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It's only been a month since Gerald Wilkins became the richest kid on earth and uncovered a plot of murder and deception stretching back hundreds of years. But the events of *The Billionaire's Curse* were just the beginning.

As book two opens, Gerald, Sam, and Ruby discover that Gerald's family has been protecting a secret concerning nothing less than the fate of the world. Now the three are off to India in a desperate attempt to uncover the truth before their enemies do.

It's entirely possible this month may be even more eventful than the last.

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### Rochelle says

Gerald and his friends, twins Ruby and Sam, have returned for another action packed adventure, this time in India! And what an exciting setting it was. I could feel the heat, smell the spices and hear the buzz of the market place. Once you start reading, you'll find it hard to put down. It is so easy to become immersed in the exciting life of an average boy turned billionaire.

After his aunt dying, Gerald found himself the new owner of a large fortune. But money isn't the only thing he inherited. His family is embroiled in an ancient mystery that has placed Gerald's life in danger. His family emblem keeps popping up in the most unexpected places, and if he can't unravel the mystery, he might not be around to enjoy his new money.

Gerald and the twins have come to India for a holiday, and to visit their friend Alisha Gupta. But Gerald can't forget about the Emerald Casket and can't get Sir Mason Green out of his head – literally. Gerald is having vivid dreams of his enemy. Although Gerald is far from England, danger is close. A ninja is trying to kidnap Alisha, a fortune-teller gives a gloomy prediction and a stampeding elephant comes close to squashing him. As Gerald gets closer to uncovering his family secret he has to decide who his real friends are and who might not be a friend at all.

Gerald must keep his wits about him if he is going to unravel this mystery and survive.

The Emerald Casket was a gripping, fast paced story that I really enjoyed. It has lots of mystery, plenty of action, the right amount of humour and a little bit of magic. It is highly imagined with lots of twists and turns that will keep you captivated. The Emerald casket was loads of fun. I think this is a great series for the reluctant reader, and perfect for the middle-grade to young teen age range. I highly recommend this to readers looking for a great mystery with action-adventure thrown in. I'm looking forward to The Mask Of Destiny and going on a new adventure with Gerald, Ruby and Sam.

You can read more of my YA reviews at <https://rlsharpe.wordpress.com/>

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### Mindy says

#### Middle school age detective story

Cute story for students. The detective story spans continents with the hero solving crimes. A hint of mysticism or magic lends a fun twist.

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### Susie says

I'm a sucker for a book set in India, and having read the first in this series with my children last year, we were all keen to see what new adventures Gerald and the twins Sam and Ruby would get up to.

I enjoyed The Emerald Casket even more than the first. The first book set things up so nicely, but it was

good this time to get out of stuffy old-world England and into spicy, vibrant new territory in India.

The characters are explored in more depth in this book and all the teen leads are endearing in their own ways. There are many laugh out loud moments, and great interactions between the early teen main characters. Most importantly, the fast and imaginative pace of the action is spot on.

We are keen for the next book in the series and already have a wish list of countries for the world's youngest billionaire and his pals to travel to.

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### **Aylaryan Howard says**

This book was still really good, but at some points, there was so much going on that it was hard to understand what to focus on.

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### **Rhonda says**

Gerald wilkins brand new billionare boy is back with his two friends ruby and sam. they get invited to visit India to visit Alisha and her father as thanks for rescuing thier diamond. Gerald finds clues where mr. green might be headding. He is having wierd dreams about the caskets and mr. green threatning his friends lives if he doesnt help him find the emerald casket. While site seeing around India in a luxery train car they run into kidnappers that want Alisha. they have rescued her a few times from them. thier body guards chaperones have disappeared. Gerald finds out a little bit more of his family history with the caskets. Its a nice adventure book but liked the first book and cant wait for next one to see why the 3 caskets where hidden away and protected so far apart from each one.

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### **Text Publishing says**

*'Between fortune-tellers and ninjas, cross-country train rides and lost cities, there is plenty of action. ...young fans of this James Bond meets The Famous Five adventure will be left hanging out for the final instalment.'*

### **Age**

*'...lots of action, really good description...eight to twelve year-olds would love it.'*

### **Herald Sun**

*'...pure entertainment. The intrepid threesome is involved in an adventure to find the bad guys and locate the jewels in the style of Enid Blyton's Famous Five and Secret Seven series. It's good to see books like this on the shelf as an alternative to stories of magic and fairies...I'm looking forward to the last one in the trilogy.'*

## **Junior Bookseller & Publisher**

*'Newsome is a master at dropping clues and red herrings that move the mystery along while leaving plenty of doubts about which characters are bad guys and which ones can be trusted. The action never flags, and descriptions of various Indian locales add historical and cultural interest. Humorous side plots (Gerald's butler, the up-tight Mr. Fry, becomes enamored of Alisha's stern chaperone, Miss Turner, and the hapless Constable Lethbridge makes several cameos with his pigeons) and resurrected villains (the albino man who smells of bleach, now described as a thin man in black) add to the intrigue...Highly Recommended'*

