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MALICE

Rating: R

Grade Level: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A book readers will have trouble putting down once they have picked it up, with a sequel Havoc that comes out later this year. A rumor of a horrific comic book which traps real kids in its terrible world does not stop Luke from whispering the chant as a challenge. But when he does get trapped in the creepy steampunk world with mechanical creatures that live by sucking human souls out, his friends on the inside and out try to work together to get him and all the other trapped kids out. Between alternating text and graphic novel, fast-paced action, creepy characters, and the reliance on teens to save themselves, the novel is a gripping read.

- Erin Sterling, Puget Sound Council for Reviewing Children's Books