The Legend of the Blue Cloud Reviews

RJ S
5.0 out of 5 stars Another page-turner from the creative mind of Charles Serio
Reviewed in the United States on March 26, 2020 - Verified Purchase

I enjoyed Serio's debut book, 'The Lies I've Told,' so I looked forward to this pure novel, the earlier book being dramatized autobio, and I was not disappointed. In this book Serio applies his tireless imagination to create a most unusual and compelling story of families in the Native American west facing the menace of unspeakable evil, no less than the devil's battle to establish dominion over the earth. This pure fiction is a departure from the first-person narrative of 'Lies,' and Serio proved himself capable in the dramatic fiction genre. I would say that the book would be an excellent choice for a YA audience, the protagonists being late teens and their parents, but there are some raw bits that require a certain maturity of reader, if appropriate to the portrayal of the truly evil antagonist. The characters are well drawn and believable, the story moves along, and the descriptive language ably welcomes the reader to a place and culture quite different from the author's biographical homeland in 'Lies.' In this milieu, 'The Legend of the Blue Cloud' tells a story at once inventive and original, and classic in its clash of good and evil, the conflict at once among the book's young adult characters, and an allegory for the plight of our human civilization.

David E 5.0 out of 5 stars This book is a gripping read and is highly recommended! Reviewed in the United Kingdom on June 6, 2019 - Verified Purchase

The Legend of the Blue Cloud is a real page turner set in rural Idaho in land seeped in Native American history and legend. The action, set towards the end of the 20th Century, is fast moving and thrilling as local Idaho residents try to get to grips with the mysterious happenings they encounter in Magic Valley. Their struggle against the evil White Eyes and his followers are tense and scary and are led by the younger generation. This book is a gripping read and is highly recommended!