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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5-8-Greta was among Bryre's stolen girls, sent to neighboring Belladoma to appease the perpetually ravenous sea monster called Sonzeeki, first introduced in *Monstrous* (HarperCollins, 2015). Though Belladoma's greedy king was defeated as soon as evil wizard Barnabas fell, mercenaries have taken over and are using magic for equally avaricious and malicious purposes. The people of the seaside city are still starving, which is why Bryre's good King Oliver plans to send aid to Belladoma, much to Greta's dismay. Greta decides that she and her brother Hans should leave Bryre. But before they can go, Hans disappears, snatched by a beautiful but wicked witch who resides in a feathered cottage that travels on long, clawed chicken legs. To save her brother, Greta steals the map that holds the key to find the cornucopia, an ancient magical item that, as the witch and Greta learn, the mercenaries seek. When Greta is again jailed in Belladoma, miserable memories of her time there flood back, but it is the start of the adventure that allows her to thwart greed, use magic wisely, and uncover the truth about Belladoma and her own family. Her actions also start recovery for the dying city and its newly discovered royal lineage. Greta narrates the story in present tense so that readers make realizations as Greta does. Elements of folktales-Baba Yaga's house and a well-known sibling pair-are evident throughout. While it is not critical to read the first book, it certainly clarifies the relationship among characters and the use of magic. VERDICT Fans of the first installment will seek out this adventure-filled fairy tale.-Maria B. Salvadore, formerly at District of Columbia Public Libraryα(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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"A fantastical adventure fortified by its flawed heroine." (Kirkus)

"Within this creative realm, Connolly compassionately explores human emotions as Greta grapples with a newly discovered lineage. A welcome return to a complex land of fantasy and friendship." (Booklist)

"Even with her flaws, her fierce dedication to her brother is admirable, and her slow transformation into a more accepting, open person is all the more satisfying given her earlier closed views." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

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PRAISE FOR MONSTROUS: "Kym's bravery shines, as she fights against the menacing forces in Bryre and also struggles to figure out where she, a self-described monster of a girl, belongs. This remarkable, absorbing debut will enchant readers." (--Rebecca Behrens, author of *When Audrey Met Alice*)

PRAISE FOR MONSTROUS: "Pays tribute to classic fairy tales while turning the tradition on its head. A smart, ambitious adventure, led by a heroine whose differences only enhance her humanity." (--Emma Trewayne, author of *Flights and Chimes* and *Mysterious Times*)

PRAISE FOR MONSTROUS: "A likely read-aloud that has its share of guts, blood, and grim reality within this fantasy land, *Monstrous* will keep young readers thinking about trust, good and evil, friendship and loyalty, and devotion to community." (Booklist)

PRAISE FOR MONSTROUS: “Magic, fantastic creatures, mythology, and a bit of Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein combine here for an exciting...tale.” (School Library Journal)

PRAISE FOR MONSTROUS: “Connolly invokes fairy-tale elements with ease, and... the formidable theme of sacrifice resonates far beyond the final page.” (Publishers Weekly)

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About the Author

MarcyKate Connolly is a writer and arts administrator living in New England with her husband and pugs. She's a coffee addict and voracious reader. This is her first novel.

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