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Frances works the night shift at a local convenience store, dividing her time between restocking shelves and working on her art. Her routine is broken one night when Devin comes into the store. He claims to be the son of a famous local artist and offers her advice on her drawings. Although he seems to know way too much about her, Frances decides, against the advice of her boyfriend, that he is odd but harmless. By the time she realizes the danger she is in, Devin is completely obsessed with her and convinced that if he can't have her, no one will. Frances will be forced to use all her strength to escape from Devin.

## Dead-End Job Details

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## From Reader Review Dead-End Job for online ebook

### Aly says

-3.9 stars-

Okay I'm such a theatre nerd but did anyone else think of Devin as JD from Heathers?

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Okay now to the actual rating.

This was a great book! I mean there are some things that could be better but honestly, this is a pretty good book!

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### Elizabeth says

I recommend Orca Soundings to a lot to the high schoolers who have trouble reading, since they are high-interest, low-level books... I figured it was time to give one a try... This was a great little thriller for a reluctant, struggling reader in high school!

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### Albania M says

This book is about a young girl name Frances who works at a store she loves art, she has a best friend and a boyfriend who mean everything to her. She docent really have many friends until one day when she was working at the register she meet this new guy called Devin he claims to be new too the town and to be the son of a famous artist he gives her some advice about art. After a few days Devin comes to visit her and hangs out together they become real close. Frances starts to keep on running into Devin everywhere she goes and he always seem to be doing the same thing as her. Frances finds it great that they like the same thing they become super close and Frances comes up with the plan to hook her best friend and Devin together until he rejected her and walked out. After a while Devin and Frances start to hang out a lot more and Frances boyfriend start to get jealous and doesn't talk to her for a while. One day Frances realize that Devin has been following her and tells her they can't be friends anymore at home she gets paranoid because all this time she had no idea his been trying to take her away from her boyfriend and tried to win her over even though she did not like him. One night Frances has been working in her job late alone, and she starts to stock up can foods on the shelves she goes to the back of the employe closet and too think she was alone in her job she finds Devin in their with table set up and a candle. Frances gets scared and tells him he has to leave but he forces her to sit down and tell her how much he loves her and how they can be together that she can forget about her boyfriend it could just be the both of them. Frances tells him they can't be together because she loves her boyfriend and she doesn't want to be friends with him anymore. Devin said if he can't have her then no one can so his going to have to kill her then kill himself so they can be together in the past life (future). Frances gets scared and comes up with a plan to stall him even though Devin is holding a knife on her throat. Frances tells him she can draw him a picture so when they both die people can remember a picture of him that the victim drew. During the middle of the session France stabs him up the nose with a color pencil and runs out for help wondering if someone can hear her, just knowing the last look she seen of Devin with blood gushing down his face and crawling on the floor. When Frances goes outside she see a car pulling up which

she gets scared until she see her boyfriend comes to save her from her fear.

This book was AMAZING! because of the suspense it had throughout the whole book, I kind of knew who it was going to end but it was still such a great book. I couldn't take my eyes off this book I read it in two days thats how much I enjoyed it. This book made me realize that you can't trust anyone you meet because you never know what or who they are also what they can do to you. The person you least excepted can be the person to hurt you the most. The question that I would have for this author is that what made him write about this story? Its based on a true story, did he ever meet the people who this happened to and how did this ended for the guy that tried to do the crime? I would recommend this book to anyone because even though you may know how it could end its still a good book to read when you have some free time you can learn about many things that could happen to anyone as normal as you and makes you realize you can't trust anyone.

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### **Artemis Rose says**

3.5 Stars

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### **Betty &#x1f4da;&#x1f4d6; (bettysbooks) says**

Didn't really like this book... at the start of the book she screamed because a bag of Cheeto puffs looked funny... I don't think I would scream at a bag of Cheeto puffs...

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### **Caleb says**

Personal Response:

*Dead-End Job* was a book I enjoyed for the most part. The only time I didn't like the book was when it ended. Although the book was pretty short, (104 pages) it was an enjoyable book.

Plot:

*Dead-End Job* started off with a girl named Frances working the night shift at a convenience store, trying to get enough money to go to an art college. It starts off as a typical night: customers come in and out, although not many people come this late at night so Frances works on a drawing. Although near the end of her shift a strange man comes through the door. He walks in buys a candy bar, then he asks if he can look at the drawing that Frances has hid under multiple boxes. The man then grabs the drawing from behind the counter, attempting to "admire" the art, while Frances is frantically trying to get it back. After the encounter, the man follows Frances throughout the book.

Recommendation:

I would recommend *Dead-End Job* to anyone who likes a short, suspenseful, and mysterious book. I would also recommend this book to people who like realistic fiction. In the end the book *Dead-End Job* is a book that people should consider reading.

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## **Chance Hansen says**

WOW!

The one thing Orca books are good at are closing them. The characters are decent and enjoyable. And it's a comfortable short read.

Cover

Personally I think the cover could have been a bit better than a blurry hand carry cart. (Maybe a half drawn sketchpad next to a cash register?)

Story

As a story story... A Shorty. There's aren't a lot of plot twists and builds up right to the point. I have to admit Devon has a goofy charm. Leo is interesting in his imperfect way and the main character is likeable. To a degree I would have personally liked to see Devon and Leo meet at least once.

