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The good witches of Wadingburn are worried - there's a new witch in town with a bag of magic bones, and she's so evil she makes their toes ache.

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Sarah says

While this book lacked the spark that The Robe of Skulls had, it was still a delightful read. The chatty bats were joined by flirty rats, and the adventure was as absurd as ever. I only wish Gracie had shown the same Trueheartedness we saw in her before and that the pieces of the story had come together a little less awkwardly.

Arief Mulyanto says

The illustration makes the story more live.

Nicola Mansfield says

Reason for Reading: Next in the series.

Summary: The evil witch Truda Hangnail, practitioner of Deep Magic (not permitted in the Five Kingdoms) comes to visit her granddaughter and takes control of the local group of witches shrinking them down to the size of rats. Loobly, one of the witch's servants, escapes and sets off to get the help of the Ancient Crones. Meanwhile, it is Queen Bluebell's 80th birthday celebration and since she has no female heirs she will be naming her future successor at the party. But Truda Hangnail has a diabolical plan to crash the party and become the Queen of the Five Kingdoms herself!

Comments: A fun sequel to The Robe of Skulls! Lots of new characters are introduced but all the familiar ones from the first book find their way into this story as well. The bats Marlon and Alf join in on the first page, then the twin brother princes make their appearance, as well as the Ancient Crones. Our heroine (from book one) Gracie Gillypot and Gubble the troll finally make a late appearance halfway through the book.

A quick, easy read with lots of magic and dastardly doings. Truda Hangnail is all badness and as in the first book the bad are bad and the good are good keeping the story a fun romp through a fantasy world. I really enjoyed the new main character, Loobly. She's outwardly so timid and yet she sticks up for herself every time it counts. Her fondness for rats is amusing as well.

This is one of those books that's just plain 'a whole lotta fun'. While the plot may have been predictable (to me) I had a great time getting there. I love these characters. I love the Scottish author's sense of humour and I love Ross Collins illustrations. Looking at the author's website, I see a third book has already been published in the UK, called The Heart of Glass. No sign of it on this side of the ocean yet but hopefully it will be a summer 2010 release.

Greeny Onie says

Lebih seruuu..tapi tetap aja maniss..

buku-buku begini bikin ga akan bisa move on dari dongeng menyenangkan dan bikin hati hangat..

incredibly heartwarming..

"bahagia selamanya"..^^

Sand-Witch says

I will never not love this book. Everything is written out so smoothly and it all fit together like a puzzle at the end. I love how all the characters play a part in the story no matter if they were human or troll or bat or whatever. I felt like the characters weren't just put in there to be used. This was an easy and incredibly enjoyable book that I really liked. Some people may find it childish but who cares about them. Good night :)

Heather says

Not quite as good as *Robe of Skulls*, but still a good adventure. One thing that bothered me is that Gracie said Loobly was left at the orphanage 17 years ago. When Loobly was left, she was old enough to say "Loobly Dirty," which would now make her at least 18. Well, Loobly is certainly **not** 18, **plus** that wouldn't fit the rest of the story. I suppose it was probably just an error that snuck into the text. Anyway, though, I'm excited to continue the series.

Chris says

Gracie, Marlon, and Prince Malcom are back, with some new characters to deal with. As Queen Bluebell is planning to name her successor to the throne of Wadingburn, something is afoot. Deep magic is back (the forbidden magic in the 5 kingdoms), and it could be that it is only stoppable by a Trueheart. Another fine adventure for our characters awaits in book 2, and expecting more to continue with them through book 5 (last one in the series, I believe).

Jay says

I would talk in a laid back stoner's voice for Marlon. For Alf, I'd use a high-pitcher, very exuberant "little kid" voice. For Truda Hangnail, I'd get to use my creaky witchy voice. Do I have a troll voice?!?

This book would be a great read aloud. So many fun characters and a story that bounces along, following after a whole Love Boat's worth of different story strands that, in the end, all come together nicely. Sure, the characters are rather fixed in a flat photo version of reality, but it does give the story a nice black and white, good versus evil slant that can be a lot of fun. There are a few characters who walk around in shades of gray, but it's usually the gray of ignorance rather than the gray of depth.

Since I have not been reading these aloud, but have been reading them because my son really liked them, I am uncertain whether I will continue. There are lots of non "fairy tale feel" books still calling to me... but being able to talk about these with my son has a lot of allure, too.

Lynn says

It may have been a little helpful to have read the first in the series, but I was able to guess a lot about it. I'm still trying to decide which of my students would enjoy this - it's not really scary or silly, rather it meanders back and forth between seriousness and fun. The many characters were a bit tough to follow, especially with similar names and similar personalities. Not sure if the entire series is a good value. Will have to check with some of my student readers!w

Seplucid says

Urg! Sangat Menghibur!!

Tales from the Five Kingdoms ini asli unyu. Dongeng petualangan fantasi yang imut, lucu dan seru. Buku kedua lebih kompleks dari buku pertamanya. Aku paling suka sama genre beginian hehe..

Ratu Bluebell ke-28 berulangtahun dan mengadakan pesta dansa, ia mengundang penyihir agung Wadingburn dan teman-temannya. Namun ada penyihir asing penganut Sihir Dalam yang turut serta (yang membawa kantong tulang) dan berniat jahat menempati takhta sang ratu baru ke-29.

