

# BOOK REVIEW

The monthly book review from Chris Clarke of Waterstones Bookshop, Cornhill, Lincoln



## **The Thirteenth**

G.L Twynham

It is not often that a self published novel, which has managed to get on the shelves of your local Waterstone's becomes a word of mouth success. But Market Rasen's Georgia Twynham has managed exactly that. At the time of

printing, she has her book stocked in around 70 Waterstone's branches, has had a signing at Waterstone's on the Cornhill and even got into the Japanese market.

The Thirteenth is a teen-fantasy novel and the first in a planned series of six. The protagonist is a young girl by the name of Valerie Saunders, whom up until her 18th birthday, is an average British teenager until a fateful morning reveals a mysterious tattoo. From this point on, if you're not already gripped tighter than wood in a vice, then you soon will be. The incidents come thick and fast with more twists and turns than a mountain road and are written with a subtle pace that doesn't drag you along through the plot too uncomfortably quickly, but carries you along for the thrilling ride.

Although aimed at the teen market, this will quite comfortably sit on the shelves of any sci-fi/ fantasy aficionado and has the potential to be as big as the Twilight series as I certainly find it more gripping and its easily a more accomplished work. Remember the name as this could and certainly should be huge.