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## **Susan says**

Like so many of Grant's books I just wish the book was longer....great story! Important life lessons for young teens, be careful who you trust and always trust your gut.

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## **Terri says**

It was amazing book. Its an easy to read book. I would recommend it to anyone who wants an easy read and easy to understand book to read. It does leave you hanging what is going to happen next, what happens to Devin, if Frank and Leo works things out, and if Frank goes away for Art Collage or stays with Leo and her parents. Also, the description of Devin to very little. I would give this book a 5 out 5 stars. The book also relates to my family, my friends, and my town.

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## **Quinn Dittmann says**

Personal Response

I liked this book because there many very interesting parts. There was always something different happening. The reason I disliked this book was because of all the drama between Leo, Devin, and the main character. Besides all the drama i thought it was a pretty good book.

Plot Summary

In this book, the main characters parents owned a store. At this store almost every event in the book took place. In the beginning Leo was trying to get Kyla and Devin to date each other. They both really liked each other, but then Devin became kind of a psycho. Kyla left him and he became very mad and began to stalk

her. She tried avoiding him in every way. In the end he found her in the store tried to kill her and she ended up shoving a pencil up his nose and killing him.

#### Recommendation

I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who likes drama. Also if you really like teen fiction and somewhat creepy book. A reason I would not recommend this book to someone is that there are a lot of boring parts throughout this book.

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### **Adam says**

#### Personal response

I thought this book would be about a robbery or something with action, but the book was still good. The book was getting more interesting as I went along and I started reading more of it. At the start I thought it was slow but the story kept building up.

#### Plot

A girl that works at a freeway side gas station sees little of anyone to come in, but one person caught her eye. This boy was about her age and impersonated as a photographer and a secret son of a rich man the she sees go through the station. She doesn't believe him at first but he tells her a story of his step mothers children. She grows closer to him but her boyfriend doesn't think hes good news. She tries to get him and her friend to go out but he doesn't seem interested. She notices that he seems to stalk her and she curious how he can do that if he is a photographer. She tries to avoid him at all possible but he turns up everywhere.

#### Recommendation

I recommend this book to anyone who doesn't tend to like to read. I don't like to read but i like to read this book. It is a book with a story that grows as it goes along

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### **Julia B says**

This book was very interesting to me from the start. The main character Frances seems to have a pretty boring life working at a convenient store until Devin comes into her small town to stir things up. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery. The story was pretty short but every chapter had me wondering what was going to happen next. I just wish the author would have made the story longer and added more detail to a few of the chapters because though it was very action packed, it would be nice to have a better image of what the scene looked like.

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### **Sarah says**

This book is a very fast read for anyone in a hurry. Great story line and will keep your attention till the end. It is a great book for anyone interested in romance or suspense. The main thing one should take away from reading this book is to always be honest and to not trust a stranger.

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## **Sethkelch says**

I previously have read the book "Dead-End Job" by a fabulous reader by the name of Vicki Grant. This book is about a girl that works night shifts at a gas station and is always bugged by this guy that has a crush on her. I will stop there because I don't want to give away too much of the book. I enjoyed this book because at the end of each chapter you are eager to know what happens next. I gave this book a 4 out of 5 stars because I think Vicki Grant could have done a better job at describing what was going on in different scenes of the book. I would recommend this book to anyone that wants a book with suspense and a little bit of romance. Overall I thought this book was a really good book.

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## **Danielle Behn says**

The book, Dead End Job, has a very good outline. It was about a girl named Frances. She has a boyfriend named Leo. He's not the brightest light bulb in the store, but he treats Frances really well. Frances works at a local convenience store near the highway.

One late night at work, a boy named Devin comes in, who claims to be a famous artist's son. Frances, being tired and sick of work, believes him. Devin seemed to know a lot about her, but he claims it's because they have "chemistry." She told her current boyfriend, Leo, about this new boy, and he already had a bad feeling about him.

More and more, this strange boy came into the store and knew more about her each time. He "bought" (stole) her really expensive things to make it seem like he had money, being a famous artist's son and all. Leo was getting really upset with how Devin kept coming around, but he still stuck by Frances' side. After about a month or so, Frances got sick of Devin and wanted him out of her life. She repeatedly told him that she didn't want him around her anymore and wanted to be with Leo, but he kept getting creepier and creepier. One late night at the store, Devin came in demanding that she not leave his life. She told him she found out he lied about being the famous artist's son. He told her not to tell anyone or he was going to kill her. He held a knife up to her throat, and she just stood there. Finally she came up with an escape plan! She stuffed a pencil up his nose and ran out of the store, only to find Leo sitting out in the parking lot to pick her up. Later on Devin was charged for attempted murder and a falsified name.

My opinion on this book was it is really good and kept my interest the entire time. I feel it could have ended differently and could have a sequel because it really needs one. I hate books that end in a complete mystery. I feel they should give a little hint or a sequel.

I would recommend this book to any boy or girl in high school. It is a little hard to understand and does use some foul language. It would be beneficial to someone in high school to read this and know that creepers are out there, and they should always know the warnings that are given in this book. I give this book a 4 out of 5 stars because it always sparked my interest, but I just didn't like the ending.

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