Book Report: *Spy School*

I chose the book *Spy School* because it was a highly recommended book by many of my friends. I also thought that it had an interesting plot and was written by a great author in Stuart Gibbs. To summarize the plot I could say that it is about a young boy named Ben Ripley who is first approached by who is characterized as the best spy in the world. When Ben has his first encounter with the spy, he tells him that he will be attending a spy school and leaving behind everything that he loved and knew to become a spy. When they drive up to the school which is located in Washington D.C., he is greeted by a test of what he can do in the field. From then on the book has many tosses and turns with people trading sides to the evil corporation called Spider and other becoming secret agents to go undercover in Spider.

The main characters of the book are Ben Ripley, Erica and Alexander Hale, Murray, and Chip. All main characters except for Alexander are students at spy school. Most characters are only thought to be kids and that's not what I got from them when I read the book. They were daring, thrill-taking people. The central conflict of the book is that there is a secret agent in the school and everyone is trying to find out who it is. The conflict is resolved by Ben and Erica investigating more into the case and eventually cracking down and finding out that the spider undercover agent is Murray. The point of view in the book is first person through the narrator Ben.

The true theme of the book is to stay true to your cause and the people helping you accomplish that cause. This really means that you need to stick with it and you need to keep
trying to tough it out through thick and thin. The larger truth that the book shows is that the world is harsh and you can't just wimp out and give up when times are hard. The book shows reference to many real life problems that people face almost every day, like when Ben is faced with the decision to go to the spy school or stay and live an average life like he had been his whole life.

If I was to rate the book on a scale of one to ten I would give it eight out of ten. It was a great read, only about four hundred pages, and very interesting. It was a very good book and it really succeeded to engage the reader and keep you up all night reading. I personally think that it was a wonderful book because there was so much action and adventure and there were constant thrills even when you wouldn’t expect them. I would for sure recommend the book to anyone who likes to read action packed and suspenseful novels. I can't wait to read the second.