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The Morrigan's Curse (Eighth Day)



Synopsis

Adventure, action, and magic collide in the latest installment of the series that School Library Journal called "fast paced and exciting." In the third book of the series that VOYA recommends "for fans of Percy Jackson and Harry Potter," the war over the Eighth Day continuesâ "and there's more at stake than ever before. The battle between Kin and Transitioners that's been brewing for centuries has finally come to a head. The sinister Kin have captured Evangeline's younger sister, Addie, a descendant of Merlin whose presence will allow them to reverse the Eighth Day Spell and free themselves. Addie doesn't realize the full consequences of her cooperation. She's been helping the Kin because they value the strength of her magicâ "something Evangeline never did. The feeling of power coursing through her veins is impossible to resist. Meanwhile, Riley, Evangeline, and Jax craft a plan to rescue Addie from her captors. But the Kin's unstoppable magic, and a rebellious Addie, force Riley to reconsider whether saving Addie is worth sacrificing everyone who lives in the seven-day week. Jax won't let Evangeline's sister be used as a pawn, so he risks it all in a secret mission of his own. With the Morrigan pushing both sides of the war toward annihilation, Addie must decide where her loyalties lie, while Jax, Riley, and Evangeline confront the possibility of losing Addie to save the world.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

THE MORRIGAN'S CURSE is the third and, unbelievably, the best book in the Eighth Day series. I say "unbelievably" because the first two books were so darn good, I wasn't convinced the third book could top them. But it does. There are several reasons for this. For one, Salerni has introduced a truly despicable set of villains, magical families with the twisted souls of crime lords; you really believe that these people are capable of atrocities. In this respect, the book is somewhat more "realistic" than the first two; when the evil Kin families set fire to houses where unsuspecting Normals are sleeping or brew storms that knock airplanes out of the sky, the magic echoes real-life acts of violence and terror. By the same token, the book is more mature than its predecessors; though I had no qualms about my 12-year-old reading it, I recognized that he was reading a book we might need to discuss afterward. (The Morrigan herself, an incarnation of chaos who takes the body of a young girl as one of her manifestations, was scary as heck.) Finally, and related to my previous points, the book has an even greater sense of urgency, risk, and danger than the previous two installments; the rising tide of clan warfare that sweeps up young protagonist Jax forces him to make truly momentous and wrenching decisions, and it's not always clear whether he's going to survive unscathed. Taken together, these qualities make the book perfect for readers on the verge of their teen years, when they're going to have to confront difficult choices and grapple with the nature of evil. But all of this powerful stuff wouldn't work if Salerni wasn't also a great storyteller, who keeps the action moving, the twists coming, and the pages turning.

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