**Kay Weisman, CM Magazine**

*'If your aim is to foster a love of reading, there are a billion good reasons to stock your library with Richard Newsome's novels.'*

**Primary Focus Fiction 2011**

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### **Ellen says**

I COULD NOT STOP READING!!!!!! I absolutely love this series, you can put it in two words: Thrilling Mystery. It's cool how Gerald is a billionaire but he's a kid. I really like how the pieces all come together once they meet a certain person. And of course, no mystery book is a mystery book without romance. I think the author's pairing of love is a good match, with an annoying guy in the background. You should definitely read this book even if you don't like mystery

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### **Sarah says**

LOVED IT! I want the next and final one now!!!!!!

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### **StorySnoops says**

This exciting, action-packed sequel to *The Billionaire's Curse* picks up immediately where the first story left off, making it necessary to have read the first book to have the important plot background. The action and danger are over-the-top and non-stop. The kids are threatened with...(click here for full review: <http://www.storysnoops.com/detail.php...>)

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### **Heather says**

Is the story sometimes silly and unbelievable? Yes. But is it also a whole lot of fun to read? Double yes.

As expected, Gerald and the twins don't always know who to trust. Especially because every time they begin to trust one person, someone else casts doubts on the individual. This episode takes the three friends to India for a never-ending race with a lot of twists and a whole lot of adventure.

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### **Amanda says**

The Emerald Casket is a great follow-up to the first in the series, *The Billionaire's Curse*. Gerald, Sam, and Ruby thought they had heard the last of Mr. Green. However, on a vacation trip to India, many more things than great monuments and exotic animals are revealed. Friendships and knowledge will be tested. Inner desires will come to light. All in a day of Gerald's life. Now that he is a billionaire, nothing in his life is normal. In the first book, burdened with the knowledge that he is a billionaire and that he must find a precious casket, Gerald faces many trials and tribulations. Along the way, friends and enemies are made. Similarly, in this book, Gerald is off on a whole new adventure. New secrets are divulged, more information about his strange family is discovered, and important details about the world as he knows it come to light. This adventure, like no other before it, will test Gerald in ways that will make him think about his life in a whole new way. What is he really going to do with all his money? What is the whole secret about the Archer family? What is it that Gerald really wants from life? What kind of adventures will he go on in the future?

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### **Linda says**

This is book #2 in the Archer Legacy series and I can't wait for Book #3! While I was reading it I kept thinking that it wasn't quite as good as book #1, and maybe that's true, but it's still fantastic and still rates 5 stars. And I think that reading book #1 first is a must.

Picking up where book #1, "The Billionaire's Curse", ends, Gerald Wilkins, the boy who became the richest kid on earth when his great aunt died and willed him her fortune, and his friends Ruby and Sam are off to India to visit the Gupta family and their friend Alisha Gupta. Gerald had just discovered papers indicating that his family from the time of the Romans were protecting a huge secret. As usual the kids manage to elude their adult companions and protectors and become embroiled with people who are ruthless in their quest to reach the secret and its riches first. Since this book involved a city that had been buried under the ocean and sands for eons, it really appealed to me. I'm a sucker for lost cities! This book and series is a wonderful adventure in an Indiana Jones kind of way.

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### **Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says**

4.5 stars

Picking up right where *The Billionaire's Curse* ends, Gerald and his friends, siblings Rudy and Sam, find themselves in the middle of more heart pounding action, deadly twists, and more mystery as they try and uncover more clues to his Great Aunt's death and his family secrets. This time their adventure takes them to India, and what a trip it is. You don't even need to leave the comforts of home to feel like you've just gone on a first class trip with Gerald and his friends.

India offers a lot of fun, and adventure for the characters and readers alike. The action is engaging and I felt realistic for the story. One of the things that I enjoyed about this sequel was getting to know the characters more in-depth. I've come to love each of the teens in their own ways. Each character offers a lot to the story and together they make a fabulous team of detectives. Their friendship and trust in each other is not only

well written but it's something I think readers will relate to. I also loved the humor and interactions between the three of them. I think it's something that young readers will enjoy reading about. I also love the way Richard has written his adult characters. I've come to love some of them and have my suspicions about others.

With many more twists, adventure and mystery, *The Emerald Casket* is a fabulous sequel that leaves me wondering what lies in store for Gerald and his friends in France. This is an exciting series and one I'd recommend picking up. It's the perfect summer read.

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### **Cara says**

Gerald, Sam and Ruby are back at it! This time they are traveling to India at the request of the Gupta family. While they are there, they end up in danger more than once. It seems that even though they didn't start their trip looking for another casket, they can't get away from it.

This was a great follow up to *The Billionaire's Curse*. There was a great adventure, and the dialogue between the kids and Mr. Fry was as amusing this time as it was in the last book.

I can't wait to read the next one!

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