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In A Game of Truths - Twins, Owen and Hugh, only agree on one thing: their little sister is annoying. But when the "little pest" is taken in the middle of the night, they need to team up and enter a magical realm to find her.

It's a race against time as a battle of wits and monsters ensues. They have to make it through this dangerous venture quickly if they are going to rescue her before breakfast.

A Game of Truths Details

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Brandon says

While I do not have a twin myself, I feel like the author was able to accurately portray a twin's feelings. There is a very strong bond, but also the desire to be different from your sibling is very evident in how Wirtz writes these boys. I personally became attached to Owen, who was the more artsy and independent-thinking brother. The boys meet a being known as Erebus, who offers to help them enter a magical realm to rescue their missing sister from witches known as the Hapsling. Owen immediately has a hard time trusting Erebus while Hugh has no problem trusting him. Hugh's mind is very scientific and logical, so he sees someone trying to help him and assumes he is simply doing that.

While certain parts of the story were easy to see coming, I went into the finale with absolutely no idea which brother would succeed. Owen and Hugh eventually become separated due to a disagreement about whether they can trust Erebus and then they each take their own path to the Hapsling, each overcoming several trials. I think Owen's journey was definitely more interesting to read and that he demonstrated much more courage than Hugh because he had to overcome more challenges and also had to do it alone.

Overall, this story is probably geared towards boys ages 10-16 and would be great for anyone that enjoys fantasy adventure stories. Some of the themes get pretty dark, but everything is written in an easy-to-understand way. I would definitely recommend picking this up!

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Kirty Shakthawatt says

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The book captures the overnight adventure of the 12 year old twin brothers in a parallel magical realm. Hugh and Owen wake up in the middle of the night to find that their sister is missing and the parents won't rouse. The search for Imogen with the aid of their loyal dog Laslow carries on in their backyard where they encounter a creature who claims to know where their sister is and what happened to her. The creature calls itself Erebus and enjoins them to tread upon its heels into the world where the Hapslings rule and as Erebus proclaims have their sister. And they got only till sundown to disenthral her soul and there is only one path to follow- the path of truth but there is more than meets the eye.

The target readers I believe are the 10-14 year old children. The book is age appropriate as the vivid imagination of a child will embroider every episode of this magical world. The reader feels the adrenaline rush, joy, pain and desperation of brothers in course of this feat. The book paints the conventional monsters and beasts for instance, werewolf and Bigfoot in different color.

The writing of author is crisp and clear which makes it easy to imagine the Sui generis world. The characters of Hugh and Owen in-spite of being twins are idiosyncratic . Erebus and Hapslings are the characters which add to the mystery of the book. Imogen is like the main punch line of a joke and accentuate the dark and light imagery of the book. The book is definitely not like the lupentemon sting but like the soothing balm of trust and love. Hence I recommend it to one but all.

Cabiria Aquarius says

That was a quick and cute read.

I loved how one brother was gullible and the one who seemed gullible was really strong. I love Imogen, she was an interesting character, innocent seeming but really guilty and small and strong and brave.

The story had some turns I expected and others I was like 'oh' 'oh no' the Hapsling seemed like interesting creatures.

This little fairy tale of fairy tales come to life is fascinating.

Loved it.

Megan | A Page to Turn says

Hugh and Owen are the sweetest little set of teenage twin boys - but they are typical teenagers. The fight, fuss, and both sometimes despise their little sister Immy... until she goes missing. Then they set out on a wonderful, magical adventure with a new found friend to locate her.... they story and the world built behind her disappearance is super creative and I absolutely LOVED diving in!

"While this is the same place, we walk in an alternate plane, a parallel existence, if you will."

I think my favorite character in this book was Erebus.. he was so shy to start with, and I loved seeing him and even the twins, develop so much over the course of the book! The author's style is crisp and clear and tells this story so well that I could picture it vividly. The world building was fabulous, I would actually love to hear about all the research that went into this book.

A Game of Truth's is easily readable for the middle grade kids - but also for those of us as adults that love a good young adult story - filled with other realms and magical creatures!

Diana Iozzia (Bookworm Banter) says

"A Game of Truths" follows twin brothers, Owen and Hugh, as they travel into a new world to find their sister, Immy, who has been taken by three witches. A mysterious creature named Erebus leads them and helps them navigate this world to find Immy and defeat the witches. There is an interesting brother vs. brother plot, the mysterious Erebus being very distrustworthy, and the interesting Bigfoot woodland creature we meet along the way.

