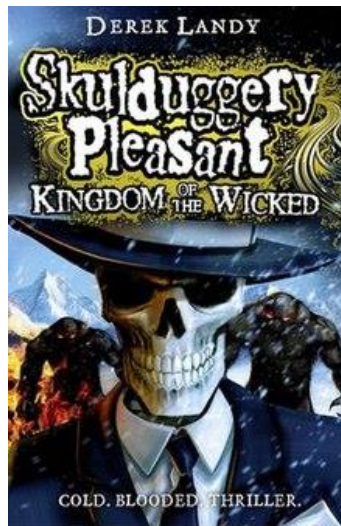


Skulduggery Pleasant: Kingdom of the Wicked (Book 7)

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Skulduggery Pleasant: Kingdom of the Wicked follows the sorcerer and detectives, Valkyrie Cain and Skulduggery Pleasant, as they investigate normal people suddenly developing wild and unstable powers after being infected by a rare strain of magic by an insane sorcerer named Argeddion as he seeks to bring existence to his “Summer of Light”.

The book was good because it was very intense and overwhelming. My favourite scene was when Valkyrie's reflection becomes malevolent. In this scene, she wields the sceptre full of power after evaporating the soul in her cousin, Carol, commanding her new reflection to replace her and take her destiny on. The reflection missions herself to kill Valkyrie.

I like this because I always found the reflection as one of my favourite characters but to imagine her becoming what seems bad is intense and overwhelming, following on from what I said earlier. I was never happy with Valkyrie and the choices she made so to have this option of killing her and replacing what her destiny could have been with the reflections sounds awesome.

What I don't like about the book is that she wants to live the normal life of Stephany Edgly which I think is a boring way to go. It would be fair for Valkyrie's parents as they will finally be with their child but with the other choice of magic, it doesn't sound right. She doesn't have the ability to use magic but now that she wields a god-killing weapon, it changes the subject completely.