



Title: Fallen Spirits

Author: Diane Hatz

Genre: Fiction/Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Audience: Adult

Word Count: 61000

Assessment:

Plot/Idea: *Fallen Spirits*, book two in the Mind Monsters series, is a supernatural thriller with a consistently uplifting and inspirational aura. Alex Scott goes on an intriguing voyage of self-discovery that involves a thrilling cross country car chase and plenty of mysterious and unexpected occurrences.

Prose: Hatz's text is full of confidently written characters who largely communicate in raw, expletive-ridden volleys of dialogue. The imagery is frequently creative, buoyant and, imaginative, although there are some distressing scenes of violence and abuse.

Originality: *Fallen Spirits* is witty, entertaining, and often sharply satirical, though the work treads some familiar territory.

Character/Execution: Hatz's protagonist, Alex Scott, is colorfully and vividly realized. Her mesmerizing journey of self-discovery, with all its peaks and troughs, is effectively transmitted, bolstered by a stellar supporting cast of characters who exhibit carefully observed mannerisms and idiosyncrasies.