Sihir Dalam sudah lama dilarang di penjuru Lima Kerajaan. Hanya kemampuan Jiwa Sejati yang mampu menangkal kekuatan Sihir Dalam. Loobly, (yatim piatu penyayang tikus yang sedang magang sebagai pesuruh penyihir) harus kabur agar tidak terpengaruh Sihir Dalam dan meminta bantuan pada para penenun takdir Pitarah Purba (Moirae??).

Gracie sang pemilik Jiwa Sejati dipaksa membantu menangani masalah ini oleh Rumah Jiwa Sejati, dan para penenun juga menyakinkannya karena mereka menemui noda ungu besar pada tenunan takdir mereka. Tapi sepertinya satu Jiwa Sejati saja belum cukup untuk mengalahkan Sihir Dalam. Dibantu Marcus si pangeran kembar, troll, keluarga kelelawar, persaudaraan tikus dan para penyihir Wadingburn, mereka harus mengembalikan kedamaian pada Lima Kerajaan dan bahagia selamanya! halaah.. Bahagia Selamanya..

Aah, sering ngakak dan senyum-senyum sendiri baca ini. Lucu banget dan banyak kekonyolan, imut! gemes sama para tikus dan kelelawarnya. Ehlm tapi si kakak tiri Gracie yang keturunan werewolf ga keliatan, mungkin dia masih dilanda trauma gegara jadi Pitarah terbaru kali ya??

Truly says

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Dua Jiwa Sejati bekerja sama, kekuatan tak terkalahkan.

Dua Jiwa Sejati bisa menjadi kombinasi yang kuat dan bisa mengubah jalan sihir Dalam

Kembali Gracie, Gubble, Pangeran Marcus, Marlon serta Alf berada dalam sebuah petualangan seru di Lima Kerajaan. Kali ini ada seorang tokoh tambahan, Loobly Higgins seorang anak yang berada dalam pengawasan Buckleup Brandersby yang kejam.

Looby diletakan di depan pintu panti dengan menyebutkan kalimat "Looby Kotor" berulang kali. Satu-satu benda yang ada dalam keranjang tempat ia dibawa hanyalah sebuah sepatu dari bahan satin.

Cemeread says

Bag of Bones is the second book in the Tales from the Five Kingdoms series and it's another good story. I felt readers would need to read the first book Robe of Skulls to really know what is going on in this one since there really isn't any explanation for why things are the way they are or background on the characters.

Something is brewing in this story. Deep magic isn't practiced in the Five Kingdoms, but a witch gets in that does try to practice deep magic. I say try because her spells don't always work the way she wants. Of course, this can only be trouble as the crones' loom begins to stain. There is a ball planned where Queen Bluebell is to announce her successor. The only problem is her only child ran away years ago.

Gracie, Gubble, Prince Marcus, Marlon and his nephew Alf are all part of the action again. I do wish Marlon had more lines. He was so funny in the first book, but has a smaller part in this second one. There are a few new characters which include an orphan named Loobly and some rats. Some of the rats are kind of funny. Once again it is very clear who the good and bad characters are. The deep magic witch will have you rooting for the good guys even more than Lady Lamora did.

Bottom Line: Bag of Bones , the second of the Tales from the Five Kingdoms series, is another good read with likable characters you'll cheer for and characters you'll love to despise. It's humorous and has a twist on a classic fairy tale with a prince who would never fit into the Disney realm. I recommend it to both boys and girls. Even children who aren't reading chapter books yet can enjoy this story if it's read aloud.

Calista says

I enjoyed this book. I want to read them all. This is set in a magical kingdom ruled by Queen Bluebell the 28th. She has to announce her heir and her daughter is missing. The witches are typically silly, yet one shows up using deep magic which is black magic and things start happening.

Gracie lives with the crones who weave the web of time and they see black magic spreading all over the web. Gracie sets off to fix everything. There are trolls, bats, rats and witches in this book. There is also a prince.

This book was simply a fun read. I enjoyed it. The characters are fun, the world is a little dark and a little creepy and it feels safe. The characters are quirky and there is plenty of magic. The dark witch feels bad without being too scary. Great for middle grade readers.

April says

Another book in the Five Kingdoms series that's so much fun and an awesome read! These are so much fun when you want a bit of light-hearted ness and yet still a gripping story you just can't seem to put down. I find myself smiling whenever I've read these so far - and I totally plan to read the entire series! Every character is such a blast to read about - even the ones who are causing trouble! I love all the names French comes up with for all her characters, they fit the characters so well. I mean who thinks to name a girl Loobly? But it's so clever, each name has a reason - sometimes it's about personality, like Mrs. Cringe, one of the nastier mean-hearted witches.

Read these books, you will quickly fall under their spell like I have! :D

Muhajjah Saratini says

"Unk. Bahagya selamanya..."

Teka-teknya lebih menarik di buku kedua ini, cuma saya lebih merasakan ketegangan kisah di buku pertama. Dan lebih terbawa petualangannya. Mungkin juga karena karakter Gracie Gillipot lebih menarik ketimbang Loobly yang kelewat pasif.

Dibaca setelah menunda Jeffery Deaver. Ini kayak dulu nonton film humor (apa aja) setelah nonton Saw. Perlu jeda. Dan buku dongeng ini model yang tetap menarik untuk dinikmati emak2 seperti saya. Sambil nahan sakit kepala sebelah, saya senang menyelesaikannya. :*

*review lengkap harusnya menyusul.--(^-^")>

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