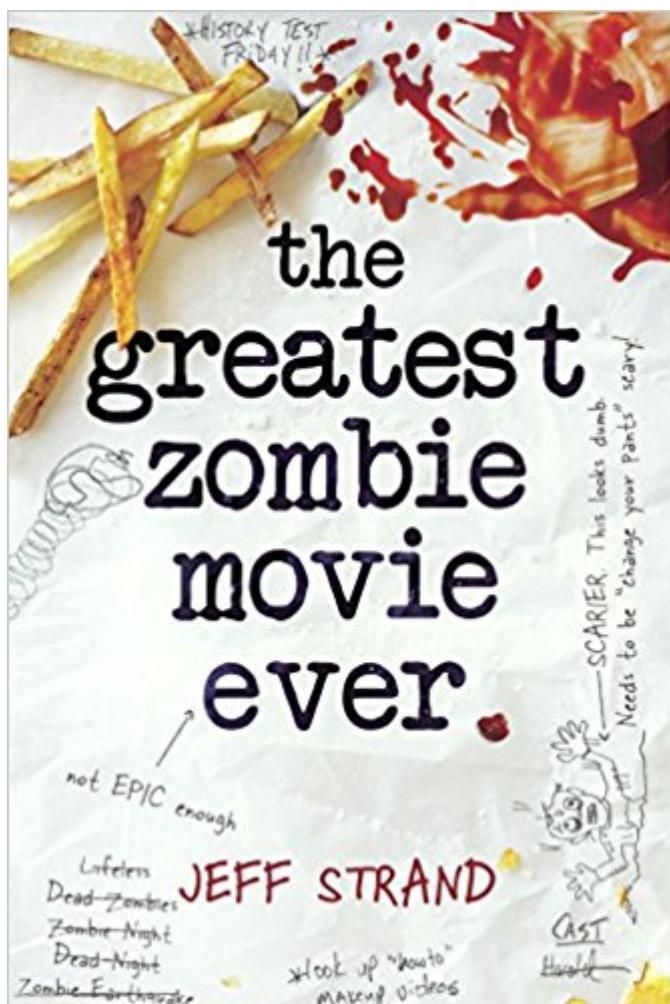


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The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition)



Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. After producing three horror movies that went mostly ignored on YouTube, Justin and his filmmaking buddies decide it's time they create something noteworthy, something epic. They're going to film the Greatest Zombie Movie Ever. They may not have money or a script, but they have passion. And, after a rash text message, they also have the beautiful Alicia Howtz-Justin's crush-as the lead. With only one month to complete their movie, a script that can't possibly get worse, and the hopes and dreams of Alicia on the line, Justin is feeling the pressure. Add to that a cast of uncooperative extras and incompetent production assistants, and Justin must face the sad, sad truth. He may actually be producing The Worst Zombie Movie Ever...

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Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up Â • Fans of comical books rejoice as Strand has hit the zombie trend on its head with this one. Justin just wants to make a perfect movie Â • no big deal, right? However, he is 15 years old, he has to shoot the film in one month, and his grandmother is funding his project. And his crush is the leading actress on the project. What ensues are laugh-out-loud moments of friends overcoming obstacles, and readers will be wondering if Justin will ever finish that film. From the warning at the beginning of the book through the double epilogue, Strand walks the line of balancing

the right amount of humor without it overtaking the entire book. Fans of his previous work will not be disappointed by this title. Aspiring filmmakers, zombie movie fans, and reluctant readers should be entertained by this title. VERDICT A worthy addition to any library's collection. -Stephanie Charlefour, Wixom Public Library, MI --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

"Strand's penchant for tongue-in-cheek humor and witty repartee is on full display here. Justin, Bobby, and Gabe have numerous exchanges that will have readers chuckling, snickering, and laughing out loud...A funny and spirited romp." - Kirkus"Fans of comical books rejoice as Strand has hit the zombie trend on its head with this one...Aspiring filmmakers, zombie movie fans, and reluctant readers should be entertained by this title" - School Library Journal"Readers will come away not only with stomachs aching from laughter but with the stars in their own eyes a little brighter for following Justin's rocky progress." - Booklist

