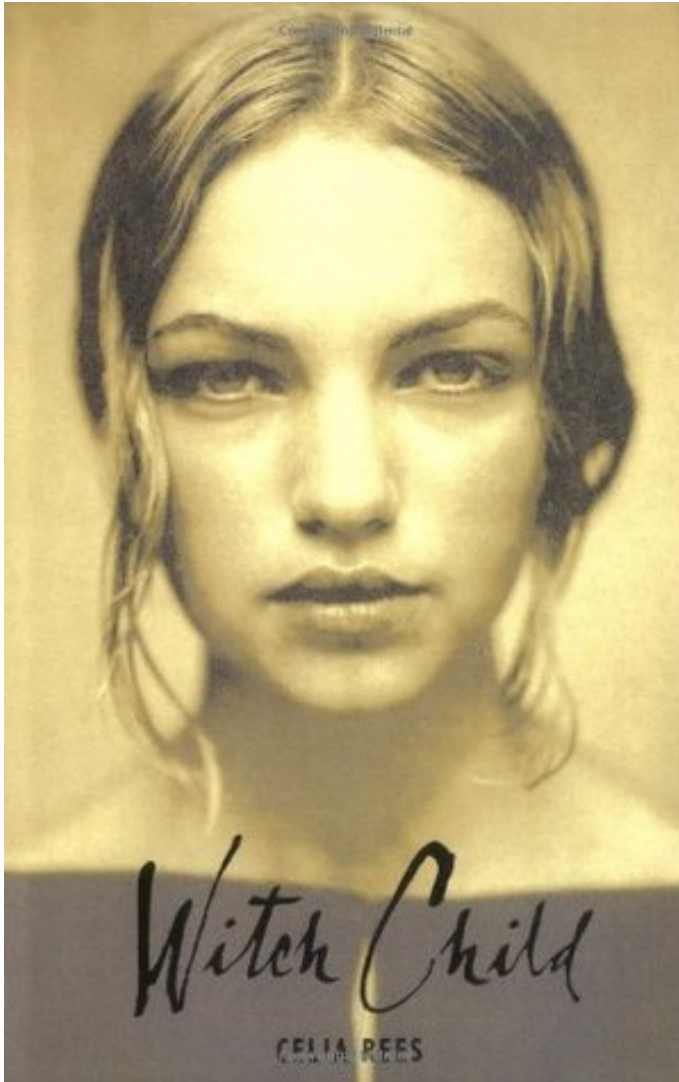

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Description

Enter the world of young Mary Newbury, a world where simply being different can cost a person her life. Hidden until now in the pages of her diary, Mary's startling story begins in 1659, the year her beloved grandmother is hanged in the public square as a witch. Mary narrowly escapes a similar fate, only to face intolerance and new danger among the Puritans in the New World. How long can she hide her true identity? Will she ever find a place where her healing powers will not be feared?

Just two weeks after publication, Celia Rees's *WITCH CHILD* spirited its way onto the Book Sense Children's Only 76 list as one of the Top 10 books that independent booksellers like to handsell. Within a month, this riveting book sold out its first two hardcover printings. Now, Candlewick Press is pleased to announce the publication of *WITCH CHILD* in paperback.

Insightful reviews

Jane: It is 1659 in England and Mary is an orphan who lives with her grandmother on the edge of a forest. That is until the people of the town come for her grandmother to accuse her of being a witch. Do you know what they did to women that they accused of being a witch? They would try to make them confess through various tortures and if that didn't work they would give them a test. They would tie their right toe to their left thumb and vice versa. Then they would throw them in water. If they sank, hurray. They were not a witch. But they were dead. If they floated, they would quickly fish them out, because that meant they were indeed a witch and the community got to publicly hang her. This is what Mary watched her grandmother endure. And guess what the people of her little English town thought about the granddaughter of a certified witch? Yep, that she was a witch too. With the help of a stranger she escapes on a ship to America. But guess what, in America she lives among the puritans and they too have their fears of witches and the dark arts.

Arminzerella: 1659, England. Mary loses her grandmother to witch hunters. Before anyone can point a finger at Mary and accuse her of witchcraft, she is whisked away by a mysterious stranger. This woman reveals that she is Mary's mother before putting her on a ship to travel to the new world, where she hopes Mary will be safe. Mary's new community, however, is mostly Puritan, and many of her neighbors are suspicious of Mary. Although she makes some friends, and finds a new family of sorts, it is not to last. The preacher, Reverend Johnson, suspects that Mary is a witch, and will do everything in his power to prove it. When other girls in the town are caught performing witches' rites, they feign madness and possession and accuse Mary of bedeviling them. Mary is once again forced to flee for her life.

