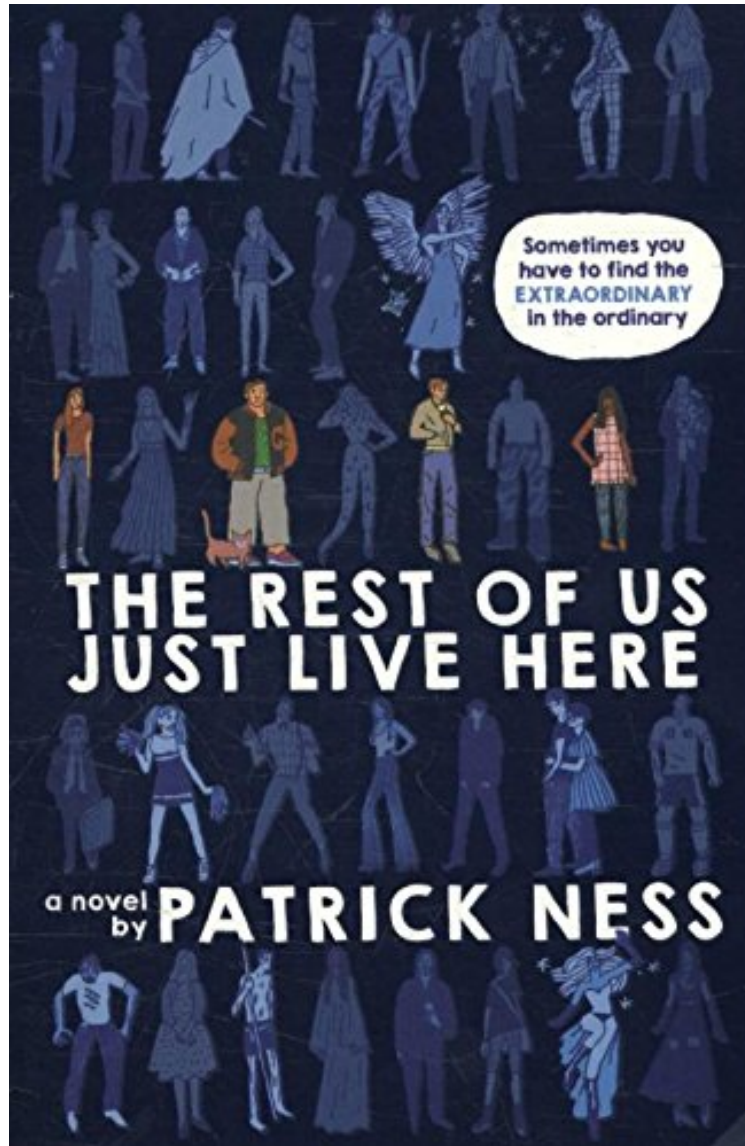


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Patrick Ness : The Rest of Us Just Live Here before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rest of Us Just Live Here:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really loved this bookBy MReally loved this book! It was surprisingly deep and also very entertaining. I started reading it over the shoulder of someone when I was bored on a plane (don't judge) several months ago and always remembered it. When I finally ordered it I had trouble getting past the first chapter, but once I did it was great.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Story About the Rest

of Us By Keith B. While I'm an adult I do enjoy well written YA novels and I just found this novel entirely engrossing. The 'real' story, the stuff that would be happening to Buffy and her gang of world saviors, is told in the chapter headings/descriptions while the rest of the book is about, well, the rest of us who live here. While we find out other super natural events have happened before all the group we get to know. Other than they're nonplused by some of the freaky events is they want to make it graduation hopefully before they blow up the high school, again. The kids we're really reading about, except for one but his differences, though major, are underplayed. The rest read like every day high school kids and their problems and their families who are functional and dysfunctional, broken and held together. They're just people and I liked that about the book. The action and adventure takes place in the background and we ride along with the everyday people. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love love loved this book! By Suzie R. As an adult YA reader, I really enjoyed this book. This is the story of Mikey and his friends, who live in a world of supernatural occurrences, but are not the "chosen" kids to save the world. They continue to live their lives while strange things are happening in their town, and the "indie kids" are fighting and dying around them. This is definitely a new and fun angle on the whole apocalyptic, "save the world" story line we have come to love, but see over and over and over again. Now we can see what it's like from the other side of the story. One thing I loved about this book is that in the beginning of each chapter there is a small excerpt of what is happening in the world of the "indie kids," so you do get a small sense of what is going on with the Chosen ones without it being the whole concept. Very well done, I highly recommend this book. This was my first Patrick Ness novel, but certainly won't be my last!

