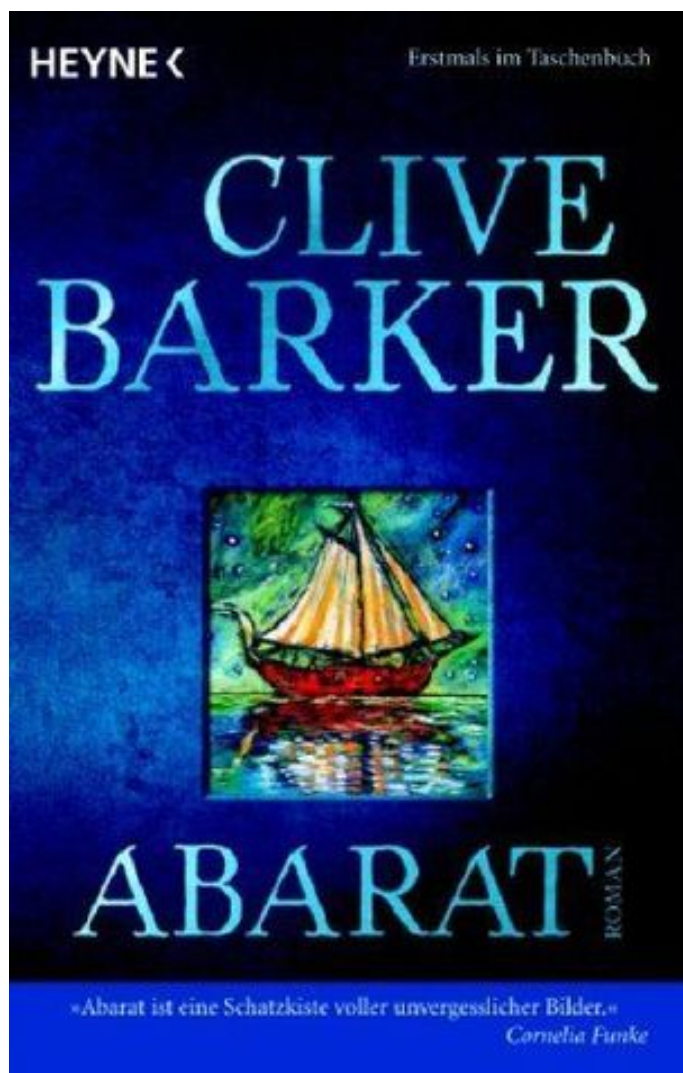

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Abarat (Abarat #1)



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Description

Skepsis ist angesagt, wenn ein weltbekannter Horrorautor plötzlich Jugendbücher verfasst. Ausgerechnet Clive Barker, dessen *Bücher des Blutes* ihrem Namen mehr als gerecht werden und dessen *Hellraiser-Serie* Filmgeschichte geschrieben hat, wildert jetzt auf dem Markt zwischen J. K. Rowling und Philip Pullman?

Der Anfang ist so konventionell wie charmant: Die sechzehnjährige Candy, Tochter eines zu Wutanfällen neigenden Alkoholikers, ist in einer ländlichen Kleinstadt in den USA aufgewachsen, die langweiliger nicht sein könnte. Nach einem Streit mit einer Lehrerin hält sie es nicht mehr aus und läuft davon. Von einer goldenen Wolke neugierig gemacht, gelangt sie alsbald auf eine weite Grasebene und entdeckt -- einen Leuchtturm. Mitten in Minnesota, Tausende von Kilometern vom Meer entfernt!

Ab diesem Punkt unterläuft Barker alle Erwartungen: Candys weitere Reise führt sie auf einen geheimnisvollen Archipel, in eine Welt, die sich von der unseren grundlegend unterscheidet. Jede Insel ist unveränderlich in einer festen Tageszeit gefangen -- vierundzwanzig Inseln in vierundzwanzig "Stunden", von einer unerklärlichen fünfundzwanzigsten Insel/Stunde ganz zu schweigen. Und die Mitternacht droht, den Tag zu verschlingen ...

