



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

S.O.S. By J. Fallenstein Reviewed by Heather Waszmer

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Grade: 11

Book Title: S.O.S.

Author: J. Fallenstein

Number of Pages: 93

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

Character List:

- **Tyrell** – Tyrell experienced a traumatic near drowning situation with his father. He is curious and becomes extremely interested in the haunted textile mill down the street.
- **Marie Schneider** – Marie is the daughter of the owner of Schneider Wearables. She is a mysterious and confusing character. She was friends with Helga before she disappears from her life.
- **Helga** – Helga is a 15 year old German textile worker from the 20th century. She was best friends with Ms. Schneider before she moves away.

Review:

The book begins with Tyrell recovering from a near death experience during a kayaking trip that left him and his father suffering from hypothermia. With his father in the hospital, Tyrell lives alone with his mother. When hiding a failed test, Tyrell finds a letter from German factory worker under his floorboard. Tyrell believes that the letter is most likely related to the abandoned Schneider Wearables down the street. One night, Tyrell sees a light flashing from the 3rd floor of the skeleton of the factory. The light spells out "S.O.S." in morse code. Tyrell can't help but think that the letter, the cry for help, and the factory fire of 1911 are all related. Who is flashing the light? Will anyone believe what he sees? Will Tyrell be able to solve this mystery? Does the daughter of the factory owner have anything to do with it?

S.O.S successfully combines the mystery of a ghost story with the thrill of a horror story. It excels in the criteria of what it takes to be a mystery story. Although the book is not very long, it makes up for it in quality. The characters are interesting and well developed. Their portrayal will make you eager to continue reading in order to learn more about them. The book is entertaining and will keep you on the edge of your seat throughout the entire story. If you like horror stories or a quick read, this book is for you. This book can be read and enjoyed by people of any age, except those who get scared easily. I recommend picking up a copy of S.O.S. by J. Fallenstein the next time you are looking for an easy and interesting read.