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When fourteen year old Ryan Perry moves to his grandmother's coastal home in South Carolina, he is haunted by a malevolent entity masquerading as his double – a specter of ancient evil intent on destroying Ryan. As the hauntings become dangerous, Ryan encounters an additional threat: two menacing feral boys and their caretaker somehow connected to this other twin. Ryan soon realizes that in order to save himself and his family, he must confront the all-to-real presence of an unimaginable evil.

Birth Offering is a horror novel about a boy thrust into a living nightmare, and the cumulative psychological impact of evil actions by multiple past generations.

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Becca Rose says

I received this book through Goodreads giveaways.

Ryan lived with his adopted mother and father until Ryan's dad dies. Then to help his mother cope with the loss she decides to take her son and move in with her mother.

When they arrive at Ryan's grandma's house he starts to see a ghost that looks just like him. When he has sightings or interactions with this twin he ends up getting very hurt to the point where he's in the hospital. He also sees 2 boys around that seem wild. He notices that they have claws/talons and have animal like posture and speed. He tells his mom about what he saw but she doesn't believe him.

The doctor that ends up treating Ryan may have an idea as to his strange visions. The doctor's mother was one of the women who delivered Ryan and his twin. She thought the birth mother was crazy because she said one of the baby's was evil and trying to eat her baby. As it turns out the birth mother wasn't crazy. The first baby was born with no umbilical cord and talons instead of hands. Ryan was born immediately afterwards and the demon baby took a swipe at Ryan and severely injured him. They took Ryan away and when they came back the demon baby was eating the birth mother. The women who delivered the babies then killed the demon baby.

What Ryan is seeing is the ghost of his demon twin and the wild boys he's seen are obviously demons too. Are they after him? Is Ryan and his family safe?.....

I liked the story overall. The story line was very interesting (good interesting). The characters were easy to like or dislike (depending on the character) but there wasn't much depth to any of the characters. You didn't feel like you knew or really cared for any of them. I was also expecting this book to be a page turner but for me it wasn't. I enjoy when the end of a chapter makes me want to know what happens next. With this book the ending of the chapters didn't tempt me to keep reading.

Also I have no clue what the Twelve:Seven-eight means on the shirt that Lund (a cop) gives Ryan??? can someone please enlighten me?

Brian Moloney says

Finished this book over the weekend and I really enjoyed it. A pleasantly ghoulish read, which has me double checking my locks at night. Thanks for that. For that, Mr. Hains. Do I smell a sequel brewing? "Birth Offering" had me both engrossed and just plain "grossed" throughout this compelling tale of...well, I can't even describe it. Juts pick up a copy and find out for yourself...if you dare.....

KArleen clausen says

A knock out book!!!

This book went way over my expectations! Once I started it I couldn't put it down. I was on the edge of my seat for most of the time I was reading it and had a hard time putting it down to sleep at night.

Jean Gregory says

I really enjoyed this debut novel and it kept me interested and reading during a beach vacation.

Wesley Thomas says

We are pushed into a compelling story that's gruesome, gripping, and shocking. Right from the get-go we get the sense the story will be unforgettable, and that is an accurate assumption. This extraordinary writer leads the way in horror fiction by telling us a haunting tale that is paced perfectly and is well balanced between scares, chills and intrigue. It unfolds naturally with some brutal and ruthless deaths giving us plenty of breathless suspense. He has taken every ingredient necessary to write the ultimate horror novel! It is almost incomparable, but one thing's for sure, it's certainly unique and stands out from the crowd. This takes us much further than into the midst of a zombie apocalypse or a serial killer stalking and slaughtering horny teenagers, it gets to the route of our fears.

We have a young boy named Ryan who is forced to move due to his father's death. Leaving him living with his mother and grandmother. But it isn't long until things goes awry. He starts to see things. Little does Ryan or his family know, but there has been a murder recently, and this may just be connected to the things that Ryan has been witnessing. His mother jumps to conclusions and worries her boy is not coping with his father's death. She instantly begins to fret for his sanity, so takes him to a doctor. But when nothing is wrong with the boy, she is stumped and even more anxious. That is, until her mother, Ryan's grandmother, reveals the truth about Ryan's past, something his own mother wasn't aware of.

It is terrifying, but addictive. We are harassed by dismay and anarchy but powerless to stop reading! With enough plot twists and turns to make you dizzy. We are consumed by one problem then are completely blind-sided by a fresh new issue. Needless to say you won't get bored for a single page!

It has a movie-like quality with the descriptions and characters taking us on a journey padded with pandemonium. It's flawlessly frightful.

Anthony holds nothing back. An unrated, explicit and cut-throat account of a terrific story. Crystal clear descriptions only adds to the many layers of 'Birth Offering'. We have a vivid image in our minds the entire time, setting the scene before the mayhem begins. South Carolina baring witness to the supernatural elements and frightful chaos.

We swim through a pool of apprehension. You'll be cursing your way through in response to the ghastly demise of characters and unforeseen jumpy bits! It will chill you all the way to your bone's marrow with fright that would give horror movies competition. If you're really looking for a thrill, read at night!

Anthony even manages to squeeze empathy into the mix. We empathize with characters and feel their emotional burdens all the while petrified for their well-being. Clearly a great deal of research has been done in themes and issues within the book. I found the visits to the doctors to be very realistic. Sometimes fiction, even when detailing a very real situation such as a trip to the hospital, can get too far-fetched. But the conversing between the doctor's and Ryan, as well as his mother, was very believable. The questions asked

by the medical professionals even took me back to my own personal experiences in hospital and being asked the same kind of questions.

Well written, a literary lunacy of macabre with his undeniably distinctive style. This is definitely not a one-time read, this is one for the permanent collection. You'll happily go back again and again to experience the madness.

Let's not forget the epic ending! Chaos reigns as everything spirals out of control brilliantly. Just towards the finale we are shot by an entourage of new information making the breathless suspense almost too much to handle.

Anthony has struck struck horror gold with this one! A superb author through and through, giving us a genuinely entertaining story, all the while scaring the wits from us. In my opinion, a five star read that hits all the spots for a horror enthusiast, as well as dedicated bookworms who love sensational reads. Easily, without a doubt, one of the best horror books out this year!

Jon Recluse says

A coming of age story involving dark family secrets and supernatural evil that deftly avoids the expected cliches. The characters are fully fleshed and emotionally engaging, although the book would be a little more appropriate for a teen reader looking for a real horror novel.

An author to watch.
