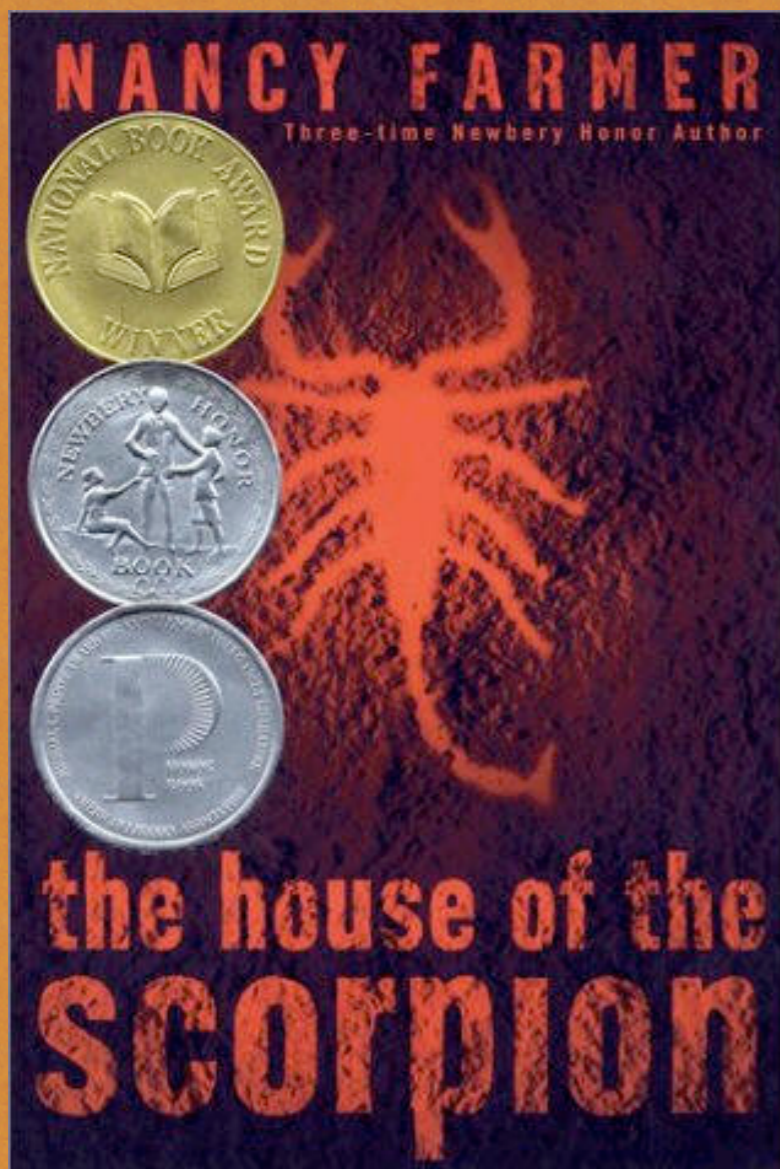


HOUSE OF THE SCORPION



By Jalen Smith

MAIN CHARACTERS IN THE BOOK

- Matt: Matteo Alacrán, the clone.
- El Patrón: The original Matteo Alacrán; a powerful drug lord.
- Felipe: El Patróns son; died long ago.
- El Viejo: El Patróns grandson and Mr. Alacrán's father; a very old man.
- Mr. Alacrán: El Patróns great-grandson; husband of Felicia, father of Benito and Steven.
- Felicia: Mr. Alacrán's wife; mother of Benito, Steven, and Tom.
- Benito: Oldest son of Mr. Alacrán and Felicia.
- Steven: Second son of Mr. Alacrán and Felicia.
- Tom: Son of Felicia and Mr. MacGregor.
- Fani: Benito's wife.
- Emilia: Oldest daughter of Senator Mendoza.
- Maria: Younger daughter of Senator Mendoza.
- Esperanza: Emilia's and Maria's mother; disappeared when Maria was five.

Mr. Mac Gregor: A Drug Lord.



BOOK REVIEW

- Author: Nancy Farmer
- Release Date: 2002
- Three-Time Newbery Honor Author
- 380 pages
- Genre: Young Adult, Science Fiction Novel, Dystopian.



BRIEF OVERVIEW SUMMARY

Have you ever read a story that was very mind boggling. Well I have. The story I read was The House Of the Scorpion. This story was very intense and it was very opealing to the reader. The House Of The Scorpion is about a young boy named Matt who is a clone. Matt lives in a drug empire ran by El Patron. Matt has many fears because he thinks that he will never find a real friend and find freedom to do what ever he wants.

Opium Poppy Field (story setting)



El Patron treats Matt differently than the other clones in the city. Most of the clones are grown for horrible reasons and their knowledge is removed with a drug when they are first born. But Matt is highly intellegent and he really enjoys listening to music. Through out the book you will notice that many of the characters befriend Matt because of his abilies and the position he is in. Many others mistreat and abuse him, even some of his so called friends do the same things. Later on in the story when he decides that he has to leave the confort of his shelter to save his life from the dangerous places of Poppy fields, new enemies appear and he has to find his way out of his obstacles.

I highly encourage teen readers to read this book. From reading this book the lesson I learned was to always know that even when things look bad you must always know that everything is going to be alright. In the story Matt had many doubts that his life would not turn out to be what he expected it to be, but all I have to say is that all things are possible and you never know what would happen. So I would like to leave you with this. Never doubt yourself because later on in your life something very good could happen. I garentee it. **pg 3.**



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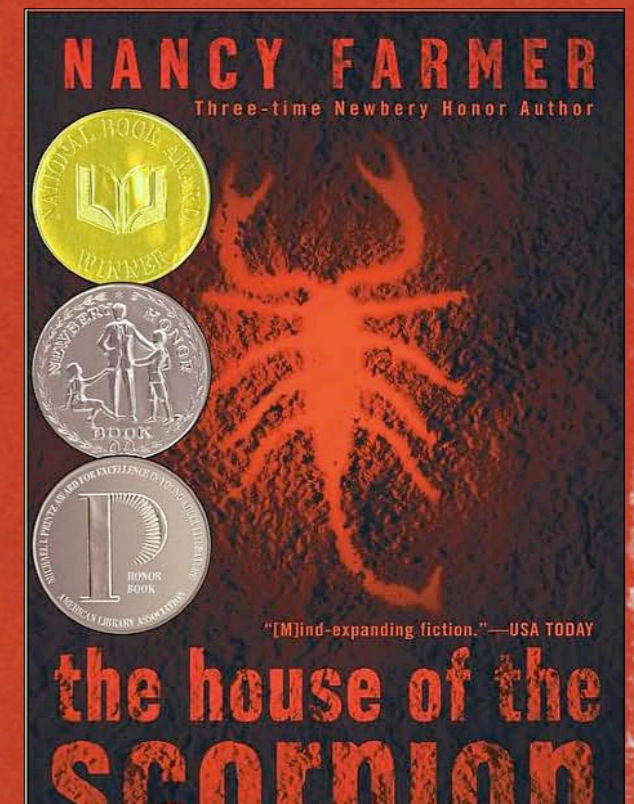
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