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Description

Will, um garoto de 12 anos, maduro para sua idade, vive em Oxford. Ele precisa tomar conta da mãe, que tem problemas mentais. Quando mata um homem acidentalmente, ele decide fugir e tentar descobrir a verdade sobre o desaparecimento de seu pai, um explorador do Ártico. Desolado e sem ter para onde ir, Will segue os passos de um gato e, sem querer, atravessa a janela para um outro mundo. Lá ele conhece a impetuosa Lyra e seu daemon Pantalaimon.

Cittagàzze é um mundo semelhante aos de Will e Lyra, mas em vez de pessoas, quem percorre suas ruas são espectros mortais, devoradores de almas. O rufar das asas de Anjos distantes ecoam no céu. É aí, escondida na Torre dos Anjos, que se encontra a faca sutil, um poderoso talismã capaz de cortar o nada e abrir brechas para outros mundos. Para conseguir esta arma, seres de todo o universo são capazes de qualquer coisa - até de matar.

Juntos, Will e Lyra vão de mundo em mundo, procurando as relações entre o misterioso Pó, as pontes que ligam os mundos, anjos seres supremos e as forças cósmicas. Somente com estas informações é que poderão lutar para salvar o universo e encontrar o pai de Will.

Insightful reviews

Lucy:

I am not a fan of forwarded emails. They frustrate me, because they usually come from the same group of people, people I like a great deal but who never send me a normal "hey, how's it going?" message. Just "Support our Troops" or "Tell every woman you know she's special" or "Microsoft is running a test and if you send this you could get a check for \$1,000!" When I see the letters FWD in the subject line, I usually simply delete it.

I lost track of the number of emails I received telling me about the Anti-God movie The Golden Compass and the need to boycott the movies and the books. It was well over ten. Ten people wanted me to send that email on to everyone I know, telling them the same thing. Don't see this movie! Don't read these books! Alert! Alert! Alert!

Nothing like calling attention to something like a planned boycott. I haven't seen the movie, because I'm cheap and it's not something I'd take my kids to or something I'd be prone to see anyway, but as I had already read the first book in the series, enjoyed it and hadn't found it to be Anti-God, I was curious to read the next to see what the fuss was all about.

I don't know if the emails worked and I read with a bias, but I did not enjoy this second book. Not because it is Anti-God...which it really isn't, but more anti organized religion and organized religion's version of god, but because the writing is bad.

Dialogue - choppy.

Descriptions - cliched. (how do I get that little accent marking over the e?)

Storyline - totally falters.

I felt enormously disappointed in the direction of this book. Lyra, the young female protagonist in search of dust and her father, all but disappears in this second story. She still plays a part, but now as the sidekick to Will, a new character who is a giant "young adult fiction" stereotype (in search of the father he never knew while protecting his mother from bad guys and seems to be gifted in the combat department). I don't remember the writing being bad in the first book. I thought it descriptive and unique and thoughtful. Not so, in *The Subtle Knife*. Pullman changes gears and loses focus. There is a lot more going on and none of it is developed well. I stopped caring about the characters and their goals.

I think these books had great potential. There could be a lot to discuss with adolescents (not young children...at all). The nature of the soul, the natural man, the costs and benefits of religions. All appropriate things to discuss with youth ready to question and discover on their own.

Pullman takes that conversation away with his lack of metaphor. It becomes impossible to argue, "I think the dust means this." or "what do you think The Authority is for Pullman?" when he throws his opinion at you with real life Christian beliefs. It's inappropriate and unfair. Write a fantasy or a satire or a parable if you want to. Other authors have done it...and done it well.

Pullman didn't.

I won't be reading the third book.

Jane: The adventures of young Lyra continue, and now she's with Will Parry, a 12-year-old boy from our world. The two meet when Will, trying to escape trouble in his home city of Oxford, England, slips through an invisible window (kind of like a sheet of air inside air) into a third world, Cittagazze, where he bumps into Lyra. They piece together their stories and deduce that there are many worlds, all "hooked on" to each other, coexisting, and only those who have discovered the windows can travel among them.

These adventures have a purpose, which unfolds and becomes both layered and more clear as the two travel and confront angels, soul-eating Specters, calculating humans, a mob of desperate children, magical allies, and highest-minded friends. The purpose, which involves Lyra's estranged father, Lord Asriel, and diabolical and beautiful mother, Mrs. Coulter, has much to do with the Authority, consciousness, and the past and future of humanity.

No, it's not too much. This is a fabulous, wonderful, deeply moral story that reveals itself at every turn. At moments I found myself reading with page-turning excitement; toward the climax, I cried as one character, who seemed secondary, takes the stage and performs, out of singular devotion, a bloody act of courage and love.

Ordinarily, I'm a reader who gravitates toward Realism. This trilogy, full of witches, talismans, and superhuman powers, throws a brilliant light on the human condition in a way that not many books achieve. Best of all? It's a thrilling ride.

N?rmin: That cliff-hanger! UGH!

Plot gets interesting and characters get more likeable. Lyra is great as usual. And there is new character-Will Parry. He is as brave and clever as Lyra. He has to find his father and go on footsteps of him. But he needs Lyra's help, so Lyra has to led him to his father. While in progression, many secrets come to surface. Lord Asriel's task is to destroy Authority and Mrs. Coulter's desire is to know the prophecy surrounds Lyra. I still hate both of them. And there is a new villain-Sir Charles, who I hate as well.

