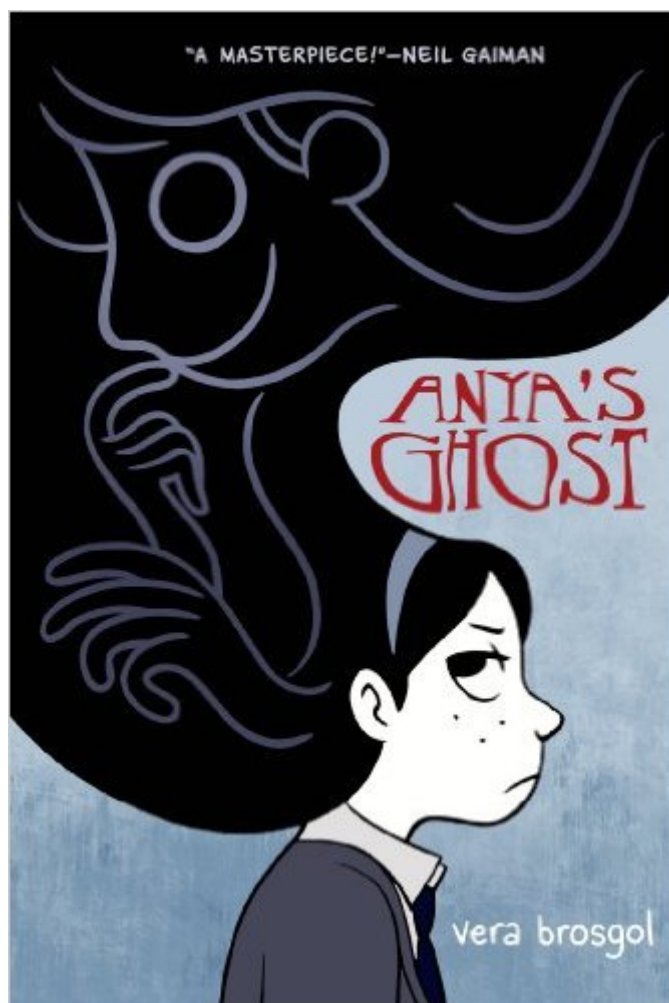


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Anya's Ghost



Synopsis

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“Anya's Ghost is a masterpiece, of YA literature and of comics. Neil Gaiman’s “Remarkable. . . . With an attitude and aptitude reminiscent of Marjane Satrapi (Persepolis) who likewise conveyed the particulars of an immigrant adolescence, Brosgol has created a smart, funny and compassionate portrait of someone who, for all her sulking and sneering, is the kind of daughter many parents would like to have. And the kind of girl many of us maybe once were.” The New York Times

Having just found out about the graphic novels, and how popular the apparently are, I couldn't resist but buy one. I considered Neil Gaiman's as well, although I'd probably be reading his books soon. Better give it a try to another author. Vera Brosgol with her creepy, funny and smart graphic novel, Anya's Ghost didn't disappointed me. It is a perfect page-turner, with its cool and simple drawings, hand in hand with witty dialogue and smart timing. At some point Vera made me feel completely foolish, I had already made some foreshadowing on the next events. Oh, Vera, how could you do this to me? Although it was pretty astute of hers, she extended the plot beyond I imagined it to be. To my surprise, some characters felt well developed at some point, I didn't expect that either from a graphic novel (although, again, I'm new to all that). Specially, I appreciate Vera's perspective on school cliques and circles... you'll understand what I mean once you reach certain event. I recommend it for anyone who has the opportunity to put their hands on this cool, paranormal novel. 5/5

overall it is a great book. At first you feel compassion for the ghost and really care about her until you realise who she really was and then you start feeling sad for Anya. It's about how sometimes we don't know how powerful we are until we're reminded of it by external factors. The lesson for Anya was that no matter how much you may hate your life it is yours to live and ultimately it falls upon you what you make of it. I really loved it.

I received it in great condition and pretty fast. I did not enjoy the project I had to do regarding this

graphic novel for my Art History college course... I did, however, find the novel to be good anyway. It's definitely one of those coming to age type book, growing up from experience type of books but in a fictional and illustrated way. The illustrations are really cool and simple in my opinion and demonstrated the emotions and attitudes of the characters very well.

I loved this book a lot in my college writing class. It was so different from all the other material that we had to look over. The story itself is simple, but hits home with topics that many teens and young adults struggle with. Acceptance, norms, and being understood are highlighted as well as the idea of being an outsider. As easy as it is to digest, this story makes huge statements in how humans perceive themselves in relation to others as well the internal struggle that every human being fights at least once in their life. Great read and lovely illustrations.

What is it about graphic novels that is so enticing? The beautiful artwork, the clever story lines, the challenge of fitting an entire narrative into a comic strip? Yes, of course, but let's be real for a second. Pictures! Here is the excuse that the petulant twelve year old in all of us has been looking for to read a book that's mostly pictures and still feel like we've accomplished something. These puppies are great for pulling you out of a reading slump, plus they're nice to look at! So I decided to delve into more graphic novels this year and one of my first was *Anya's Ghost*. I'm not sure what I was really expecting but this spooky little read was completely satisfying!

LIKES: The Art: The artwork in this book is really beautiful in a quirky sort of way. It's very cartoonish but it works for the story. The visual element of the story fits in really well with the plot development and enhances the book rather than simply illustrating it. This becomes especially important as certain characters start to evolve toward the middle of the book. It simply would have been lacking without the visual element.

Actually Scary: At first I had my doubts about whether or not this would actually be a scary read. Sure, it's about a ghost, but the cartoonish art style and the beginning of the story line made me skeptical. Then the story started taking a dark turn and the book just got downright creepy. I think that was my favorite part of the book. It was so unexpected and such a pleasant surprise.

Great Message: The underlying message in this book is less about restless spirits and more about a girl who is uncomfortable with her place in the world. Anya has to see first hand how important her family and her life are to really appreciate her value and what she has.

Anya and Her Family: The characters of Anya and her mother and brother are very well-written. They are incredibly realistic and endearing and have obviously been created with love by the author. In the few hours it took to read the book I became very attached to these characters. I always love it when I can hear a

character's voice and really get to know them. **DISLIKES:** Some of the secondary characters: Unfortunately I felt like some of the secondary characters weren't very well-developed. I realize that this is mainly a story about Anya and her family but I would have liked a little more depth in some of the other characters. This was a great graphic novel to start out with. I loved it. It was heartwarming, funny and actually pretty spooky at times. It will definitely stick with me for a long time and I will absolutely be re-reading it. I would recommend this if you're looking for a super fast, fun book or an intro to graphic novels.

I am not the biggest fan of comic books, but I really enjoyed the illustrations in this story and how they helped the story unfold with clear images for readers! The story itself is simple but is very entertaining! It is a great example of a girl trying to fit into the cool crowd at school, while touching on the aspect of having to deal with balancing two cultures to make everyone around you happy with a ghostly twist of course! It is a great, short, and simple read, with many life lessons people can relate to!

I loved this book. A Russian girl who wasn't like "everyone else" and is haunted by a ghost who murdered the love of her life and his girlfriend----or his wife. I felt like I could relate to her being insecure about herself. I loved the art, I loved the plot, I'm reading this for the 35th time it's so good!! Okay, maybe I'm getting too hyped up about this. Anyways, if you're looking for a book about a teenage girl haunted by a ghost, this is the book for you. Anya's Ghost is AMAZING. I highly recommend it!

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