

Skulduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire

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Skulduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire is the sequel to *Skulduggery Pleasant: Scepter of Ancients*. It is a fantastic Sequel that has just as much adventure as the first book with a whole new set of characters besides Skulduggery and Valkyrie. This time however, the plot is almost exactly the same. For this reason, I think that the book was ordinary compared to the first book. It still was a good read, however.

The thing I liked most about the book was the fact that it had a lot of suspenseful action. It brings a lot of monsters to life and it is very easy to imagine the scene in your head because of all the details. Derek Landy did an amazing job making the characters seem more realistic by their actions of what they would do when they faced a moral dilemma. All the characters were put in difficult situations full of action and suspense and used only their wit to get out of it.

I also really liked how Derek Landy forced an almost impossible devastating situation and created crafty ways in which the characters could flee or defeat the antagonists.