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No girl in her right mind would say no to a date with Bobby Newkirk. Not with those great looks, that easy charm, and the awesome way he plays the guitar. Of course, some people think he's just a bit conceited. But when it comes to breaking hearts, that hasn't slowed Bobby down one bit.

At least, not until the beautiful Wade twins move to Shadyside. And Bobby brags to his friends that they'll *both* fall for him.

And they do. Too bad for Bobby the twins never learned to share. One of them is jealous, murderously jealous. Is it quiet, shy Bree? Or bold, sexy Samantha? Bobby had better figure it out...or his double fun will turn to double terror.

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Tanja says

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Zusammenfassung:

Bobby Newkirk hält sich für den Allergrößten. Mit allen Cheerleadern der Shadyside High ist er schon ausgegangen - mit jeder einzelnen. Und seine Ambitionen kennen keine Grenzen. Nach fast jedem Mädchen an seiner Schule, hat er es jetzt auf niemand anderen als die Wade-Zwillinge abgesehen. Mit Samantha und Bree will er sogar zeitgleich ausgehen und so eine Wette mit seinem besten Freund gewinnen. Wenn das mal nicht ein fataler Fehler war ...

Fazit:

Es ist schon ein Weilchen her, dass ich dieses Buch erstmals gelesen habe. Damals war ich noch mitten in meiner Schulzeit und am Anfang meiner Lessereise, würde ich fast sagen. Beim ersten Lesen dieses Buches war ich in meiner Fear Street-Phase, die Zeit, in der ich fast ausschließlich Bücher aus dieser Reihe gelesen habe. Und wie habe ich besagte Reihe geliebt. Bei Der Aufreißer handelt es sich um ein relativ zahmes Werk der Reihe, das mich dennoch auch heute noch relativ gut überzeugen konnte. Und so sieht dann auch meine Wertung aus ...

Lu says

Vayamos a lo primero y que el personaje principal, es bastante idiota. Porque, vamos, alguien que se llama a sí mismo "*Bobby el hombre*" es **idiota**.

La trama es sencilla, Bobby es típico conquistador de chicas de la escuela. El problema es cuando quiere conquistar a dos chicas a la vez. Que además son gemelas.

Las dos hermanas son diferentes entre sí, y Bobby ante esto no sabe con quién quedarse.

La primera impresión que tuve fue que seguramente una de las hermanas iba a estar un poco loca y que iba a matar a la otra o incluso a él. Pero no.

Pero no, eso no era nada parecido.

Si bien todos los problemas empiezan en el instante en que Bobby coquetea con las dos, todo lo que sería el "*el juego-historia*" es distinto a lo que me esperaba. (view spoiler).

Todo lo que pasa Bobby en estos misteriosos y extraños sucesos, culminan en algo que me dio mucha gracia. Es entretenido, me ha gustado, pero hay mejores. Sin embargo lo recomiendo para pásar el rato.

Trevor Wells says

Plot Synopsis: Bobby Newkirk is well-known at Shadyside High for being a serial womanizer. It seems that Bobby won't be satisfied until he's dated every girl in school--despite the reputation it gave him. So when the beautiful and mysterious Wade twins (Samantha and Bree) arrived at Shadyside, Bobby decided to go on a mission: to date BOTH girls at the same time! But unfortunately for Bobby, it appears that one of the Wade girls is crazily jealous--and has a nasty little surprise in store for this young heartbreaker.

First and foremost: Yes. Like many reviewers of this book, I couldn't stand Bobby. Stine seemed to go out of his way to make sure the reader knew what a sexist, callous, and womanizing egomaniac he is. And even when events began to suggest something seriously sinister was afoot, Bobby still retained those self-absorbed qualities. If you're like the average reader, it won't take too many pages to lose any semblance of sympathy for Bobby. But if you're like me, the climax will at least somewhat rebuild that sympathy. At the end of the day, Bobby Newkirk is still a womanizing pig, but his ultimate fate (and another act against him that I won't spoil) were definite cases of Disproportionate Retribution.

As for the rest of the characters, they're your general collection of Fear Street types: the goofy best friend, the angry ex-girlfriend, the mysterious new girl, etc. But the plot was surprisingly fresh and had many twists and turns that made it an intriguing read. By the third act of the book, it becomes hard to tell whether Bobby is with Samantha, Bree, (view spoiler). And the ending was a rather surprising deviation from the typical Fear Street formula and was a welcome one at that. Plotwise, *Double Date* is a very unique spin on what could've been a very paint-by-numbers story. So overall, while not a perfect book, *Double Date* is a recommended read for any Fear Street fan wanting something different.

Pros: Great plot, interestingly unconventional protagonist, and satisfying ending.

Cons: Basic side characters and aforementioned Disproportionate Retribution.

ElphaReads says

BEST. FEAR STREET. EVER. It totally took me for a ride and I really liked that Stine thought outside the box for this one. Plus, it's nice to see some girls that aren't just blithering idiots when it comes to guys. Definitely one of my favorites, up there with MISSING, HAUNTED, and THE SECRET BEDROOM.

Cassi says

The main character in this book deserves a swift kick to the family jewels and I hated everything about this book except the ending.

