

Alina McLane #9

Author study readers response

Walter from *Just A Dream* and the crew men from *The Wretched Stone* by Chris Van Allsburg are comparable. They have things in common and things completely different.

These characters have some similarities. Both people went through a dramatic change and didn't know what they were doing wrong. But later in the books, they both fix their mistakes. The book shows them witnessing their regret. Also both characters had a influence or leader to teach them what was right. Walter used Rose and the Crew Men used their captain.

Just because the characters have similarities, doesn't mean they don't have differences too. Walter littered for no reason but the crew men watched the stone carefully, stating they were in a trance. Also, Walter's problem was litter; but the crew men's problem was to much TV. I know this because the consequences are the negative about the future. Walter went through a mental change. The crew men went through a physical change.

Just A Dream and *The Wretched Stone* are both by Chris Van Allsburg. I think he does an amazing job of writing fantasy.



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Alina chose this piece because she "used deep thinking about the characters and used a lot of detail."