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Book Title: Dracula

Author: Bram Stoker

Rate 1-5(1-lowest to 5-highest) - 3.5

In Bram Stoker's Gothic horror novel titled *Dracula*, we follow Count Dracula as he aims to move from Transylvania to England in order to spread his undead curse and find new blood. The story opens with Jonathan Harker, an English solicitor who is assisting Count Dracula with a real estate purchase in England. As the story progresses the audience as well as the characters figure out that Dracula is something other than human. Our story follows a large group of characters such as Van Helsing (a wise dutch professor who is the most knowledgeable on Dracula) and Lucy Westenra (Jonathan Harker's fiance who acts as the story's main heroine) as they attempt to take down Dracula and his evil plans.

I personally enjoyed the plot and story throughout the entire novel. Moreover, I found it very interesting how the story was told. For example the story is very rarely told from the perspective of a narrator. The audience is told the events of the story from numerous letters, journal entries, newspaper articles, and telegrams. While reading I found this very interesting as I felt more engaged in the story as compared to hearing the events through a narrator. Not only did this help me stay focused on the plot, but it also helps add to the characters, one of the strongest parts of the novel. In my opinion, *Dracula* excels in having a plethora of characters who all add something interesting and special to the story. Furthermore, the story also switches perspective from one character to another giving us an insight into each character's personality and what they are thinking during key events. I really enjoyed this element of the storytelling since there isn't any clear main character throughout the novel. Despite this, I did not particularly enjoy the ending since everything sort of goes to plan. It felt very anticlimactic as nothing amazing or special happened, everything resolved in a quite disappointing manner.

Despite an unsatisfactory ending, I would still recommend the novel especially to those that enjoy the horror genre due to how influential the character of Dracula is. I would only rate the novel a 3.5; however, since at times the novel did drag on and I felt that the ending was not worth the amount of reading.