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Part of the authors' Avalon series. This story comes between THE LEGACY OF HEOROT and BEOWULF'S CHILDREN.

## **The Secret of Black Ship Island Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Secret of Black Ship Island for online ebook**

### **Henry Gamble says**

I was much less impressed with this novella than with the two preceding novels. While it did slightly bridge the gap between the two previous novels I feel as though it didn't really add much to the wider universe and sounded very dated - especially the way in which the characters interacted with one another.

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### **Mike says**

This novella is set between Legacy of Herot and Beowulf's Children. I recommend reading at least the first before this story.

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### **Clyde says**

A quick read (short novel or novella length), but very good indeed. You don't have to know the other books in the Avalon series to enjoy this story.

Children are in danger, but there are heroes, some unlikely.

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### **Richard says**

A nice bridge story.

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### **John R. Dailey Jr. says**

#### **A SHORT TALE OF A TALE IT IS...**

Hello, this story just didn't do justice to the first book. The characters didn't seem to be exactly the same. Close, but different.

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### **Bogdan says**

If you read the first one in the series this will be a good addition to enjoy more of it.

A little uneven in it's structure, with some boring moments, but the new general informations and the world building come in handy for the fans.

Plus there are some mysterious creatures roaming around. I loved the parallels between them and other creatures from the horror literature. Quite a "touche" by the writers!

More entertaining than memorable, but not so bad or too long to feel like I was losing my time over it.

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### **Darth says**

Very quick little listen.

Takes place nestled in between Legacy of Heorot and Beowulf's Children.

Did one of the things I kind of hate in writing.

Threw away the premise of the work that came before.

Samlon are the only animals on planet...

Not the first time, won't be the last.

Still, not bad, and it is short.

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### **James says**

Listened to on CD. I really enjoyed the first novel. I had a hard time getting into this until the end. The pace and storytelling as well as the impending climax made for an excellent ending. It is a short novella. If you are a fan then it is worth reading. I ave not read the sequel yet so I'm not sure how much is given away as this was written after the sequel to Heorot.

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### **Edward ott says**

It was alright as a stand alone book but fails as a prequel.

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### **Ethan Everett says**

#### **Sequel or prequel**

I have longed for a third book in this series. This isn't really a third book as much as an appetizer between the first two courses.

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### **Mark Baller says**

Great little book very short only 174 pages but fun quick read well written.

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### **Jeff Crosby says**

I expect that part of the purpose of this novella is to explain more of the back story of Aaron Tragon. It provides background to his character as he goes through loss of a friend and a lover. Once again the Star-born and the Earth-born are at cross purposes. Shallow on some levels, this is a simple adventure story that provides some entertainment. Recommended only to those who have read *Legacy of Heorot* and *Beowulf's Children*.

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### **Mike says**

The Secret of Black Ship Island has similar feel to the first book, with an interesting twist at the end which I will be interested to see where it goes in the second book, if anywhere.

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### **A.N. says**

Childish horror.

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### **AmbushPredator says**

A neat little novella expanding on the backstory of the chief protagonist of 'Beowulf's Children', it's a quick read, but a good one. It's about time Niven & Barnes revisited this world.

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