

Windsor High School

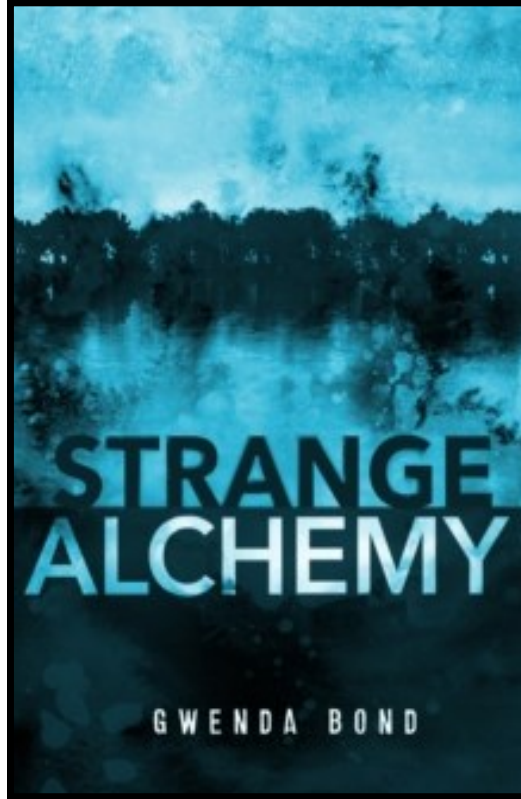
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Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Book of the Month

Strange Alchemy by Gwena Bond



This book is best described as a paranormal thriller with a little spattering of romance thrown in. It is set in Roanoke Island, a spit of land on the east coast of America.

Over four hundred years ago 114 colonists disappeared from Roanoke, never to be seen again. When history repeats itself the islanders are thrown into fear and chaos. How can this possibly happen?

For Miranda Blackwood and Grant Rawling the fear comes with danger and chaos follows them around.

The teenagers have strong ties to Roanoke and its history: their families both claim to be directly descended from the first settlers and both have found it almost impossible to leave.

As they join forces and start to investigate the strange events unfolding they have their own demons and secrets to face. With the past and the present becoming indelibly joined, Miranda and Grant find themselves at the centre of the mystery - can they stop the evil which is approaching? Can they save their families...and themselves?

This is a cracking read. I liked the characters of Miranda and Grant and if sometimes the writing loses focus I could forgive it as I wanted to know what the next page would bring. Suspend belief and go with it.

Never having come across the story of the Lost Colonists, I was inspired to find out more about the history; it may be a good idea to do this before you start reading as a little knowledge certainly helps.