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ShadowClan has chosen Tigerclaw as their new leader, and Fireheart fears that this old enemy still harbors dark plans for vengeance on his former Clan. A mysterious threat has invaded the forest, placing every cat's life in peril. And Fireheart's beloved leader has turned her back on their warrior ancestors. Fireheart can't help but wonder if she's right--has StarClan abandoned them forever?

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JJ says

This book is the cat's meow!

Tarmia says

“His voice barely more than a whisper, he added, “I love you.” Sandstorm’s eyes glowed. “I love you too, Fireheart,” she whispered.”

There is much left to be desired in this instalment of the series. Characters I loved previously became frustrating, the story dragged, and the climax of the whole thing was far from exciting. Nothing seemed to go well for Thunderclan (or Fireheart for that matter) and the final death in the book was almost a relief for me, although somewhat sad. Sadder still, my main emotion while reading this was a vague, "ehgggg"; something between frustration, annoyance, and a monotonous, "when will it end"? It was not a positive experience. I really, really enjoyed some of the previous in the series and even if they were not all that good technically they were entertaining and gripping in their content. But, although I spend so much time wanting something to happen much of this book was a lead up to a confrontation that fell short and left me wanting something....anything. I appreciated the darker atmosphere and tone but it was not communicated well. I'm still looking forward to reading the last in the *first* Warrior's series. I find myself wishing I had read these when I was younger, maybe I would have liked this better? Who knows. Let's just hope the next book is an improvement.

Emily says

I really enjoyed the first four books but this one wasn't that great. Bluestar was just annoying and unbelievable, the actions of the other clans toward Thunderclan weren't believable. Not figuring out what "pack, kill" meant was unbelievable. Plus nothing really happened. Apprentices were trained, cats hunted, cats went to meetings, cats died... but it was just really repetitive of other books. So many chances missed to kill Tigerstar (like at the very end). Well, one book left. Maybe it will get good again.

Lucija The Reader says

OH MY GOSH THAT ENDING :(OH MY GOSH THIS BOOK :(

Chris says

What went wrong?

Up till now, the Warriors series has been entertaining despite a few flaws (such as problems conveniently being solved in a second, leaving no real sense of trouble or complication). But never has it been as mediocre in terms of plot and character as *A Dangerous Path*!

Let me enumerate the main problems I found. Firstly, Bluestar. Yes, Bluestar has endured a serious shock. Yes, she's going through a hard time. Yes, it's 'normal' for her to be traumatised, mistrustful and difficult to handle. But seriously? There are limits to irrationality, and Bluestar crosses them to the point where it borders on stupidity. For one thing, what disturbed me was that anything positive was crushed in a second by some sort of thoughtless remark, bringing a particularly sour note to anything that I might actually feel happy about, and that anything so obvious that a doorstop could notice it is treated with utter foolishness, irrational accusations and schizophrenic behaviour. Maybe this is the attitude the authors were seeking to convey with Bluestar's state of crisis, but there is a point where things are so irrational that it becomes annoying. For example; the whole dog problem.

"We've smelt a dog and seen dead rabbits all over the place," says Fireheart.

"Of course! The dead rabbits mean that WindClan is responsible! Let's attack!" exclaims Bluestar, her eyes flashing with anger.

"But no, there's the smell of dog, not WindClan's!" replies Fireheart, his eyes widening at how irrational his leader has become.

"Are you questioning me?! It's WindClan. I haven't even checked things out for myself, I don't know what I'm on about, but dead rabbits equals WindClan, period!" hisses Bluestar.

"But the dog..."

"Shut up, traitor!"

"Okay, sorry I'll just wait outside."

This is pretty much how things occur whenever Bluestar and Fireheart talk about anything. It gets annoying, and in relation to this, Fireheart really needed to grow a pair. He is in a difficult situation as both Deputy and one of the only cats Bluestar trusts, but there are times when you just want him to actually talk back a little. But I digress. Bluestar's irrational accusations and train of thought, which flow from the beginning to almost the end of the novel were a source of incredible annoyance by the time I got past half the book.

Secondly, the so-called mystery. I often found any form of "mystery" in the Warriors series to be easily worked out and quite predictable. But then again, it is meant to be a children's novel. And although the cats often take their time to figure things out, it doesn't generally take too long, so it's not too bothersome. In this case, it was ridiculous. From beginning to end, the cats are unable to solve the following simple equation regarding the ominous threat which unsettles them : "dog scent" + "the repeated words 'pack, pack'" = ??? USUALLY, it is quite simple to answer this with "well, a pack of dogs!" But no. They insist from beginning to end that it is a single dog but CAN'T be a dog because humans never let their dogs stray so far into the forest. So what could it possibly be?! Should we perhaps... check? To see that there is nothing unusual? Nah, let's wait 300 pages. 300 pages. It takes them almost 300 pages to investigate and understand that they're dealing with a bloody dog pack. I'm generally tolerant with the simplicity of the mysteries in this series, but this was just awful.

I'll put this third one under a spoiler tag. (view spoiler)

If it had been entirely bad, I would've given it one star. However, it at least redeems itself with several points. The story remains intriguing as a whole (all the more by the end of the novel), and the happy, light-hearted world which we came to learn about in the first books is slowly being covered by a dangerous cloud of death and violence. The story is becoming more mature, and things such as Cloudkit's skepticism

regarding StarClan, Darkstripe's scheming and the way death has become something unpredictable, bloody and ominous are indicative of this. It was a shame that it didn't deliver in terms of plot and character, because if it had, A Dangerous Path would've been an excellent prelude to the final reckoning in the sixth book.

