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The Black Reckoning (Books Of Beginning)



Synopsis

The final book in the bestselling Books of Beginning trilogy that began with *The Emerald Atlas*, which the New York Times called "a new Narnia for the tween set." The adventures of siblings Kate, Michael, and Emma come to a stunning conclusion when they must find the last Book of Beginning "the Book of Death" before the Dire Magnus does, for when all three books are united, their combined power will be unstoppable. Soon Emma is on a journey to places both worldly and otherworldly, confronting terrifying monsters and ghosts, and what is darkest within herself. As the fabric of time begins to fray, she becomes the final piece of an extraordinary puzzle. Only if she can master the powers of this most dangerous book will she, Kate, and Michael be able to save the world from the dramatic, deadly final confrontation between magical and ordinary people that the Dire Magnus has in store.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I admit to struggling both with how many stars this book deserved and how to write this review for final entry in the Books of Beginning trilogy. Truthfully, I had a hard time separating this book from the series when thinking of the number of stars it deserves. In the end I realized that this book being the finale to the trilogy couldn't truly be counted as an entirely separate entity and its rating had to include in part its ending and impact that had on the other books. Therefore, after much debate

and struggling I settled on four stars which is one star higher than I would have likely given it had "The Black Reckoning" been standalone. My struggle and debate started with the fact the series itself is excellent and much like "Harry Potter" or "Fablehaven" series had me eagerly awaiting the next volume and bemoaning several year gaps and pushed back release dates. Yet I kept coming back to several flaws I saw within this story that I couldn't possibly overlook in a fair and unbiased review of both it and the series as a whole. I struggled with the main question of, did "The Black Reckoning" bring a good ending to a trilogy that from the first page of "The Emerald Atlas" brought me into a magical world and left me excited and breathless with each turn of a page? In the end the only answer I could truly give is yes and no. Unquestionably "The Black Reckoning" had an exciting plot filled with some unexpected twists and turns, some unquestionably sad moments as well as some unexpectedly funny ones. But at times it felt as if there could or should have been a fourth book with a more relaxed plot here allowing for perhaps a full story what happens once all three Books of Beginning are found rather than smushing both those ideas in one book.

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