Mary does actually have some power – which she almost never uses. She has visions on the crossing to the new world, and her caregiver, Martha, asks her to *look* for a lost boy who is later found. Others who have power recognize it in Mary – the widow in Salem, the old Indian man who guides the new arrivals to the Beulah settlement. But Mary has never used her power to do anyone harm, and she has never been guilty of the things which others have accused her. She lives in an atmosphere of fear, suspicion, hatred, jealousy, and religious fervor – an unhealthy combination. She tells her story in a journal she keeps – the pages of which are sewn

into her quilt. When she leaves Beulah, pursued by witch hunters – Martha continues her story and vows to find Mary when she and the other village outsiders have found sanctuary.

The journal format of this story made it very accessible – I enjoyed learning about the ship crossing and Mary's experience of the new world and the Native Americans. She was rather more open-minded about them than expected (perhaps because of her own persecution at the hands of witch hunters) – most of the other settlers were afraid of them. She was also fearless when it came to exploring the forest surrounding Beulah – again, something the other people feared. I admired Mary's courage, independence, and curiosity (which were in stark contrast to the fear and suspicion and religious dogma that clouded the minds of the other settlers). It was, however, obvious from the beginning that Mary's fate would be no different from that of her grandmother – she'd be accused of witchcraft and run out of town (if not killed). Watching that play out was frustrating, and although Mary escapes (we don't know what becomes of her), I was still angry with the people of Beulah for being so small-minded, petty, and wicked in spite of their religion. If I had been Mary, I would have struck off on my own much sooner and gone to live with the Native Americans (assuming they'd have me). I have no patience whatsoever for fanaticism. There is a sequel to Mary's story – *Sorceress* – that tells the story of one of her ancestors, so, presumably she is able to make some kind of life for herself after she escapes from Beulah. Recommend to teens who enjoy historical fiction.

NSAndrew Liebergen: This was my favorite book to read this week. I don't know why, it just was the story that engrossed me into the book. You all should read this book. It is kind of a cross between a documentary, thriller, and a love story. I believe our current students would extremely enjoy this book. With the popularity of vampires and Harry Potter, children will love the supernatural aspect of this book. Teachers will love the historical facts and situations interwoven into the story.

The main character Mary Newbury, discovers she has supernatural powers. The text is written so eloquently, that it flows like hot butter. Mary has a grandmother who is hanged for being a witch. Mary is shipped off to the New World for safety reasons. Once there, she begins to keep a journal of her 18-month adventure in Salem, Massachusetts.

This is definitely a coming of age story. Celia Rees the author leads the reader through the trials and tribulations of Mary's life. The reader sees how she deals with each situation, revealing details about Mary's true nature. Mary's gift is what she calls "The Sight". Through Rees's writing, demonstrates the many variations of the word sight. Mary seems to be able to see into a person's emotions.

I also liked the fact that the book is a diary, but worked as a novel. The story is full of good research (as far as I can tell) of the time period of seventeenth century America. I liked the fact that dates and events coincided and made sense with the historical facts.

Witch child is a great way to intertwine fiction and history. Smooth reading and an interesting plot will make this a great read for any child in middle school.

Tanja: i'm Mary. i'm a witch. this is often the start of Mary Newbury magazine in 1659. After gazing the witch trial of her grandmother, Mary escapes the unfairness of britain and units sail for America. She joins not likely companions, the puritans. we're acutely aware that it is a risky decision, but what different selection is there? Is she relatively a witch? Did she relatively live?

those questions are so you might discover as you learn her journal. This tale reads greatly like a magazine would. there's not loads of description of the drama. She cuts to the purpose quickly. I want there were a bit extra suspense to the story. And simply whilst the tale used to be getting good, it ends. there's a sequel to the e-book and that i will certainly learn it. This tale made me take into consideration what my existence may were like if i used to be born at this time. might i've been thought of a witch? Let's see

1. i'm a nurse. i do know therapeutic powers and hence have the ability to kill (this got here from the book)
2. i'm opinionated. no longer precisely a very good element for girls again then.
3. I learn and write. it isn't normal for a girls to be educated. we must always all be pious.
4. i admire to dance. did not you recognize that we basically dance whilst the satan has taken over our bodies.
5. i understand how to swim. i might have failed the witch trial for sure. Well, they did tie your arms and toes jointly so i could have had a more challenging time swimming.
6. i do not like people telling me what to do.
7. i love to put on pants, exit at night, put on vibrant clothes.
8. My husband loves the indians. I am convinced i might were burned or hung as a witch. What a desirable time period. those humans lived in such worry and superstition and but superstition used to be visible as a device of the devil. Very confusing. i need to expense it among a three and a 4.

