

Clay
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Rating:  3 out of 5 Eagles

Davie and his friend Geordie are your average kids, generally good boys, who are beginning to wonder if what they know is all that there is. Enter Stephen, the strange boy who moves into Crazy Mary's house, and says he can create a monster that will take revenge on the neighborhood bully, Mouldy; the boy who terrorizes Davie and Geordie. But as Stephen shows Davie that together, they can bring things to life, his world spirals out of control, and nothing is as it once was. They create a monster, Clay, who may or may not have pushed Mouldy to his death. Davie wonders if this monster could be real, or if he is going mad. One thing is for certain, madness or reality; nothing in Davie's life will ever be the same.

Clay is an original story that is slightly creepy, and very exciting. It takes a while to get into, but once you do, it is impossible to put down. The book is mysterious right from the beginning. When you pick up the book, the only sort of summary you can find is, "I am here master, command me". The mysterious and ghostly qualities to this story make it a wonderful find. However, you need to have patience to get past the slow beginning. It is a good book, once you get into it, and I would recommend it for anyone.