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Subject: Your Second Review

Dear Ionnis,

I sent this review to Book Sense as well:

Title: Ring
Author: Koji Suzuki
Translators: Robert B. Rohmer and Glynne Walley
Publisher and/or Distributor: Vertical, Inc.
Publisher Website: www.vertical-inc.com
Pages: 352
ISBN: 1-932234-00-4
Price: \$24.95
Publishing Date: May 2003
Reader: Bob Spear
Rating: 5 Hearts

Ring is a horror novel written by Japan's equivalent to Stephen King. It was made into a movie in Japan (one of their highest grossing ever) and then Dreamworks made an American version. Teenagers have told me the American version was the scariest movie they have ever seen. Ring is a story of delayed vengeance of a magnitude that is literally world threatening. It starts with four teens dying of heart failure exactly one week after they watch a videotape together. The uncle of one, a journalist, becomes accidentally involved in an investigation of their deaths. When he, his best friend, and his wife and baby daughter are exposed to it, it's a race against time to discover how to lift the curse.

The author will keep you on the front edge of your seats with this one. After I finished, I did something that I rarely do-had a nightmare about the book. There really aren't too many horrific scenes. The author cleverly builds a cumulative effect that leaves you breathless in the end. We rated this book five hearts.

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