This is a great novel for children ages 7 to 12ish. I liked it, and it's very similar to the dynamics of "The Magic Treehouse" and a few other children's novels as well. Sorry, I can't say more, but there isn't much else I can say without spoilers!

Angela Mazon says

Review will come soon.

Iris Sweetwater says

I found the title of this book quite interesting, considering what it is actually about. Sure, there is a dilemma about the truth, but the title might catch more eyes looking for thrillers and crime novels. However, if you're looking for a feel good fantasy your middle-grade children will enjoy, this is the book for them. I enjoyed the twists and turns and the presence of multiple fantastical creatures throughout. It was a quick read without being too short, which is perfect for the reluctant reader. best of all it had a lesson, and a toddler as a hero. However, I did not give a 5-star review because I would have liked more clarity and description of the lore surrounding the events in the book. Any explanations left me with questions and seemed slightly hasty.

Joe Reyes says

Fantastic novel! I was shocked when I read that this is the author's first novel. I can only imagine what she comes out with next. A Game of Truths is such a fun adventure and my kids enjoyed it just as much as I did. It was really cool seeing the journey that these young boys went through to save their sister. Owen was my favorite character. I really saw a lot of my son in him so it was really enjoyable from that aspect as well.

Luca Roseano says

I have really enjoyed reading this book. Looking forward for her new book.

Very nice story easy to read. It is a wonderful book that will keep you curious until the end. Very well written. I am looking forward for her next book.

Another Thyme says

Great adventure story for young readers with a surprise twist to end it.

Dani says

I had the honour of reading Karen's book, A Game of Truths, this week, and am excited to be one of the first to report my findings. A Game of Truths explores an overnight adventure from the perspective of twin brothers Owen and Hugh, who awake to find that their younger sister, Imogen, has gone missing. Their journey to find her takes them to a magical realm, parallel to their own, where they face a number of

dangerous obstacles, fantasy creatures, and difficulties along the way. Their relationship is tested, and the clear, key theme throughout the book is trust.

I believe the target audience is children (specifically boys) aged ten to fifteen, though I suggest any parent thinking about reading it to children younger than this should go through the book first. I read the book in about four hours and found some of the themes a little dark, especially towards the end. However, the story and themes were quite direct and easy to grasp, which I think children this age will enjoy. Karen's explanation of magic was very well done, and the characters had their own strong personalities and goals.

Easy reading for the school holidays!

Kenn Anderson says

Twin brothers, Owen and Hugh, lose their little sister. Evil witches have kidnapped her and will sacrifice her soul unless they can save her. With the help of Erebus who comes from the world of the witches, they set off to save their sister.

A fun tale where not everything is as it seems. Who is good, who is bad? Who's side is big foot on? Why does a giant spider attack the unwary who crosses it bridge? There are lots of adventures which help unwrap all the deceit.

Courtney says

One night, twelve year old twins, Owen and Hugh, find themselves wishing away their annoying, four year old sister, Imogen. That is, until later that night, they hear a disturbance and come to find their little sister missing. Unable to wake their parents, they frantically begin looking for Imogen with the aid of their beloved pet dog, Laslow.

On their search, the twins meet a small strange man, Erebus, who claims he knows what happened to Imogen and offers to help them save her. From there, they travel by moonlight to a parallel, magical world filled with danger.

During their rescue mission, Owen and Hugh face all sorts of trouble and dangerous obstacles. Both brothers are desperate to save their little sister from the Hapsling's before the night is over and their too late. Their stress is high, their trust is tested, and the time they have to find Imogen and save her from this unfamiliar, magical world will end by sun rise.

A Game of Truths by Karen Ann Wirtz is fun, adventurous and filled with action and mystery. This book is geared towards middle grade readers with a love for the paranormal and stories of sibling bonds. Good world building and character development; Owen is my favorite. I really enjoyed reading about all of the different "monsters" (especially big foot) and magical plants they encountered during their travels. I also really love the cover of this book!

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H.A. Callum says

Author Karen Ann Wirtz's debut novel, "A Game of Truths," is a wonderful middle-grade adventure. Dark at times it can be, but what stories in this genre don't mix a little darkness in with the light? Wirtz has seemed to find the right balance, and has paced this book to keep the attention of all readers at this level. "A Game of Truths" introduces readers to Wirtz's style of storytelling and unique voice, giving readers plenty to anticipate from this author in the future.
