

## Seven Days

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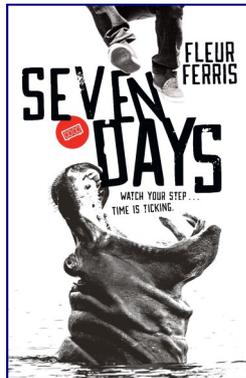
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*Blurb:*

A fast-paced, action-packed story of how the past catches up to us, from bestselling and award-winning author Fleur Ferris.

Seven days to solve a century-old crime. Seven days to unearth the treasure. Seven days to survive...

The countdown is on.



*Lamont Review:*

Fleur Ferris certainly does not disappoint with this one! Set over just seven days, the lives of all involved will be changed forever...

With his Mum off on her honeymoon, and his Dad on another work trip, Ben finds himself having to spend the holidays in the country with his Uncle Ian, Auntie Christine and cousin Josh. The lives that Ben and Josh lead could not be more different. Ben is a wealthy city kid, with separated parents that seem disinterested in him. He plays computer games and spends a lot of time on his own. Josh's life on the farm is the complete opposite. He is sporty and strong, and his family ooze the love and nurture that Ben desires.

Then with the discovery of their great-great-Grandfather's journal, something stirs in Ben, and he is determined to find out the truth about what happened all those years ago. But this is a mystery that has been at the root of a never ending family feud between the Parker family and the Rhinestone family. Being a visitor in the town, Ben does not really understand the deep seated bad blood that the events of a century ago have created, and he finds himself in all sorts of trouble and danger trying to find out!

This is a wonderful story about drawing on the past to try and piece together who you really are. With themes of truth, deception, family and self-perception, this is a gripping, fast-paced story, with a big twist at the end, that middle grade readers will thoroughly enjoy.

*Reviewed by Sam*

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