

**TITLE:** The House of Scorpion

**AUTHOR:** Nancy Farmer

**CATEGORY/GENRE:** Sci-Fi – Dystopian / Fantasy

**SERIES:** Matteo Alacrán Series, 2<sup>nd</sup> book: The Lord of Opium

**AWARDS:** National Book Award for Young People’s Literature (2002), Northern California Book Award (2002), Newbery Honor (2003)

**SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS:** *Taken* by Edward Bloor & *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

**AVAILABLE:** STC library (book), electronically via Overdrive & Libby (audiobook and eBook)

**ABOUT THE BOOK:** Matteo Alacrán, or Matt, is the young clone of Drug Lord, “El Patron.” Unbeknownst to the young protagonist, Matt was grown/harvested in order to sustain the prolonged life of 142-year-old El Patron. Throughout this tale, Matt must discover what it means to be human while surviving in a land that doesn’t consider him so.

**YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF:**

...you enjoy coming-of-age stories that are explorations of self and identity.

...you are interested in Dystopian tales that are set in lands completely different from our own.

...you want to follow a journey that through ups and downs, struggle and heartache, the protagonist will stop at nothing in order to succeed.