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Second Sight



Synopsis

Washington, D.C., 1864: In a city that's weary of war and eager for entertainment, Joseph and his father's mind-reading act has become the toast of the town. Even President Lincoln comes to see Joseph demonstrate his amazing mental powers. It's all an elaborate hoax, of course, but Joseph is enjoying his fame. Then he meets Cassandra, a young girl who really does have second sight—the ability to foretell events. And she's having terrifying visions about the president. Someone is plotting to murder him. But who would believe such an accusation? It's up to Joseph and Cassandra to interpret the visions, expose the conspiracy, and save Lincoln's life!

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I really liked the author's style in this historical fiction book. It's not a typical narrative style. The narrator tells the story directly you, as if you and the narrator are sitting in the room with characters, invisibly watching. It's very interesting. I don't think I've ever read a book quite like it. This is actually an "altered" or "alternate" history back, as what actually happened is changed. The main character Joseph, is involved in a mind reading act in Washington DC in 1865. It's merely an illusion, but then he meets a girl, Cassandra, who actually does have "second sight." She foresees that something terrible is going to happen to the president and she and Joseph must try to expose the conspiracy. It was a very suspenseful book, and though you felt pretty certain what the ending would be, you weren't quite sure. The author's style was amusing, and Blackwood has written other alternate histories, which I would like to read.*You can read all of my book reviews at my blog,[...]

As a Middle School Social Studies Teacher, I am interested in good historical fiction for students. I wish this type of fine writing was around when I was young and had hair. Gary Blackwood has created a intriguing tale of a young actor named Joseph Ehrlich who lives in Washington D.C. during the final days of the American Civil War. Joe and his father have a stage act in which they pretend to be mind- readers. In their adventures they meet a psychic who has visions of President Lincoln's death. In that context they come into the orbit of John Wilkes Booth. The book gives good background to the assassination plot. The conclusion is creative and entertaining. Young and old readers will enjoy this story.

Have you read Second Sight By Gary Blackwood? This wonderful story about President Lincoln puts you on the edge of your seat.....This little boy and his father learn to perform wonderful acts and try to change history! Read this book to try to save Lincoln too! I loved this historical Book and hope you will to!

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