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Shadow Of The Dragon



Synopsis

Sixteen-year-old Danny Vo is caught between two cultures-the American world of his Houston high school and his Vietnamese home life. Life gets even more complicated when Danny's cousin Sang Le comes to live with them after spending years in a reeducation camp in Vietnam. Failing school and unable to get a job, Sang Le joins a Vietnamese gang. Danny must also contend with another dangerous gang-the white supremacist skinheads that his new girlfriend's brother belongs to. "Excellent characterizations and a complex, believable plot are blended into a moving story of the immigrant experience."--Booklist

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Customer Reviews

Tells the story of Vietnamese immigrant family living in Houston, TX. Main character (Duong - goes by Danny) Vo lives with his extended family, including his traditionally-minded grandmother, in a crowded apartment. Danny's 18-year old cousin Sang Le shows up from Vietnam after years of

living in re-education and refugee camps and tries to adjust to life in an American school. Danny, who is just turning 16, gets caught up in trying to help his cousin, be there for his family, date an American girl, and avoid the local Vietnamese thugs (the villain is a guy called Cobra). The story is full of suspense and flows nicely and you really begin to care for both Danny and Sang Le. Events come to a dramatic conclusion after Danny is forced to confront his white girlfriend's skinhead brother. I had to read this for a class but would recommend to any teenager, especially one who is learning English as a second language or has immigrated from another country.

I read this book from a list of choices i had for a book report. I figured that it had a cool title and picked it up. From start to end, this book will leave you hanging on the Grand Canyon because it is the absolute best book I have ever read in my life (and I've read quite a few books in my spare time). It is absolutely amazing with just enough detail and an interesting tale of somewhat modern times (1990's) and will make you connect with the protagonist, Danny as if he was real. I would definitely take this review as well as the other reviews to prove to you that this novel is the best you will ever read.

I chose a rating of four because it was such a good book but there were things I didn't like that much, if you read the book you would find out what I am talking about. Anyway I started reading this book last week for an assignment in my English class. I am a big book reader so I came home and bought it on Kindle. I hope you enjoy this book as much as my class and I did.

My daughter chose this book as a gift for me. She had read it with her 7th grade class at school and was much impressed by it. It illustrates well the circumstances of belonging to a minority race in America, the reality of prejudice, and how this can affect one's life in lasting ways. The book provides insights into Vietnamese traditions that will help my daughter and I better understand others we know who are Vietnamese Americans.

Great product... super fast shipping... will order again...

I read this book while I was in high school, and I fell in love with it with the story. Took me a while to find it but I found it here, and read it again. It's a short, and really easy to read book.

Being a teacher, I was surprised by the end of this book. Since it is designed for young readers, I

was expecting something else. It is well written and a story that American students need to hear more of.

Danny Vo and his family immigrated from Vietnam to the United States when he was a toddler. He remembers very little about his life and the hardships his family faced in the Communist nation. Life in the United States has been difficult, but rewarding and worthwhile. Now, Danny's cousin, Sang Le, is finally joining them in Texas. Sang Le has faced extreme suffering; being sent to a re-education camp in Vietnam, and finally escaping to China. Sang Le wants to show his family how grateful he is for what they have done. He starts bringing home huge amounts of cash. Danny knows exactly who Sang Le is working for - Cobra, the leader of a Vietnamese gang. Danny's influence over his cousin is strong, but is it too late for Sang Le to break his ties to Cobra? *SHADOW OF THE DRAGON* is a novel with heart. Danny and Sang Le are well-written characters. The reader will feel sympathetic towards both boys. Danny's struggles are not unlike those of any typical teenager. He argues with his family, attempts to keep his grades up, and is constantly fighting for the attention of a beautiful young lady. Sang Le's issues go deeper. He joins a gang to be a part of something; it feels familiar to him. This is his biggest mistake. This is a hard-hitting novel that definitely packs a punch. Pick this one up....you won't be disappointed. Reviewed by: LadyJay

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