

Book Title: The Chronicles of Harris Burdick
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The Chronicles of Harris Burdick is a book with a compilation of stories from different authors. These authors based their stories on a piece of artwork and a quote which is included before the actual story. This book being a large compilation of fourteen different short stories by fourteen different authors. This includes stories such as “Under the Rug”, “Missing in Venice”, “The Harp”, and many others. Many of these stories are very interesting and sometimes have a fun twist at the end. Many are also not only fun to read but also have underlying moral lessons. Such as, “Under the Rug”, which tells readers that they should not sweep their problems and emotions under a rug or there might be negative consequences. In “Missing in Venice”, teaches that one should not steal, or you will have to pay back your wrong doings in one way or another. In “The Harp”, it teaches siblings to get along and to help each other to get through difficult times when others may not be able to. There are many other underlying moral stories to some of the other stories as well.

In this book I found the compilations of stories to all be very interesting. I found them to be able to catch my attention and to keep me going through the book. I liked that the stories were somewhat short instead of losing interest in one long story. I also liked the images before the stories so that I could get a picture in my mind of each story. I could not think of anything that made me dislike the book, I just liked some stories more than others. Overall, I find it to be an entertaining and interesting read that might be great for those who are able to sit through short stories better than one long story and those who like twist endings and stories that are different from the norm.

I think that this would be a great book to purchase for oneself or as a gift, however it would also be a great book to get at the library as well. The target audience is for teens and older. However, I think it’s a great book to read either on one’s own or together with the family. I think that this book would be ok for those in pre-teen years or somewhat younger, not just the teen target audience due to there being no violence or cursing and personally found the stories to be good. I think it would also be a plus for parents since most of the stories have a moral lesson.

Book Suggestions If You Liked This Book

Fantasy Stories compiled by Diana Jones
M is for Magic by Neil Gaiman
The Curiosities: A Collection of Stories by Maggie Steifvater, etc.