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Even though Dana, Amy, and Jack have escaped from the Troll, they know they're still in danger. Something sinister is going on in the old mine and the kids are determined to find out what it is. Dana is sure she's identified the Troll, but Amy and Jack can't believe he's someone they've trusted all their lives. The deeper Dana digs for answers the more questions she finds. Desperate, Dana tries to find a solution on her own-but who will believe her?

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Karen Bainbridge says

exciting, comedic, scary but not terrifying, friends together strong, great book for preteens or all of us for our inner child. Goodreads firstreads advance copy.

The Adventurers Dana, Amy and Jack are back for another book to solve a new mystery, to find the Troll whom Dana thinks is hiding in the old mine or something sinister is taking place there. This book carries on from the first but is a stand alone one, but there are few things which leave some questions that hopefully be answered in the next one, for once the good guys don't win.. that is unusual in books that always seem to favor the heroes or heroines.. how will they(especially Dana) rebound in the next book in the series? Here's hoping that this series will go beyond 3 books because it has so many beloved characters, yes even the Troll! This is an exciting, fast paced adventure mystery that both girls and boys from the age of 8 to 12 will love, but it also appeals to the child in all of us. Mackenzie Reide does an excellent job in making the main character Dana a strong, independent and influencing young woman. I like the way she doesn't keep Jack's heart problem from joining in the hunt instead of wrapping him up in a glass bubble, but lets him be a young boy who wants to join in with no exclusions! There is a really creepy scene between Dana & the Troll and an exciting bicycle race near the end all of which makes us want to read the next installment of their adventures. Sorry Amy, you need more spark in the next one.

An excellent example of what a young-adult mystery should be, lots of excitement and it will make them feel or wish that they are one of the characters Ms Reide you did a great book! 5 stars.

hpboy13 says

"Mask of the Troll" picks up promptly where the first book left off, and does a great job moving the story along! This is a great series for young readers - I'd probably recommend it for the latter years of elementary school, equally for girls and boys - but I think anyone can enjoy it. Certainly I did, and as a college student I'm outside the target audience.

What I loved is that the protagonists are incredibly proactive in this book - they take the initiative in finding the troll, and don't just sit around waiting for things to happen. So often, young protagonists don't do anything until forced to, so this was a breath of fresh air. The writing is also fantastic - in particular, there is a scene with Dana and the Troll at the end of the book that is seriously CREEPY!

The author does a particularly great job with one element: Jack's heart problems. I won't spoil exactly what they are, but the book takes a no-nonsense approach to them. There is a message, to not treat kids with health issues as if they're made of spun glass, and this is a great message that needs to be made.

The characterization isn't quite as good as the first book - the protagonists seem a bit one-note in the beginning, and they seem to have a hierarchy rather than acting like peers. I wasn't a huge fan of this, but it does get much better in the second half of the book!

Finally, the ending is really gutsy! The good guys don't win for a change - it's unconventional, and I love it! It really sets up the next book as a must-read - how will the kids come back from defeat? Overall, an excellent book!

Jenny Boyce says

While this book isn't quite as good as the first book, it is still a really good book.

The plot in this book isn't quite as good as the first book. There isn't quite as much of a resolution in this book, it seemed more like it was just a bridge between the first and third book. Although, there wasn't as much of a resolution this book is still a fantastic adventure story. There is nonstop action throughout the entire story, making it a very exciting read.

We get to know a little bit more about the characters in this book. The characters are all pretty likeable, especially Dana. The dialogue between them is relaxed and flows nicely, making it easy to read and hear in your head.

Again, the author does a fantastic job of writing for a young audience. She keeps things simple without dumbing anything down. This is definitely a book that I would have loved to read when I was younger (even though I certainly enjoyed it now).

Patricia Keeler says

My favorite series! When will the third book come out?!

Linda Todd says

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Ryan says

GIVEAWAY WINNER

I gave this book to my younger brother to read and he told me that he enjoyed the book however it was a little childish for his age as he is 11 years old.