THE GREATEST ZOMBIE MOVIE EVER, by Jeff Strand, is a comedy that had me--literally--laughing out loud at something about every other page. (Not so great when you're out in public). The book starts out with a trio of friends--15 year old Justin, Bobby, and Gabe--deciding that they want to film a movie about zombies. Not just any movie though, they're aspiring to write and film "THE GREATEST ZOMBIE MOVIE EVER"! A few minor issues such as: their extremely low budget, lack of free time between school and jobs, and the fact that they have only one month before Gabe leaves on vacation, do nothing to dampen their enthusiasm. After all, how difficult can it be to write an entire script in the course of one weekend? . . . He couldn't believe how terrible he felt. It was almost as if the human body required sleep to function properly."Justin, Bobby, and Gabe have fantastic dynamics between them right from the start. The way that Strand writes, it's so easy to get caught up in their day to day activities--hilarious upsets and all--and still maintain that credibility of everything happening just as we read it." . . . they reviewed their latest rewrite of the script . . . were all thrilled to discover that it sucked even less."Even the obstacles they faced were countered with matter-of-fact thoughts, made even more hysterical by the fact that the trio just accepted them nonchalantly: " . . . they were trying to shoot a feature film very, very quickly . . . in a best-case scenario, he'd only have to do a second take if a sinkhole swallowed the entire crew on the first."Strand has a gift for bringing out the humor in nearly every situation, oftentimes by having it as "understated" as possible. While dealing with teenagers, their parents, tests, crushes, and school principals, everything that normally would be encountered takes on a new, comedic theme in his hands." . . . it was okay for geniuses to be weirdos as long as they did cool stuff."If Jeff Strand has

written a "bad" book yet--whether for teenagers or adults--I have yet to read it.Highly recommended for all ages!*I received an e-copy of this novel from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review."

As you might have already gathered, this is not actually a book full of blood and intestines but a book about three kids who aspire to make the ... Well, you know what. As such, it is great fun, and Strand's style lends itself extremely well to the subject. If you need some actually gore in your Strand, this is not the book for you, otherwise you should give it a go, or you'll miss out on the greatest The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever book ever.

I picked this up on Kindle by mistake, thinking it was a different book and didn't catch it until a few weeks later when I opened it while on a trip. While it is definitely well within the YA category, it's a good book. A lot of fun to read, well written, good character, etc. Overall it is a book that is just a fun read although I wish it was a little longer.

My suspicions were correct all along about "the real" movie, and mostly I sped through the book. I thought it was boring up until the ending..which then I decided ok it was a worthwhile read but, I would have preferred a zombie book. Thanks for the warning!

This is a hilarious book about three teenage boys who decide to make THE GREATEST ZOMBIE MOVIE EVER! What could possibly go wrong? A great deal of hilarity ensues, as well as a lesson in how important friendships are. And paying back grandma.[...]

Great author and overall this book was worth reading. Designed for a younger audience but can still be enjoyed by adults.

I loved "The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever" by Jeff Strand. I loved this awesome book from beginning to the very end. It is worth 5 plus stars! I read Strand's "Pressure" and put it on my "My Most Favorite Books Read" list. That book left a big impression on me. "The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever" now joins that list. This wonderful and very humorous story centers around three high school Freshman boys. Their goal is to make an "epic" movie. They want to make "the greatest zombie movie ever". They want to make a movie that doesn't suck. Three previous attempts were failures. The story details how they go about accomplishing their lofty goal. We meet 15 year old Justin. Justin is the leader of the group and serves as the film's director and one of the writers. His best

friend, Bobby, handles the sound and also writes. Then there is Gabe, who does everything as well as serving as one of the writers. The banter between the three boys is witty and very funny. You will laugh out loud during their many conversations. We meet Alicia Howtz. Justin has an eye for her. He casts her as the lead actress to play Veronica Chaos. Christopher Harrison plays the male lead, Runson Mudd. We meet other characters as well, such as: Spork, Daisy, Grandma and Uncle Clyde. They all play a part in making this movie. The boys argue about how to title this movie. One of the working titles was "Zombies With Flesh Stuck in Their Teeth". Later, they finally agree on a title. They decide to each write one third of the script. Justin's grandma provides financing. Bobby's Uncle Clyde provides the zombie make up. The scene where the addition actors are cast is comical. They have 28 days to film the movie as Gabe has to go away with his family in 28 days. TGZME tells all about the filming of the movie. The boys overcome many trials while filming. We experience everything with Justin, Bobby and Gabe. Some of the scenes of the filming are so funny that you will laugh out loud like I did. Jeff Strand has become one of my favorite writers. TGZME is a testament to his excellent writing. The plot is well told and moves along quickly. You won't be bored. The characters are well developed. This book is very humorous. The dialogue between Justin, Bobby and Gabe kept me laughing throughout the entire book. I saw a little of myself in each boy. There is no violence, no foul language and no sex. TGZME is a clean book for middle school kids to grown adults like me. It is a pleasure to read. I highly recommend this book. Get your copy today! P.S. Justin's favorite cereal is Extreme Sugar Flakes. Taken with Red Bull and coffee really keeps him on his toes!

Good fun for sure. Loved every minute of it.

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