Kelly: "Words have power. those are mine." Mary Nuttall was once simply 16 years outdated while her grandmother Eliza – the one family members she'd ever recognized – used to be murdered. Accused of working towards witchcraft, the previous lady was once tortured, stripped naked, bound, and "floated" - tossed right into a river to sink or swim. Her buoyancy taken as a convinced signal of guilt, Eliza used to be pulled from the water merely in order that she might be hanged in public. as soon as depended on to heal their enjoyed ones, Eliza's associates and associates during this rural English city proved keen witnesses to her execution. Rescued from comparable persecution through her long-lost mother, Mary is distributed away to the "New World" looking for a greater life. She's to commute with a bunch of Puritans certain for Salem, the place they'll subscribe to their brethren and pastor. Upon arrival, the crowd is dismayed to find that their relations have moved on, to the remoted city of Beulah. After a lot deliberation they choose to follow, forging forward into the desolate tract with Natives – of the Pennacook tribe – performing as their guides. Unsurprisingly, Beulah couldn't be farther from the refuge Mary's mom estimated for her child. governed via a Puritan preacher so strict and important that he proved unwelcome in Salem, Mary is in consistent danger, simply by advantage of being a newcomer to the community. notwithstanding she attempts demanding to stick below the radar, her "transgressions," genuine and imagined – which come with befriending contributors of the other sex; spending time by myself within the woodland to assemble nutrition and herbs; harboring something greater than uncharitable suggestions in regards to the "heathen" natives; and skillability in transcription – don't get away the awareness of Reverend Johnson. while goods suggestive of witchcraft are came across within the wooded area and several other of the town's teenage women begin showing unusual behavior, Mary's worst fears are realized. All of this we research from Mary's journal, which spans approximately a 12 months from 1659-1660. recommended to burn it through her protector/surrogate mom Martha – its beginning sentences ("I am Mary. i'm a witch.") on my own being yes facts of guilt – Mary as an alternative hides its pages inside of a quilt. stumbled on greater than 300 years later through one "Alison Ellman" (one of Mary's descendents, perhaps), Mary's magazine stands testimony to the horrors she and her style endured. In *Witch Child*, Celia Rees has created a piece of old fiction that's possibly extra sincere

concerning the misogyny, racism, and non secular bigotry of the time than are many highschool textbooks. girls who threaten the patriarchal strength constitution – those that have detailed abilities or knowledge, resembling therapeutic or above regular literacy, or who're autonomous and stay open air the boundaries of marriage – are threatened with the threat of witchcraft to make sure compliance. Likewise, Puritan attitudes in regards to the local population of the land are every piece as merciless and barbaric as they accuse the indigenous humans of being. the place Reverend Johnson sees the land that might turn into Beulah and thinks that God has set it apart in particular for him, Jaybird and White Eagle realize it because the summering lands in their people, cleared and cultivated through them and ransacked and stolen by way of the Puritans whereas it lay vacant within the winter. Chilling and captivating, *Witch baby* is acceptable for readers younger and old. although the tale drags a bit first and foremost – the slowest half being the voyage – the speed choices up as soon as the colonists achieve America. whereas the reader has a imprecise inspiration of the way the tale will finish (Mary needs to live on to have at the least one child), this doesn't detract from the sensation of suspense and urgency. In fact, Mary's narrative ends fairly suddenly, in a jarring end that left me in need of more. Luckily, there's a sequel (*Sorceress*) – which I ordered now not a part hour after completing *Witch Child*. set off warnings for copious quantities of racism, misogyny, and speciesism. In particular, the scene within which Mary sees the whales for the 1st time broke my heart. Her good friend Jack's response to this outstanding sight? "One day, I suggest to seek them.' He mimed settling on up a harpoon and flinging it over the side. 'I suggest to have my very own send and that i will rent males to head after them, for they're the following in abundance and there's nice wealth to be made of them....' [...] possibly it was once the ocean glittering underneath him, yet his eyes appeared choked with coins." (page 78)<http://www.easyvegan.info/2013/02/04/...>

Charlotte Jones: regardless of the very combined experiences on Goodreads, i discovered this booklet gripping, interesting anda genuine web page turner. Firstly, i used to be instantly drawn in by means of the cover. frequently I desire books with illustrated covers, yet i discovered that the picture in this and the sepia tones rather mirror the texture and atmosphere of the book. near to the basis and the fashion of writing, this booklet includes diary entries written through Mary, the granddaughter of a witch, round 1659-1660. it really is considered as a kid's book, being shortlisted for the mum or dad kid's Fiction prize in 2001, yet i believe it's going to certainly be appropriate for a teenage or perhaps grownup viewers also. As this publication isn't a piece of fiction, extra passages from an irregularly stored diary relationship again from the colonial period, often often called 'the Mary papers', i discovered the various chapters very emotional and thought-provoking, as I knew they have been in accordance with reality. i'm discovering it tricky to put in writing a assessment for this book, as I in truth can't fault it in any way. I enjoyed the simplistic but poetic writing style, the tale that this woman lived and in addition the characters that she met alongside the way. 'Witch Child' via Celia Rees is a distinct five out of five stars for me, and that i may completely suggest it to readers of any age, as i believe it provides an enormous lesson within the superstitions and cruelties of human nature, and is a gorgeous quickly read.

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