Six starred reviews! A new YA novel from novelist Patrick Ness, author of the Carnegie Medal- and Kate Greenaway Medal-winning *A Monster Calls* and the critically acclaimed *Chaos Walking* trilogy, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* is a bold and irreverent novel that powerfully reminds us that there are many different types of remarkable. What if you aren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you're like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend is worshipped by mountain lions. ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults * Cooperative Children's Book Center CCBC Choice * Michael Printz Award shortlist * Kirkus Best Book of the Year * VOYA Perfect Ten * NYPL Top Ten Best Books of the Year for Teens * Chicago Public Library Best Teen Books of the Year * Publishers Marketplace Buzz Books * ABC Best Books for Children * Bank Street Best Books List

From School Library Journal Gr 9 Up—In this highly satiric exploration of the "chosen one" genre, an incredibly normal group of friends are approaching the end of high school and their parting of ways. Mikey is just trying to get through the year and hopefully ask his longtime crush to the prom. Similarly, each person in Mikey's close-knit circle of friends is battling a myriad of highly relatable issues: jealousy, various insecurities, and dysfunctional family relationships. The beginning of each chapter also contains an update in the concurrent story line centering on the "indie kids." These are Mikey and his pals' extraordinary peers, those from exceptional families who are exclusively chosen whenever there is a supernatural occurrence. They've fought off zombies and fallen in love with vampires, and now they're being targeted by the Immortals, a mysterious group looking for a permanent Vessel. In the end, Mikey and his friends come to grips with the ways in which they are both ordinary and extraordinary. This is a highly ambitious novel with an original concept, and the five main characters are all dealing with issues that will resonate with teens. Though the two plotlines don't always come together and readers used to more linear narratives might feel bombarded by information, the stream-of-consciousness narrative will please fans of Libba Bray's *Going Bovine* (Delacorte, 2009). VERDICT Fans of madcap humor and satire and those seeking more thought-provoking alternatives to the usual fare will appreciate this unique and clever take on a familiar trope.—Sunnie Lovelace, Wallingford Public Library, CT "Fresh, funny, and full of heart: not to be missed." (Kirkus s (starred review)) "Ness' deadpan sci-fi novel pokes fun at far-fetched futuristic fantasies while emphasizing the important victories of merely living. This memorable, moving, and often hilarious read is sure to be a hit." (Booklist (starred review)) "Fans of madcap humor and satire and those seeking more thought-provoking alternatives to the usual fare will appreciate this unique and clever take on a familiar trope." (School Library Journal (starred review)) "Clever and laugh-out-loud funny, the supernatural side notes add tension and humor to the story. This is highly recommended for libraries serving young adults." (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred review)) "The result is a cleverly metafictional, occasionally humorous, occasionally poignant love letter to the kids most likely to get sorted into Hufflepuff or who might occasionally date one of the Scooby gang, but whose real heroism lies in living their daily lives bravely and compassionately." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (starred review)) "This clever sendup of traditional fantasy fare doesn't have nearly the body count as Ness's award-winning *Chaos Walking* trilogy, but it does have all of the heart, and then some." (Shelf Awareness) "In this often-hilarious (and just as often poignant) parody of fantasy stories from Harry's to Buffy's, not everyone is a Chosen One, but "everyone's got something"; everybody matters."

(Horn Book Magazine)The Rest of Us Just Live Here is the antidote to all things formulaic: it's meta, playful, wise and true--and clever-as-hell. (emily m. danforth, author of The Miseducation of Cameron Post)Magical, mysterious and breathtakingly suspenseful, The Rest of Us Just Live Here is an absolute marvel of imagination, invention, and heart. I truly couldn't put it down -- proof, once again, that Ness never disappoints. (Michael Cart, author of My Father's Scar)"Hilarious! And so, so clever. All the characters are beautifully drawn. This is one smart, warm book, both entertaining and thought-provoking." (Monica Edinger)From the Back CoverWhat if you aren't the Chosen One?The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death?What if you're like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again.Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life.Even if your best friend is worshiped by mountain lions.Award-winning writer Patrick Ness's bold and irreverent novel powerfully reminds us that there are many different types of remarkable.