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Terrific adventure from a master of fantasy. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers of 8+

Hagurosan Details

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Michael Moore says

ok its only 64 pages of pure genius i really liked it and im sure the kids will too

im really pleased that all proceeds from this book go straight to children living in danger @darrenshan has gave them his fee (hands clapping for Mr shan)

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Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Ninth says

This is a story that mimics a Japanese folktale. As many know, Japan is so rich and vibrant in folktales and each of them have fascinated readers old and young alike. Darren Shan, The Master of Horror, uses this simple, short, gore-free story of about 64 pages on a boy named Hagurosan to bring out the values of childhood.

Hagurosan is a boy who lives in a very poor village. All he loves to do is play, play and play. Shrine Spirits atop the Holy Mountain bless and guard the village. So, normally, people give offerings to the spirits within the shrines.

One day, Hagurosan's mother gives Hagurosan a cake and asks him to take it all the way up the Holy Mountain and offer it to the Shrine Spirits.

Hagurosan reluctantly agrees and starts climbing the Mountain (ignoring his friends, who call for him to join them in playing games). Along the way, he feels hungry. So he nibbles one end of the cake ("the shrine spirits wouldn't mind" was his thought) He nibbled some more, and by the time he entered the shrine, the whole cake was in his stomach.

Fear grips him as he realizes what he had just done. The Spirits might kill him for his impudence, or they might curse his village. He prays feverishly and apologises to the Spirits. Then, as he ventures out, he finds a silver coin on the ground. He takes it back to the shrine as an offering and he makes a "wish".

As he exits again, he finds yet another coin. He takes it back into the shrine and offers it to the Spirits. Another. Another. In the same place. He brings it back.

Then as he tries to leave, a voice that was all voices speaks to him and reveals what was to happen to his fate.

Next? It's worth reading it than me telling you. The story weaves around him and his Wish. The fate of the village etc.

A very sweet story with a haiku at the beginning of each chapter. The story traces Hagurosan's whole life. The choice of words is great. Easy to read. According to me, this book can be enjoyed by kids and adults and

Demons and Vampires and Vampanezes and Revitalizeds and Reviveds alike.

Shan's done it again! This sweet book made my day!

Mahsa says

Foad says

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Josh Barnett says

Hagurosan is yet another story of Darren Shan's that mimics a Japanese folktale. It is a great story with a great morale.

It is about a kid named Hagurosan, who wants to do nothing but play when his mother asks him to take cake as an offering to the spirits. Hagurosan tries to get out doing it but in the end his mother wins and he goes. He ends up eating the cake before getting there. The spirits have killed for less. Read to find out what happens. You definitely won't be sorry you did. It is really great.

I highly recommend this story to anyone from the reading it to your babies to you reading it as adult, it can be enjoyed by everyone. Its just one of those type of stories. I give it a 5 star rating for being a great read.

Drew Budds says

a lovely little book to read for adults and children. enjoyed this more than i thought i would

Kirsikka71 says

Poignant and moving, brought a tear to my eye.

Amin Bahremand says

Parmida Meraji says

Laura says

Hagurosan is a great little book. I bought it as soon as I saw it because I love all of Darren Shan's work and own all of his books so far. Koyasan is my favourite of his books; it is a small book that is set in Japan. When I met Darren I asked if he had any other books similar to Koyasan planned and he mentioned Hagurosan.

When I started reading the book I thought it was a bit familiar and by the end I was sure that I had read the story before. I realised that it had been published on Darren Shan's website before it was published as a book and therefore I had already read it. This however did not lessen my enjoyment of reading the story and actually owning a copy of the book to add to my Darren Shan collection.

Similar to Koyasan, Hagurosan is based around the title character interacting with the local spirits. The story is really short, but enjoyable. It shows you just how much good one person can achieve and how they can improve the lives of many others.

This book receives three stars because of how short it is and because it is aimed at a younger audience.

Mohamad Saleh Noorani Zadeh says

skippity_doo says

Sweet, quick little story which tugs at the heartstrings. A lovely message.

Dan says

A different type of book from the master of horror which although features supernatural elements is a Japanese folk tale rather than a horror story. Hagurosan is sent by his mother to give some cake to the mountain spirits but during his journey he gets peckish. Before he knows it the cake has gone and he has to visit the spirits empty-handed, which they are not going to like.

It is an interesting story which really does feel like a genuine classic folk tale, rather than a story by a modern author. With haikus at the start of each chapter, this 64-page book shows us all of Hagurosan's life and is a sweet tale.

My one issue was that I couldn't really work out the moral of the story. The blurb makes it sound like it is a message about being greedy but given the ending it isn't really about that. It talks about the after-life and gives a suggestion on what happens. As someone who doesn't believe in such things as an after-life I found it quite difficult to except and given that part is the climax which ends the tale it disappointed me a little. I feel your enjoyment is probably increased if you do believe in some form of after-life.

A decent gore-free little story that feels like it was written hundreds of years ago, and I mean that as a good thing!

Mission Blue says