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Into The Gauntlet (The 39 Clues, Book 10)



Synopsis

The explosive finale to the #1 bestselling series! Fourteen-year-old Amy Cahill and her younger brother, Dan, have had enough. Not only do they have to find the 39 Clues first, they're expected to reunite their backstabbing family - the same people who killed their parents. But Amy and Dan haven't survived explosions and assassination attempts for nothing. They have a plan to finish the Clue hunt on their own terms. Too bad there's a final, fatal secret the Madrigals haven't told them. A secret that could cost Amy and Dan - and the world - everything . . .

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Customer Reviews

The 39 Clues is the first series I've read that was written by a variety of authors. I wasn't sure how well that would work, but as the series ends, I can say that, IMHO, the books blended together well, creating a cohesive and very entertaining whole. The multi-author method also exposed me to authors I hadn't read before, including Margaret Peterson Haddix whose contribution, *Into the Gauntlet*, turned out to be my favorite book in the series. As *Into the Gauntlet* begins, Dan & Amy Cahill, along with their au pair Nellie Gomez (who has been declared an honorary Madrigal) arrive in London, still reeling from the events of *Storm Warning*. Not only are they exhausted, but they're

feeling defeated and unable to cope with the news that they are expected to unite the warring branches of the Cahill family. But there's no time to rest and regroup. Within minutes, the coded note waiting for them in their room is stolen by a taunting monkey and the clue hunt - revolving this time out around William Shakespeare - begins again. Into the Gauntlet continues the series standard of keeping the chapters short and the action non-stop. The POV changed frequently, something I thought worked particularly well in this book because it gave us the opportunity to listen in as each of the characters started to make decisions about the direction they wanted their own life to take. I won't reveal any spoilers except to say that most of the characters make decisions that seem relatively wise. Though I thought there were a few bumps in the road over the course of the series, I feel it ends strongly and, overall, there were a lot of things I liked. Readers caught glimpses of exotic locales and learned a bit about some of the most influential people in history.

I liked The 39 Clues Series! I read the first one, The Maze of Bones, mainly because Rick Riordan had written it (confession: you're reading a HUGE Rick Riordan fan's review), and after that I continued to read the books, but I thought the series kind of went downhill after the first couple of books. And I must admit, I was a little worried, wondering, after I'd finished Storm Warning, how the last book would wrap up all the scattered details, made and lost over the series. And Maragaret Peterson Haddix totally did it! This last book made up for all the others! I really think it was the best (The Maze of Bones being my second favorite). It was the longest (over 300 pages), and the plot really started well and kept going strongly. The author did a great job of portraying all the different characters in the Cahill branch. See, that's what I didn't like about the other books. They always were about Amy and Dan, and only a few of the other characters were in each book. In this one, Haddix makes sure to create a part for each character. If you've read all the books before this, especially the last one, book 9, then you'll know that Amy and Dan have a big job ahead of them. They have to unite all the other Cahill branches together, after years of fighting. Will they succeed? The author does a wonderful job of writing this. Also, I LOVED how Haddix portrayed Isabel Kabra as much more evil and villainy, instead of just silly and annoying.

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