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Will Wilder: The Relic Of Perilous Falls



Synopsis

Fans of Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Peter Lerangis's Seven Wonders series will embrace this epic adventure in a rollicking new series by a New York Times bestselling author. Will Wilder didn't mean to unlock his otherworldly gift. But that is exactly what happens when Will borrows a sacred relic believed to protect the town of Perilous Falls for nearly a century. Even though his intentions are good, the impulsive twelve-year-old unwittingly awakens an ancient evil endangering all of Perilous Falls. As boats sink and hideous creatures crawl from the rising waters, it is up to Will to confront a hellish enemy and set things right before it is too late. Along with his sweet "if lethal" great-aunt Lucille, the curator of a museum of supernatural artifacts, Will proves that the actions of one twelve-year-old boy can change the world.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I am delightfully surprised by this new children's book. The author is talented and the story progresses without you noticing it... Yes, the story grabbed me from the first chapter, and that is a lot to say for this reviewer who is a mother of seven and has read many children's books to her kids. I liked many things about it. Like Frodo and Sam in Lord of The Rings--and all of us ordinary people--Will isn't perfect. He is an ordinary kid called to an important mission. His family and his

town are realistic, and the mystery, dangers and mishap well told. I can see myself holding a captive audience when my grandchildren are old enough to enjoy this story!

My son was beyond excited to start this book - any mention of a Rick Riordan-esque series, and he's all over it. We've found some great new series this way. Sadly, this one didn't have that same magic for him. He made it half-way through the book and said he couldn't get into it. I stuck through it, but I admit I struggled a bit as well. Riordan has this ability to seamlessly blend humor, adventure, intrigue, danger and myth/religion into a book that my son will beg to stay up at night for "just one more chapter!" I found it hard to relate to these characters in Perilous Falls, or to become involved in their story. Some reviewers mentioned the heavy Catholic overtures, and they're there. But in all fairness, many of the popular series use Norse, Greek, Roman or Egyptian mythology as the jumping point for their series; this one just used a more current world religion. That didn't turn me off of the book, but the writing style didn't draw me in, either. All in all, it's an OK book and the series shows some promise. But if you're a huge fan of Riordan's books, the style may not be similar enough to keep you intrigued.

Mr. Arroyo, you devil you. When turning the last page, and realizing that it was now finished, a huge smile broke out on my face and a loud HA! came forth. This smile lasted all afternoon. Loved the method you used to stop one subject at a very precarious moment to pick up story on someone else. This causes us to 'oh goody' when you bring us back to the cliffhanger. Such ease of doing this and so clever. Please do not stop at three in the series (think I remember you mentioning it would be only three in the series). Please continue forever. You have now entered our 'wait til next one comes out' list. Your book on April 1 and Todd Borg on August 1 (mysteries taking place around Lake Tahoe). If this continues we may have a different book to read each month. Pure joy. Following my husband's reading, we are donating your book to the church library. This is a definite read for young and aged alike (we're almost 80). Thank you so much for brightening our lives.

Good read. Looking forward to next book in what I hope will be a long series. Hero is 12 years old but has a family with younger brother and sister and by art work in the book a great aunt in her 60's who could be 25 yrs old. Can't wait for my 3 yr grandson to get a bit older and read it to him or him to me.

This story, a first by Arroyo in the genre of children's fiction was a fun, cute read. It was excessive in

description, so much so that the glutinous use of details and quirky descriptions robbed the story of its voice and aim and clarity most of the way through. And the 12 year old characters uncomfortably sounded like 25 year olds from 1972, so the dialog was inauthentic. Kids can be incredibly smart and precocious but they NEVER speak like that. The plot and themes were good, albeit often forced with humor that fell flat. Additionally, there should have been entire re-working of the first few chapters, which were so grueling to get through it was hard to see the light, as it flickered precariously, at the end of the proverbial tunnel. The author attempted to paint a picture of every character in the book through a long, boring birthday party narrative that went on and on with hi-jinks that seems goofy and out-dated in style. I was very excited to read this, as Raymond Arroyo is a fantastic speaker, interviewer, reporter, and writer, particularly in his series about Mother Angelica, so I was slightly disappointed as to how his skill for language, both written and spoken, would transform and be reinvented for youth fiction. It was a cute story, though, worth the read for some kids. Here's to hoping the dialog, humor, and descriptions, for the future books in this series, undergo some kind of pruning and honing.

Captivating. Engrossing. Exciting. Thrilling. From the first page - yes, first page - I was hooked! As I continued to preview the book at Barnes & Noble, I realized that I needed to stop reading because I was going to buy it (...purchase via since the price + shipping + tax was still less than B&N). At first I thought this would be a goofy "adventure" title aimed at young kids. Well, though it appears aimed at elementary-middle schoolers, it is probably more appropriate for slightly older kids because of the grammar, vocabulary and storyline. This is definitely in the realm of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, etc., but with a more grounded set of principles and values that are much higher. The Catholic/religion references add (yes, add) to the adventure and narrative. By the last page - since I mentioned how the first page hooked me - I needed a second dose of Will Wilder; so, I pre-ordered book 2. (BTW, my reading this book was to preview for my kids.) This book is a great escape from the real world but with an underlying set of (traditional, oooh...) ethics that are sure to be picked up by any child or person reading.

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