

## **The Pawnbroker Book Reviews**

### **“A great paranormal read for young adults!”**

Imagine. You and your friend are riding your bikes and come upon a dilapidated old mansion. Naturally, you and he go into the old house to explore. Suddenly, you can't find your friend. When you come out, you start having weird dreams about two boys in another time. This is what happens to Jamie after leaving that old house. Why did Jamie start having these dreams and where did his friend go?

Night after night, Jamie has these dreams but they aren't always the same dream. They've always been about the two boys being told to steal from innocent people but now it's worse. Now, Jamie witnesses a murder. What do these dreams mean and why is he having them?

Jamie and another friend, Sarah, visit the library to investigate. By reading old newspapers, going through city directories and indexes they find that all Jamie's dreams actually happened. The jewels that Jamie dreamt that Bert found in the mansion about are real. Even the murder really happened!

In this paranormal story about traveling through time in dreams, Jamie is terrified. The evil Pawnbroker crosses time and will stop at nothing to get the jewels for himself. Even if it means murdering more people!

Will Jamie be able to solve this paranormal mystery? Can he escape The Pawnbroker?”

Reviewed by Deborah S. Hockenberry "kidztales"  
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### **“Creepy, creepy, oh so creepy!”**

Wow, when I started reading this I just could not put it down! It has such a great atmosphere. It starts off with two boys coming across an old spooky house, empty and very big. They get split up, one of them gets locked in a room and falls asleep. He dreams of another boy, a Victorian chimney sweep, who goes to a house and finds some jewels. But after he wakes, the modern boy realizes that he is in the same house that the chimney sweep was in! The past and the present gradually become one. The modern boy digs up all the facts about the house and also discovers that murders took place. The culprit was a pawnbroker - hence the title. But this pawnbroker is so evil that he has crossed time to retrieve the jewels once again. It is really scary in parts. The pawnbroker is a horrible creation, capable of anything. He must murder about a half dozen people - boys too! He

is so creepy! I love the fact that there is some real history in this, and it shows you how you can discover your own history through using the Census returns and Street Directories. The action never stops and I couldn't put it down. I can't wait for more stories from this author. I've read all of them and I think this one is probably the best. Go out and buy it, you won't be disappointed.”

Reviewed by Rozz  
12 Dec 2010

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**“The Best!**

This is the best book Glenn Stuart has written so far. The Pawnbroker is an evil character, who stalks the streets of Victorian Birkenhead, crossing through time to pursue what he believes is his. He murders his way through the centuries, coming into the present day to pursue the young heroes as they try desperately to escape from his clutches. Well researched and full of twists and scares along the way, Glenn Stuart has created a real chiller, superbly written which will capture the imagination of young and old alike. His other books have been good - most notably Death's Dark Design, but this has to rank as perhaps his best. You won't be disappointed in this tale, I promise you that.”

Reviewed by S. Yates  
11 Dec 2010