

The Ending Writes Itself

Book Review

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Grade	Freshman	Author	Evelyn Clarke
Rating	4.8 / 5		

The Ending Writes Itself is a mystery novel set in modern day about a group of young aspiring authors competing against one another to write the ending of the century. When world-famous mystery author Arthur Fletch mysteriously dies right before finishing the last book in his renowned series, his team hastily calls six authors from different genres to Fletch's private island, giving them three days to finish his book. The winner earns two million dollars and a deal with Fletch's successful publishing company - enough to rocket their flopping careers. But when the first author is found dead on the stairs, a mild contest between like-minded people turns into a bloody game of whodunit. With an unknown murderer on the loose (the restless ghost of Arthur Fletch?), everyone's at their wits' end, and the stakes are sky-high.

Clarke does a wonderful job with dramatic irony, skillfully revealing crucial plot points to the reader while leaving the characters in the fog. One of the highlights of this book is how detailed each and every character is. Clarke vividly develops their backstories so that the reader can easily step into their shoes. The plot is fast-paced, leaving the reader reeling with shock at each twist in the novel.

I would definitely recommend this book, especially to readers who enjoy thrilling murder mysteries. Though some of the scenes may be a bit gory, the novel is mostly focused on the action. *The Ending Writes Itself* is an entertaining and addictive read that is definitely worth your time.