Abarat (Abarat #1), der erste von vier geplanten Bänden, liest sich streckenweise wie eine Mischung aus Oz, Narnia und Erdsee, womit dem Buch jedoch keinesfalls seine Originalität abgesprochen werden soll. Der Roman ist düsterer als das Gros der Jugendliteratur, und wenn man genauer hinsieht, stößt man auf für Barker typische Themen wie Kapitalismuskritik und gleichgeschlechtliche Liebe.

Gerüchten zufolge hat Disney die Multimedia-Rechte an dieser Serie für knapp unter 10 Millionen Dollar gekauft. Hoffen wir, dass Barker trotzdem die Freiheit genießt, nach seinen eigenen Vorstellungen weiter zu schreiben. Denn dann könnte *Abarat (Abarat #1)* ein ganz großer Wurf in der phantastischen Literatur werden! --*Felix Darwin*

Insightful reviews

Rebecca Grant: I read this book when I was around 12-13 years old. I remember seeing it on a shelf when my parents told me to find something I wanted to buy since they were getting my brother a cool water gun. Well, I chose it and it is quite literally my favourite book. Adventure and magic all placed into a huge world called Abarat, the imagination that was used to build this world is unlike any I've ever seen and I can confidently say that I was always awed by the scenes the descriptive writing caused to swirl in my head. If you are a fan of new, strange and magical worlds then this book is something you should definitely read! I love it.

Brian White: I wanted to like this book. I really did. I've enjoyed everything else I've read by Barker. Alas, not so here.

The story revolves around Candy Quackenbush, an adolescent girl who leaves school one day in a huff at her teacher and shortly finds herself transported into the Abarat - another dimension where there are islands in a great sea and every island represents one hour of the day. Plus a 25th mystery island.

Here's the thing. I love nostalgia stories where the protagonist is a child or early teen and he or she faces some great difficulty and overcomes it. Lessons are learned, adults are taught that kids are people too, on-and-on. Abarat started out with that premise, but abandoned it within a few chapters. The plot is loose, just a series of random events befalling our young heroine. The imagery from Abarat is vivid, but also random. There is no sense of anything otherworldly. It reads more like Barker had all these images in his head from various incomplete ideas and decided to just lump them all together.

By the time I was half-way through I just wanted it to be over so I wouldn't have to keep reading. I didn't sympathize with Candy, and her conflict with Carrion and his minions stopped interesting me almost as soon as it had begun.

I doubt I will move on to the other books in the series. Not recommended.

Kaila: It's been a few days and I'm still unsure what to think of this novel. Clive Barker is not one of my favorite authors, but when I saw the gorgeous hardcover of *Abarat* on my brother-in-law's bookshelf, I simply had to pick it up. At first this was only because I couldn't decipher the damn title on the spine. It's done in the Illuminati style:



I had a hell of a time figuring out what the title was. I finally found it on Amazon and promptly decided that this is one book that shouldn't be read on the Kindle. Clive Barker spent 6 years painting the series of pictures that appear in the novels, so the pictures are pretty integral to the story. The physical book itself is wonderful to my brain in that unique way that books have. The cover is a delicious shade of royal purple, the pages are shiny and a pleasure to turn, and the crazy pictures have wonderful color and imagery. My brother-in-law knows that I am not a Clive Barker fan and promptly said that if any book could change my mind, it would be this one. Very well then, I'll give it a try!



One of my favorite illustrations, a depiction of the big baddie, Christopher Carrion

The entire novel has this surreal “*Alice in Wonderland* as brought to you by Guillermo del Toro” feel to it. Girl goes to crazy new country, is immediately seen as special by basically everyone, doesn’t have to bother much with mundane activities like eating, drinking, or sleeping, and makes a host of new friends along the way. Actually, that sounds a lot more cliché than it did while I was reading the book. The adventure is pretty fun, to be honest, although we know that the main character, Candy, is never actually in any danger, as there will always be a crazy coincidence/*dues ex machina* to save her. That’s how all these young adult fantasy novels seem to go though, and it honestly didn’t bug me very much while I was reading it. It reminded me of today’s other incredibly popular British fantasy writers, Neil Gaiman and Diana Wynne Jones. They straddle the line between “young adult novel” and “high fantasy.” It’s a hard line to span successfully, and although I don’t feel like Clive Barker did it as well Gaiman or Jones, those are truly powerhouses to go up against.

