

## *Conjured*

**Sarah Beth Durst**

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Somewhere in her past, Eve remembers a Circus, a mysterious place where carousels spun, and trapeze artists flew. She remembers a wagon and the enchanting voice of the Storyteller who raised her. She remembers The Magician with his magical tricks that lured children to their deaths. And she remembers running away, away from the serial killer and his magical schemes, away from the person who raised her but killed her friends, away from her past and her memories. That is all she really remembers, pieces of a puzzle scavenged from nightmares in which she had button eyes and threaded lips. Protected now by WitSec, an organization that is trying to hunt down the serial killer and bring him to justice, Eve is able to find some normality working at a library with Zach, an ordinary boy with a knack for knowledge. But as WitSec becomes more demanding of her in their search and she is caught up in their lies and secrets, Eve wants out. She wants the truth, even if it means coming face-to-face with her haunted past and the man she spent her life running from.

This book gave me chills all the way through and was impossible to put down. Eve's terrifying tale weaves horror, romance, and adventure together to create a story of a girl searching for the truth of her past and finding her own value. Author Sarah Beth Durst sends you right into this twisted journey of suspense that will leave you holding your breath until the end. *Conjured* is a captivating mystery unlike any other with its magical yet terrifying world. The book illuminates the questions of morality and its boundaries, highlighting the value of the truth in its own complex conflict with ethics. As you piece together the story with Eve, everything comes together to the shocking truth of her mysterious tale.

I would recommend this book for teen and pre-teen readers looking for a thrilling yet chilling adventure. This is definitely a book for those who like a creepy fantasy adventure or a mystery with a dash of romance. It is a haunting journey that will leave tingles up your spine from cover to cover. *Conjured* is the perfect book to check out from the library for a late-night adventure in a land of unsettling circuses and dark magic.

### **Recommended Titles**

Enchanted Ivy by Sarah Beth Durst

The Queen of Blood: Book One of The Queens of Renthia by Sarah Beth Durst

Chasing Power by Sarah Beth Durst