



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Otherworld By Jason Segel And Kirsten Miller Reviewed by Arnold Cuessi

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Book Title: Otherworld

Author: Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller

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Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Simon Eaton:** Simon Eaton is what you would call somewhat of a rebel. He is the son of a very wealthy family, but his parents could not care more for him -- only for what he does. After an accident that puts his best friend in the hospital, Kat has new gaming prototype tested on her. After getting the new prototype in order to talk Kat, Simon finds out the truth about a new device called the disk and decides to put an end to this evil.
- **Katherine:** Katherine (although she prefers Kat) is not as wealthy as Simon, but she is just as formidable, maybe even more. She comes from a single-widowed-mother who loves all children and welcomes them into her home. After an accident leaves her in bad condition, The Company decides to use a new gaming prototype to help her. As she learns the truth, she tries to free everyone from the prototypes' world -- the Otherworld. Along with Simon, she decides to help bring down The Company.
- **Busara:** Busara is a girl with connections to The Company and a great mind. She will have a great impact on Simon and Kat's journey to end The Company.

Review:

Simon has lived a weird life, even before what is about to happen to him. In New Jersey, when coming home from boarding school, Simon realizes his friend Kat is acting strangely and not talking to him. Simon follows Kat to a party in an abandoned facility, where there is an accident that puts Kat into a coma. After a new prototype called the disk was put onto Kat, Simon wants to, needs to, talk to Kat to find out what is going on with her. Unfortunately, Simon cannot talk to Kat without a Disk. The Disk is a device that, when placed on bare skin, is able to connect with your brain and makes everything feels real -- until you find out that it is real. This can, in fact, repair patients in comas. When Simon comes home, he finds that the Disk has been mailed to him. He plays for a while before realizing that finding Kat will be harder than he thought. The challenges he faces in the "Otherworld" slow him down but he acquires friends throughout his journey who decide to help him. After overcoming these obstacles, Simon finds out the truth about The Company as well as something way more important to him -- Kat.

In the captivating "Otherworld," you will find characters that are running from monsters they must escape from. You will be taken on a thrilling journey by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller that will lead to tears of joy and despair that can be

experienced by humans of all ages. In other words, this book will make you feel. One of these feelings may be confusion created by the author's use of flashbacks. At times, these memories may interrupt of the mood of the story. However, if there are any flaws in the plot, I can almost fully guarantee you that the lure of mystery will pull you away and make you feel like you are in the "Otherworld."