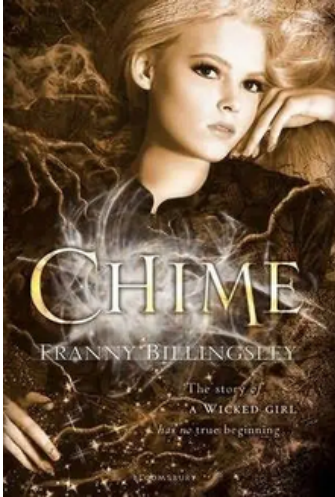


BOOK REVIEW



Billingsley, Franny. *Chime*
Recommended for Grades 7 & up
Science Fiction/Fantasy
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Chime is an interesting book. The things that make it interesting are the characters Briony, Eldric, and the Chime Child; a special person born at midnight who catches witches and hangs them. Briony and her sister Rose live in the town of Swampsea with their father. When Eldric comes to visit his own father, Mr. Clayborne, he knows right away something is fishy about Briony and her family. Briony has a secret that shouldn't be told. Everyone in the village thinks Briony did something to her stepmother and is a witch. Eldric tries to prove that Briony is not a bad person and their relationship heads toward the romantic. When Rose gets sick with a very bad cough that almost every single kid is getting, Briony knows Rose could die. To save her sister, Briony makes a trade with someone that causes all the swampsea coughs to stop, but did she make the right choice?

The book was fascinating, but I honestly didn't like this book too much. It seemed to jump from one place to another without making complete sense. I would recommend this book to teens that love keeping secrets and love reading weird books. The ages that should read this book should be in 7th grade and up. The genre of this book was fantasy and some science fiction which is an interesting combination.

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