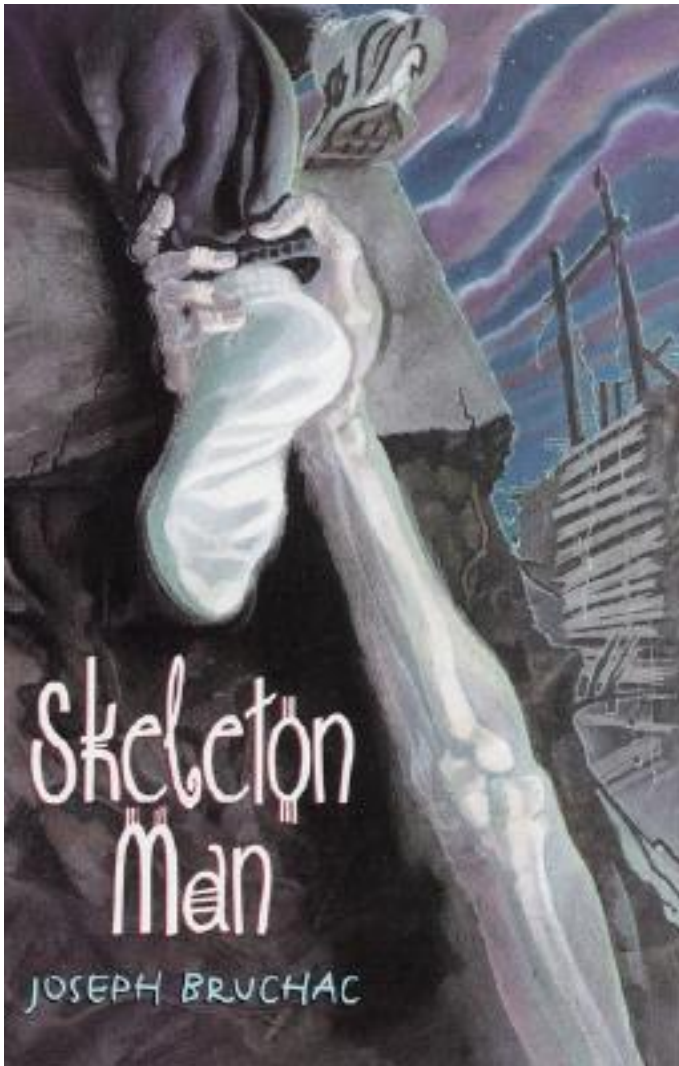

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Description

Trust your dreams. Both my parents said that. That's our old way, our Mohawk way. The way of our ancestors. Trust the little voice that speaks to you. That is your speaking. But when those feelings, those dreams, those voices are so confusing, what do you do then?

"Help," I whisper. "Help."

I'm not sure who I'm talking to when I say that, but I hope they're listening.

Ever since Molly woke up one morning and discovered that her parents vanished, she has had to depend on herself to survive -- and find the reason for their disappearance.

Social Services has turned her over to the care of a great-uncle, a mysterious man Molly has never met before. Then Molly starts having dreams about the Skeleton Man from a spooky old Mohawk tale her father used to tell her...dreams that are trying to tell her something...dreams that might save her, if only she can understand them.

Insightful reviews

West Region,: Skeleton Man
by Joseph Bruchac

According to Mohawk Indian legend, there was once a lazy old uncle who devoured his own flesh until he was nothing but his skeleton remained. Still hungry for flesh, he devoured the rest of his family as they came home one night. His young niece outwits him and brings the rest of her family back to life.

Flash forward to present-day New York. Sixth grader Molly awakes to find her parents missing since the previous night. She's sure they'll be home any minute, so she secretly continues her normal routine for several days until the authorities notice.

Social Services hands her off to her mysterious great uncle -- a great uncle she's never seen before and has never even heard of. He brings her to his home, feeds her, and locks her in her room. He allows her to go to school and come back. Molly knows something isn't right, but it all sounds so crazy to her. Could her great uncle really be a modern day Skeleton Man?

With the help of her most-trusted teacher and the insight of her dreams, Molly finds out the truth about her family.

