:10 Mystery:10 Warning; do not read in the dark!!!

Emily Kinder, age 13

Drama, intrigue and unbearable tension - Mara's fractured story is the epitome of an incredible book. The enigmatic Messenger takes

her on a gruesome journey, as she remembers her troubled past.

In our world, many people go unpunished. Many people get away with their crimes. These people are lucky; they've never met the Messenger.

Mara wakes up in a place she's never seen before, with no knowledge of how she got there, no memories of anything. The Messenger takes her on a horrific journey, but why, Mara has no clue.

The twists and turns of this incredible book are guaranteed to keep you glued to the pages until the very end. I was shocked at the resolution, and left wanting more. I very much hope that there will be a sequel, as the end leaves you desperate to follow Mara to the end.

Lorraine Baker

Think you know the meaning of suspense? Think again... The Messenger sees the darkness in young hearts, and the damage it inflicts upon the world. If they go unpunished, he offers the wicked a game. Win, and they can go free. Lose, and they will live out their greatest fear.

But what does any of this have to do with Mara? She is about to find out...

*I was so looking forward to reading this new book by Michael Grant a first in a new series but boy was I disappointed. Having read the Gone series this book was a big let down for me. I found it over long and short on content. The whole story could have been condensed down into half the size and then more story line and action could have been added to pump up the book. I had no interest in the character Mara and found when reading it that I just wanted the book to end - **Sorry but for me it is not a patch on the authors previous books.***

Kynthia Ravikumar, age 14

An unique book full of strange yet interesting ideas. Huge twists-great for Michael Grant fans.

Mara has woken up in a strange place full of magical yet horrible things. Meeting the Messenger of Fear, a cold man who punishes people when they have done wrong in the most disastrous ways, can Mara truly work out who she is and how she got there?

Nat, age 17

Behave or you will get the visit of the Messenger of Fear.

'Messenger of Fear' by Michael Grant is about a girl called Mara who wakes up surrounded by mist and does not have any memories left. She can not remember who she is or where she is. She is greeted by the Messenger of Fear. As the book goes along, Mara learns about her past, who she was and what she did in her previous life. The Messenger shows Mara different people's lives and Mara has to watch the bad decisions these people make and how these decisions affect them and the people around them.

We learn as we go that the people that do really bad things, get the visit of the Messenger of Fear. They are told that they have to play a game. If they win, they go free. If they lose they have to live out their worst fears. It is violent and can get gory and you feel pity for the people that are being punished.

*The book is about good and evil in humans and how people behave in life towards each other. It is about cruelty, injustice, bullying, racism and death. **It is a very original book, not just the story but also the way it is written. It has a twist at the end that you do not expect.***

Lisa Phin, age 32

A powerful look at how our actions affect others and the consequences we must face.

I may be a bit older than the intended market for this novel, but a good book should never have an age restriction!

I read this book in two sittings. I don't think I've read anything like this before in which we see somebody dealing with the impact and consequences our conscious actions have.

The premise is that when somebody acts maliciously they must pay for it and balance out the injustice done. In 'Messenger of Fear' they have the choice to play a game and if they win they get to go on with their life. If they lose however, they must pay by enduring their worst fear as their penance.

I felt slightly frustrated that each time it seemed the reader was about to get an insight into Mara's past and her present situation, the scene changed and the story took on a different arc. There are some, not necessarily graphic scenes, but scenes that are very descriptive and may not be suitable for a younger reader.

I'm undecided about how much I liked this book as the story jumped about quite

a lot. However, I would be interested to read the next instalment to see how the story progresses and what we can find out about the Messenger of Fear's background.

Sophia Ufton

Wow!! What an amazing read, loved every second of the book!

This is the story of a girl named Mara, who wakes to find herself surrounded by a yellow mist, after a while the mist disappears but she sees a man who calls himself the messenger. What she encounters on her travels with the messenger, will eat at your soul and you will wonder if you will ever do anything bad again or at all! Read this book!