

## **Misfit**

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The main character of *Misfit* – Jael Thompson - has always felt like an outcast in society. Her mother died when she was too young to remember it, and her dad is always closed off. So, it's a surprise to her when, on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, her father gives her a necklace that once belonged to her mother. It's an even bigger surprise when she finds out that her mom was a demones, which makes her half demon. Now she has to struggle with school life and her demon uncle, Dagon, teaching her how to use her newly unlocked powers.

Honestly, when I started this book, I was immediately ready to put it back down and say "forget it", but I pushed through and was pleasantly surprised. That being said, let's go over the problems I had. The book insists on using flashbacks as full chapters, and honestly, it's confusing to follow for at least the first 4 or 5 chapters. It could've been handled much better, in my opinion, and it could've definitely been less confusing. Also, the sheer amount of religious references they allude to in the first few chapters makes it feel like a bus hit you in terms of confusion and shock. Now I know what you may be thinking, and yes, this is a book about demons. However, there's just so many references, and a lot of them are some that never get brought up later. Though, once you push through all of that, the main characters are actually very well developed and interesting, which makes the whole reading experience totally worth it. All in all, I wouldn't say I *loved* the book, but it was certainly a book I didn't regret reading.

The only rating I could find on this book was simply "young adult", and they're definitely not wrong. However, if I were to put a defining age on this book, I'd say anyone 14+. There's some bad language and mildly graphic violence, and I'm not sure how people may feel about the whole religion aspect, as it does come off a bit strong. These are the main reasons I'd recommend borrowing it from a library before buying it.

### **Recommended Titles:**

The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza by Shaun David Hutchinson

The Harry Potter Series by J.K.Rowling

The Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series by Rick Riordan