Grace Phan says

I expected it to be a lot more scarier rather than it just being a prank.

Masuma Khan says

I loved this book! It was very confusing towards the end. I would rate this book 4 stars out of 5. My favorite part was towards the end it's part of the ending. My least favorite part was when Bobby was constantly criticizing Melanie.

Adrianna says

When I first read the *Fear Street Series* as a young child, I thought they were spooky books. I eagerly anticipated author R.L. Stine's next novel because all the strange things that occurred on Fear Street were connected in each succeeding book. This title was no exception.

My first two readings of Double Date were enjoyable ones. I was around eleven years old the first time I read it and probably around fourteen the second time. So, when I saw the book on sale for \$0.25 at the Friends of the Library Sale in Eureka, CA, I knew I couldn't pass up this opportunity to revisit a childhood favorite.

The story is about a high school boy named Bobby Newkirk. He's obsessed with his good looks and believes he's God's gift to women. All the girls want him, and once he's dated them for a little while, he discards them like used tissues. That is until he meets his biggest challenge: the Wade twins. Samantha and Bree are as different as night and day, and Bobby's determined to make himself a high school legend at Shadyside High. Who else has the animal magnetism and the self-confidence to date twins at the same time? No one but "Bobby the man."

Of course Bobby is not someone the reader should admire. His conceitedness and chauvinistic-machismo attitude is revealed in the first page. He's a high school "player." As an adult, it was a little difficult to stomach the entire novel knowing what I do about women's rights and feminism. Plus, Bobby's character is really despicable, an utter creep. Of course, I don't think middle school/pre-teen readers will be worried about the social and cultural implications of the main character in Double Date. After all, it's a classic horror piece, and R.L. Stine creates a story that teaches a valuable lesson about how women should and shouldn't be treated in his traditional, twisted manner.

The setting of the novel is Shadyside High, the Fear Street High School. Unfortunately, the location is not highlighted enough when you consider the rich and vivid world that R.L. Stine has developed. Mainly, side characters just mention that strange things happen because they live on Fear Street, as if that explains the horrors that occur.

As previously stated, the main character is Bobby and the plot centers on his love triangle with Samantha and Bree Wade, twins that moved to Fear Street a year ago. Other minor characters include Bobby's band players, Arnie and Paul. The book is also littered with a variety of cheerleaders and other women that Bobby has dated. The boy really leaves a string of jaded women with broken hearts behind him.

There's not a lot of character development, but what do you expect from a book that's 150 pages? What it lacks in development is made up by Stine's craftiness at creating a delectable horror novel for children and young adults. There are no literary elements used, and there is not a lot of depth to the story. However, Stine

does teach children a valuable lesson about how actions have consequences. In this case, it's treat others the way you want to be treated...or else...

The nice thing about Double Date, and really all of R.L. Stine's writings, is that they are age approach despite their subject matter. In this case, I would say readers as young as ten or eleven would enjoy Double Date. There are no sex scenes, and the furthest physical contact that "Bobby the man" has with any of the girls that he dates is kissing. There is no foul language, and although it's spooky, there are no real dangerous or violent scenes until the very end, and even that is almost comical, especially from an adult's perspective. Considering some of the teen horror novels that are out there, R.L. Stine is really "old school" and gets a PG rating from me. If you are still a concerned parent, I would recommend reading it for yourself before giving it to your child. Teenagers, though, should be able to handle the content of this novel easily enough.

As an adult reader, the novel is boring. It can't compare to literary horror geniuses like Stephen King or Dean Koontz. The writing is pedantic and predictable. As a younger reader, I remember it being suspenseful, thrilling, and mysterious. Not anymore. Perhaps part of my disappointment was because I already knew the ending, or perhaps it was because I've developed intellectually as a reader. Regardless, the age of the reader will affect the enjoyment of Double Date.

Overall, Double Date is a quick read that shouldn't take most readers longer than a day to finish. It's a good introduction to the horror genre for young people, but it isn't the best Fear Street novel by R.L. Stine. Still, it was a nice visit down memory lane reading the book as an adult. It marks my third read, which was enough for me. In the future, I won't be going on a fourth date.

Cristian Hernandez says

It's not so good, as in not good. Spoiler alert: it was all a prank

Anna says

Dear R.L. Stine, ok, you win. This is a wild, unpredictable ride, and there is so much mythos here that Team RetRead is going to have a field day.

Eden LeVan says

Gotta love nostalgia! Something tells me I'll be re-reading all of these, very soon.

Alvaro Valdes aguayo says

D: que locas las minas

Alex says

I loved this one as a kid, and I was surprised to find out how entertaining it still was after all these years. I always loved the twist in this book!

MadameMelli says

Mit einigen Jahren Abstand sind die Bücher natürlich wesentlich ungruseliger als damals. Aber als 12-jährige hatte ich riesigen Spaß mit ihnen :)

Amanda says

I don't know if I've ever disliked a main character as much as I did this one... I literally spent the entire book rooting for the villain without even knowing who they were. The ending is fantastic, though, and despite it being a kids' book, I didn't see it coming. I don't recall if I read this one when I was younger, but I'm glad I did today.
