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"Absolutely Wonderful - I couldn't put it down!!!

By MleJane on July 19, 2011

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I thoroughly enjoyed reading the first of the Persephane series - in fact, I couldn't put it down and have been waiting for book #2 since last summer.....

5 Stars - Amazon.com"

The Persephane Pendrake Chronicles...the new magical series to read after Harry Potter, has arrived with the first in the planned nine magic book series...The Persephane Pendrake Chronicles-One: The Cimaruta.

The leading cast includes: Persy (as she prefers to be called), her cheeky dragonfly familiar? Benson, Thaddeus, a thirteen-year-old wizard and his sidekick? P-C, a full-sized, but far from brave, dragon.

Together, they embark on a myriad of escapades to check and counter-check Melanthios.

Also, on top of the spell-binding story, meet? The Truth Testers? in the Forest of Depravation, who pose brain teasers for our heroes to solve . Figure out the answers before they do!

Benson speaks in the fun and enigmatic? Cockney Rhyming Slang? or CRS. The reader is challenged to puzzle them out once they learn the rules. It's a cool way to start your own secret language..kids love it!

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Kevis Hendrickson says

Ever since J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books took the publishing world by storm in the late 1990's, the literary market has been flooded with an endless parade of Harry Potter knock offs. A whole generation of authors have been inspired to create their own books featuring teenage wizards and witches all striving to save the world from the usual forces of evil. Though most of these books have been largely unsuccessful, there have been a few that have shined.

Enter Persephane Pendrake and the Cimaruta by Lady Ellen. Unlike Harry Potter who is a wizard, Persephane Pendrake and the Cimaruta features a teenage witch as its protagonist and thankfully steers clear of Harry Potterisms that would otherwise contaminate and dilute what is a quite original and engaging story. A chief element of this book is its peculiar use of time-travel, called Time-Linxing. Through Time-Linxing, Persephane is able to confront her enemies at various points throughout history making for a thrilling and utterly breathtaking tale.

Upon discovering that she is the chosen one destined to stop the evil "All Powerful One" from plunging the world into eternal darkness, Persephane Pendrake is thrust into the center of the timeless conflict between good and evil. When Persephane turns thirteen, the age in which her incredible magical powers start to mature, her evil aunt Melanthios, who seeks to become the prophesied All Powerful One, decides to destroy her. Through the aid of her loving family and friends, including her loyal sidekick a witty, but overenthusiastically snark dragonfly named Benson, Persephane takes up the challenge of facing Melanthios in a series of life and death battles in which to thwart her wicked plans.

But Melanthios has other ideas for Persephane. If she can steal the powerful amulet called the Cimaruta from Persephane, she will have the first of 9 powerful magical items which must be collected to bequeath her with the powers of the All Powerful One. It is a desperate race throughout the world and history itself as Melanthios and Persephane vie over the lost 9 magical objects. Will Melanthios claim the Cimaruta from Persephane and begin her transformation into the All Powerful One? Or will Persephane find the strength and wisdom she needs to prevent the approaching apocalypse? You'll have to read this book to find out.

As I said before, readers will be glad to know that Persephane Pendrake and the Cimaruta is not some cheap imitation of Harry Potter. Rather it occupies its own unique space in a genre that clearly needs originality. What truly distinguishes this book from Harry Potter is its milieu which seems to be steeped in Wicca and folklore as opposed to Rowling's more romanticized version of witchcraft and wizardry. Unlike Harry who is an orphan, Persephane is surrounded by a coterie of loving and supportive folk, all who are necessary to prepare her for the trials she is going to endure over the course of this series as she takes on the challenge of saving the world from her malevolent aunt Melanthios and her minions.

I highly recommend this book to older children and young adults who are looking for the next great fantasy story. Persephane Pendrake and the Cimaruta is an excellent book that offers more magic within its pages than any reader can imagine. Without a doubt, this book is a success. I, for one, plan to read the entire series until the very end.

Katrina says

In my opinion, it's not necessarily a good idea to use Harry Potter to achieve your own success. Still, it does look like a good book, I'll read it someday!