Brooklyn says

This book was full of mystery and up and down romance. Now that Fireheart has found out that his enemy, Tigerstar, has gained leadership over ShadowClan. Fireheart is very frightened that this will destroy the forest, but a threat has come to the forest that no cat could ever dream of. But now that Fireheart thinks he knows what the threat is his only problem is getting Bluestar to listen to what he has to say. Many things happen in this book, but it was my FAVORITE of the series!!!!!!

Nalle says

La magia con que están escritos estos libros me hace devorarlos y disfrutarlos de una forma única. Este es hasta ahora el libro más duro de asimilar; una nueva y feroz amenaza en el bosque, un clan que trata de volver a levantarse, un traidor proclamado líder y el cumplimiento de una profecía que cambiará el destino del clan del trueno. Creo que es difícil de asimilar por la familiaridad que ya se tiene a estas alturas con los personajes y aunque sabes que un suceso en específico era ya inevitable eso no evita que duela mucho. Es un libro duro pero preciso, lleno de momentos necesarios para lo que viene, que tengo el presentimiento que no será precisamente color rosa.

Riley Redgate says

Imao i can't believe i forgot about bluestar's whole "you're all traitors and StarClan is evil" nihilist phase, it's A Lot

like imagine if dumbledore had spent the entirety of Order of the Phoenix in a paranoid haze, talking about how magic didn't exist and all of hogwarts was against him

but then also dumbledore is a sentient cat

that's what this is like

Vlin says

IM SORRY THAT THIS REVIEW HAS SPOILERS D:

Fireheart is the new ThunderClan deputy, and he finds himself taking on more responsibility because his leader Bluestar is mentally and physically ill. To add-on top of that there is Tigerstar, the leader of ShadowClan, and the pack of dogs running wild in the forest. Also his leader, Bluestar, now thinks that everyone in the clan is a traitor, even Fireheart himself. She thinks that StarClan itself has abandoned her.

And again she accuses that WindClan is hunting in their territory, and then Bluestar declares war on them and Firestar has to stop it. Will he do it in time or will the dogs wipe them out first?

I honestly don't get why Bluestar is acting so strange. I understand that she's been like sick and traumatized to the fact that their camp almost burned down because of the fire. Whenever Fireheart tries to talk to her, their conversation is basically something on the lines of this...

Fireheart: Bluestar! There's a bunch of dogs on the loose and prey is missing!

Bluestar: Get away from me you traitor! Starclan has abandoned me and has cursed my whole clan! You are all a bunch of traitors! (Yadda yadda yadda)

Fireheart: What could we possibly do?

*Bluestar: *continues on raging of how Windclan has "stolen" their prey and how the clan is worthless**

Fireheart: Uh, okay. I'll leave you some peace...

Yep. The story could go on for hours.

However, the ending got pretty good. I was happy that Graystorm has finally come back to Thunderclan and now are best buddies with Fireheart. :) The most depressing part was that Bluestar lost her final life due to the plan of exterminating the dogs. But then when she said, "I knew it was you, Fireheart, who was going to save the clan. I'm sorry." I was like, "WHAT?! YOU KNEW THE WHOLE TIME?!" AFGHAGHFGHAGFHA" Then after than I felt really bad and I wanted to blowtorch Tigerstar's head off. :)

End of the book. (and guess who' leader of thunderclan now :D)

Raven says

moment of silent for

bluestar.....I HATED HOW ANNOYING SHE WAS IN THIS BOOK but it was sad when she died because she finally understood that her clan really loved her!TIGERSTAR HAS GOT TO GOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!evil!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! lol but i hate him for now on! and i agree if jacob or edward dies in twilight then i will also die!(please dont let it be JACOB I LOVE HIM!)

Emily says

something is in the forest and Fireheart doesn't know what it is. Bluestar thinks that it is windclan stealing prey and she declares a fight. Fireheart found a way to stop it. Bluestar thinks every one in the clan is a traitor except for Fireheart until he stoped the fight. Riverclan tries to take part of thunderclans territory but thunderclan wont allow it. they start to fight. During the fight Bluestar tells mistyfoot and stonefur the truth that they were her kits and she gave them to riverclan. graystripe lives with riverclan now but he saves Fire heart from leopardstar and she extials him. he becomes a thunderclan cat again. whitepaw becomes a warrior and longtail is mad because his apprentice is older that him and deserves to be a warrior. since longtails apprentice and an apprentice brightpaw didn't become a warrior they went looking for the thing in the forest and try to defeat it so that they can become a warrior. Fireheart finds longtails apprentice dead and brightpaw

Lami says

Kayla says

Jocelyn Morgan says

Luke Farr says

I really feel like Children's books of this genre didn't used to be so terrifying and stressful. As a child (and obviously still presently) I always read a lot of animal-themed books, and while many of them were frightening and dealt with themes maybe not present in other children's books (or books encouraged for children) I feel like they were on a different emotional level than what's being put out today. I think what it comes down to is no children's author has successfully created the overwhelming and suffocating feeling of an inescapable evil bearing down on the main characters as successfully as it was created in this book. During my entire reading of this book I felt as stressed, frightened, and alienated as Fireheart himself was, and at times almost looked forward to the end of it in a desperate plea to find out what happens and have it all over with. It was definitely surprisingly heavy, in a way that I would never expect of a book from this genre, and I will always be surprised that the homebody mother who recommended these books to me one day at an event I was running in Toys R Us did. I highly recommend them, but for those thinking about giving these to young children, I'd recommend a read through yourself first. Anyway, off to the last in this Warrior series, and I am looking forward to the conclusion!