

THE BOOK REVIEW—Issue 3

It's a real challenge for a writer to describe your home town and local neighbourhood in a way that matches your memory of a place and people. But, Syd Moore has taken this challenge one step further by setting the scene for this tale of coincidence, ghosts, grief and violent events in present day Leigh on Sea and Hadleigh just a stone's throw from Canvey Island. She has taken empathy with her surroundings to a whole new level and demonstrates her descriptive and story telling skills to make the reader utterly convinced that this tale could be true.



This excellent book tells the tale of Sarah Grey a widow and mother bringing up her child in modern day Leigh on Sea and Sarah Grey the restless spirit of a legendary witch who lived 150 years ago in the same area.

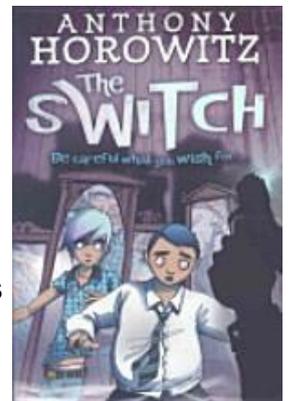
There is so much to commend this haunting book including the way parallel events from different times are interwoven between the two generations.

Whilst I was reading the book, I described this book as my “Dark Companion” and I found it a comfort, a worry, a pleasure and very thought provoking.

Russell rating: *****

The “Switch” by Anthony Horowitz follows a very familiar cinematic theme with 2 teenagers swapping bodies and trying to live each other's life.

Tad Spencer is the privileged, educated, pampered and spoilt son of a successful millionaire whilst Bob Snarby has left school and works and lives with his parents in a squalid caravan in a Fun Fair. Neither boy likes their life and both would rather be someone else. Their wish comes true.



The story focuses on Tad as he adjusts to a life of poverty, crime and grime. Tad takes part in a failed robbery, breaks into his old home and is kidnapped by his father's company where he discovers the truth behind his father's wealth. This is a fun and enjoyable read.

Russell rating: ****



This is a super collection of creepy stories from Anthony Horowitz. The tales make ideal light bedtime reading and as you would expect from Anthony Horowitz every story has great credibility and a twist that comes from deep in the great man's imagination.

Russell rating: ****