Grades 5-8 and up

Horror

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Submitted by Kelly Conn, 3/12/08

Hailey Mobley: This book is a good one. I read Skeleton Man. It is about Molly, a young teen

who's parents go missing mysteriously. They go out one night and never return. Her so called uncle takes her into his custody. Molly gets weird vibes from him, by the food he feeds her, the rooms, his roll, and how he'd lock her bedroom door at night, keeping her shut in there all alone. Molly is very scared but brave. She has weird dreams about skeleton man chasing her with a rabbit for guidance. Do her dreams mean something? Well, She is lucky to have her teacher, Mrs. Shabbas there for her through this traumatizing time. Will Molly ever find her parents and get passed her uncle and what she has been through? Guess you'll have to read to find out. I highly recommend this book!

Brooke Butler: This book is really good. The book starts off with stories of the skeleton man eating himself and then other people. Then they talk about Molly and how her parents never came home after a day at work. Molly was then forced to live with her uncle who was THE skeleton man, who had disguised himself as a regular person, except for his voice. Molly picks up on the fact that something is odd about him and talks to her teacher, whom she trusts very much, and her counselor. Her teacher believes every odd story Molly tells her about her crazy so called "uncle". When Molly sneaks out to her uncle's workshop, she finds her missing parents, who she thought were dead by now. It was then when the skeleton man found Molly trying to free her parents. Molly ran away as fast as she could trying to get away, when she reached a bridge. Molly crossed the bridge as carefully as she could as fast as possible so the skeleton man couldn't catch her. Then, the skeleton man runs across the bridge and leaps to grab onto Molly's ankle as the boards break on the bridge. With Molly already across, she was able to pry the skeleton man off of her and he fell to his death. She also saved her parents and they live a happy life without the skeleton man trying to kill them.

Margaux: This e-book professional scared the bajeezus out of me. i cannot wait to booklet speak it. i'm going to permit Joseph Bruchac converse for himself: "Dad had the easiest stories. They have been ones his aunties instructed him while he was once growing to be up at the Mohawk Reserve of Akwesasne at the Canadian side. one among my favorites used to be the single in regards to the skeleton monster. He used to be only a individual at first, a lazy, grasping uncle who hung round the longhouse and enable all people else hunt for him. One day, on my own within the lodge, watching for the others to return domestic with food, Lazy Uncle burned his finger particularly badly within the fireplace and fixed it into his mouth to chill it. 'Oooh,' he acknowledged as he sucked the cooked flesh, 'this tastes good!' (Isn't that gross? i admire it. At least, I used to like it.)It tasted so good, in fact, that he ate the entire flesh off his finter. 'Ah,' he said, 'this is a straightforward approach to get food, yet i'm nonetheless hungry.'"Isn't that simply the creepiest? i would certainly pair this with The Graveyard booklet due to the illustrations, yet it is a bit extra grotesque.

Eden: Molly is a thirteen 12 months outdated woman who wakes up one morning to discover that her mom and dad by no means got here home. Even a number of days later they nonetheless don't come home. Molly in some way understands that her mom and dad are available in the market someplace and they're going to come back. When social prone comes, Molly attempts to inform them that, yet they are not confident and so they position her with a great-uncle, who she hasn't ever met or heard of before. Molly does not are looking to cross and reside with him, yet they provide her no choice. there's something unusual approximately him, he's very bony and to Molly, does not glance human. Nevertheless, she has to reside with

him. The residence is not creepy, it is simply this guy who's presupposed to be her uncle. whereas residing there she attempts to prevent him up to attainable via staying in her room. each day he leaves her nutrients to eat, yet she does not consume it simply because Molly thinks he has drugged it, and each evening he locks Molly in her bedroom. Molly has to exploit her instinct and hear her dreams. This ebook is basically in response to an outdated local american legend, which me drastically due to the fact that i'm half local america. i would not say the ebook scared me, i do not get scared comfortably though. It was once simply creepy, i assume you may say and at a few elements I simply went "Wow!" specially correct within the first bankruptcy while Molly advised the tale of Skeleton Man. i do not understand if this ebook will scare anyone, yet no matter if it does not you continue to are looking to learn extra and discover what happens. a minimum of I did. it is a ideal learn for Halloween.

Karen the Comic Seller: i have heard Joe Bruchac inform tales of his Abernaki historical past - and this reads simply the way in which the talks. excellent tale - even supposing it really is aimed toward a juvenile audience, no cause they need to continue all of it to themselves. a superb story, good told, remains to be an exceptional story, regardless of the age group. And this can be a reliable tale good told. Also the sequel, go back of the Skeleton guy

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