I liked Serafina Pekkala, the witch queen and Dr. Malone, the scientist though. And there were dearest Lee Scoresby and Grumman, who I felt really sorry for...

The setting is different here, mostly happens in different dimension and the Alethiometer was astonishingly immense for me, which I strongly would like to have. What I didn't like was "killing the God" thing. Well, it is obviously manipulation of children's mind for me. Another thing was the goddamn cliff-hanger! I got to read the last book...so, 4,5 stars.

Hunter: I learn the 1st booklet during this trilogy, The Golden Compass, after seeing the trailer for the impending movie. I had additionally heard it defined as a kind of Chronicles of Narnia for atheists. Upon delving into the second one ebook i have come to achieve that description is not accurate. The sequence looks deeply taken with religious matters, and the basic connections among theology and science. It does freely rail opposed to equipped religion, yet no longer trust in general. Beyond the weightier concerns that this e-book tackles, it's only flat out strong writing. the entire characters are richly developed, rather Will Parry who's brought during this volume. The e-book speeds in the direction of a cliff hanger end and that i defy a person to not be moved by means of the bankruptcy "The Alamo Gulch." I recognize it really is passe to explain center sections of trilogies to The Empire moves again yet it is a reasonable sufficient reference point. Our heroes are separated, individuals are dying, and issues appear lovely hopeless. This e-book dropped at brain lovely disparate works- Legion through William Peter Blatty and Preacher through Garth Ennis, Steve Dillon, et al. Make of that what you will.

??????: Notice: i've got made a assessment for each publication of this trilogy they usually have to be learn so as due to the fact that they're alleged to suppose like an on-going impression. So in the event you learn the second one with out analyzing the 1st will suppose really off. i'm regularly concentrating on the fashion of storytelling and much much less on if it reads good or whatever refined like that. for a similar cause I are inclined to have plenty of SPOILERS which means for those who learn this article you are going to comprehend the general PLOT and what sort of I DIDN'T like it. So be warned that this can be a usually destructive opinion for the complete trilogy which has a tendency to bare intimately why I didn't like it. higher be learn once you have learn the books or as a way to stay away from a not-so-great myth trilogy. you have got NOW BEEN WARNED and that i can now begin the slaughter. --- the sophisticated Knife, the second one ebook of His darkish Materials. --- the 1st left me with stable impressions concerning the tale yet undesirable concerning the plot. the second one follows as such. Lyra is now in a parallel global the place she meets Will, a boy from our world, and they're in a 3rd world, empty of people. Man, that was once any such thriller; not anything just like the feeling of the 1st book; very fascinating start. Then we study Lyra is the selected person who will convey a tremendous revolution. OH GODS, I hate the selected one routine; any such affordable trick to offer significance to in a different way common people. faith is evil. we're not allowed to imagine now not even for a moment it ain't. Too direct and one sided that turns into stupid. delivery of a

Nation, the clergy version. Lyra is going with Will to our global and it was once humorous to work out how issues glance various or produce other names in every one dimension. That compass is so hax, it now tells Lyra precisely what to do or even tips to do it. Yeah, move on scriptwriter, inform her what to do along with your compass because you are incompetent at knowing the other way. And what's this? She meets a feminine scientist who instantly explains EVERYTHING??? that's so pressured and fake; simply express IT! Man, this way of info-feed sucks and getting used forever like this may ultimately tire anyone. an outstanding e-book has to be visualized, love it should be became a film or a theatre play. How is it attainable to do this subsequently the place every thing is printed with speaking and never showing? significant mistake there mr. author. As if the compass wasn't hax enough, now the 2 childrens obtained themselves a brilliant knife that enables them to chop whatever they prefer or even leap worlds each time they want. the entire capacity to understand easy methods to do all that have been back provided via blah-blah. Oh great, now even a working laptop or computer is speaking and ordering humans what to do. sure mr. author, we know how incompetent you're at making them work out issues with out telling them yourself. And what a surprise, Will unearths his lengthy misplaced father who instantly tells him many blah blah motives and will get MURDERED once HE FINISHES. What's incorrect mr. author; he was once not very important to the plot so that you end him off similar to that? The publication ends quite interesting, with the fallen angels assuming the jobs of the nice men however the poor infodumping simply ruined the entire fun.

Ygraine: the place i discovered the stark, barren desert and the surreal great thing about the aurora notable in northern lights, the impression of the sophisticated knife is more challenging to pinpoint, tougher to minimize to a unmarried breathtaking photograph simply because it is a tale of many worlds, of items in the direction of what we all know of truth and issues much, a lot further. we see our world, will's world, an international of ring roads and primary physics and speedy foodstuff joints. we see Lyra's global of witches and shaman and the becoming risk of the magisterium. and we see new worlds, towns choked with spectres that feed on grownup suggestion and substantial dry plains, and lord asriel's fort and growing to be army, getting ready for the uprising opposed to god. and should and Lyra, either so heartwrenchingly susceptible in either their humanity and their youth, traveling into the attention of the storm, armed with the alethiometer's wisdom and the sophisticated knife's power; this can be the start in their realisation, their development and but they're nonetheless so young. this can be the unconventional that establishes my connection to them both, strengthens it into anything emotionally robust and leaves me afraid for what's but to come, anticipatory yet afraid.

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