The writing was pretty juvenile. I’m no writer, and I freely acknowledge that. But I feel like a very common complaint about writing is when feelings are mentioned in the narration in paragraph form, not by the characters themselves. This happens a *ton* in this novel. Usually it is coupled with odd memories of Candy’s childhood, like literally in the middle of an action scene she’ll start remembering something, a paragraph will go by, and then we’ll be back in the middle of the action. The timing felt incredibly off for the entire book. The first action scene is one of the best of the book, but it took a bizarrely long time for something that in real life would

have taken one or two minutes. The bad guy is constantly right behind her but she has plenty of time to have entire conversations before he ever reaches her. It consistently tore me out of the action because the timing just didn't work for me.

I'm not sure what to make of the weird abusive relationship Candy has with her father. It is mentioned a few times in the beginning as maybe a reason that she got fed up with her current life, but it felt forced and detached. Abusive relationships, whether it's parental, spousal, whatever, are one thing that always turns on the waterworks for me. I find it so depressing that people have to go through that every day. Candy obviously hates her dad and we're given a few anecdotes of him slapping her or her mom, but it felt so out of place every time, I would recoil in horror from the book. Now, this may be exactly what was supposed to happen, so that we know that Candy has found a better place in the Abarat, or why she will always fight against Carrion so that he doesn't subjugate the islands the same way her dad dominated her. I don't know, but it felt out of place. Here's a quote from page 282 that had me in open mouthed horror (emphasis mine):

...she heard the sound of Wolfswinkel's stick whistling through the air and landing on Malingo's back. She winced. A second stroke came quickly after the first, then a third, and a fourth and a fifth. Between the blows she heard the soft sound of Malingo's sobs. She understood those heart wracking tears; she'd shed them herself, when her father was done with her. Tears of relief that it was all finished, for now. And tears of fear that it would happen again when she least expected it. **Her father hadn't used a stick to strike her, but he'd had his own ways to cause pain.**

Woah wait WHAT? I may be reading into this but the first and ONLY thought in my head after reading that last sentence was "Holy crap sexual abuse not cool." I simply have no idea what to make of that, and I was just starting to really get into the book at this point too.

I'm still pretty curious as to where he is going with the story. Although I didn't know this when I picked up *Abarat*, it is planned to be a five book series, with number four slated for 2014. It's going to be a while before the whole series is finished, but I will definitely be picking up two and three soon.

Edit: I just thumbed through a trade paperback edition of this book. **DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK IN PAPERBACK.** It will not have the pictures, and as he wrote and illustrated this book together, it would be criminal not to have both media next to each other.

Alice: this can be actually an cutting edge book. Clive Barker has an mind's eye in contrast to something i have encountered, so in case you are searching for a e-book that throws you head first into the realm of your wildest dreams, this can be the e-book you have been taking a look for. this is often my favourite e-book of the sequence since it introduces you to Abarat and its wonders. the particular plot line is in it really is boy or girl shape however it bargains up adequate inquiries to preserve the reader engaged. many of the "answers" given are imprecise and also you do not particularly recognize what is occurring during this publication yet are keen

to move alongside at the loopy trip since you can't wait to determine what craziness will take place next. A note of warning though: this sequence takes on a miles darker tone because it continues. Still, this is often considered one of my favourite ebook sequence and that i love the entire artwork in those books. in my view this ebook includes the simplest artwork. all the vivid shades which are used support encourage your mind's eye which the plot extra stimulates. I learn this e-book while it got here out and a pair of instances after that, together with every time a new publication within the sequence is released. 5/5 stars simply because for me it is a type of books i will learn a number of occasions and nonetheless be awed time and time again.

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