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The Menagerie



Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of the Wings of Fire series, Tui T. Sutherland, and her sister, Kari Sutherland, comes the Menagerie series, perfect for fans of Brandon Mull's Fablehaven series and The Spiderwick Chronicles. In the small town of Xanadu, Wyoming lies the Menagerie, a top secret facility filled with unicorns, dragons, phoenixes, and other fairy tale creatures. At least, it was a secret until six griffin cubs escaped. If Logan and Zoe don't get the cubs back fast, the entire Menagerie will be shut down. The race is on and the resulting adventure is only the beginning of a thrilling series that will leave readers wanting a magical menagerie of their very own.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 5-8-A new arrival in small-town Xanadu, Wyoming, seventh-grader Logan spends more time than he'd like to thinking about his mother's mysterious disappearance. His life becomes exciting when he discovers a baby griffin under his bed. No bigger than a puppy, Squorp turns out to be an escapee from the Menagerie, a zoo filled with mythical creatures and run by his classmate Zoe and her family. Logan soon finds himself teamed up with Zoe and her merman friend, Blue, to find five other griffin runaways. As he helps track them down, the truth about his mother's secret life begins

to surface. Meanwhile, members of SNAPA, the organization in charge of all menageries, will arrive soon for an inspection and if everything is not up to par the place will be shut down. Can the trio get the griffins back in time? Who really was Logan's mom? The characters are likable, unique, and well developed, and the narrative is filled with lively dialogue and humor. The creatures, including a pair of snooty unicorns and a charismatic but murderous kelpie, are delightful. The authors do a great job of creating an attention-grabbing magical world within the realistic setting. Readers who enjoy books like Brandon Mull's *Fablehaven* (Aladdin, 2007) will soak up the intermixing of mythological information and mystery. The first in a series, this page-turning fantasy will fly off library shelves. -Kira Moody, Whitmore Public Library, Salt Lake City, UT (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Logan and his dad have moved to sleepy Xanadu, Wyoming, in hopes of discovering the whereabouts of Logan's missing mother. The name of the town is no coincidence, for within its boundaries lies a secret zoo of mythical creatures operated by a direct descendant of Kubla Kahn. Logan's classmate Zoe Kahn is in a pickle because six baby griffins have escaped under her watch, and she is going to be in big trouble if they don't all end up back in their enclosure. Logan and Zoe, along with their friend Blue, cleverly (and secretly) set out to track down the griffins and figure out who let them escape in the first place. Full to bursting with animated fantasy creatures, such as a histrionic phoenix who erupts into flame whenever no one pays him enough attention and a pair of haughty, passive-aggressive unicorns, this silly, delightful story begs to be read aloud. Thanks to a cliff-hanger ending and a brand new mystery on the horizon, animal lovers will eagerly anticipate more Logan and Zoe adventures. --Sarah Hunter --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My students love this author!!! They finished her wings of fire series and we found this one. They say it is a great read. what's even cooler is that she wrote this series with her sister!

This was offered as a discount on one of the ebook sites. The premise sounded good so I tried it. I thoroughly enjoyed this book then the other two in the series. I love the world build, characters, the whole thing. The animals are adorable and I want a Captain Fuzzbutt, and a baby Griffin and I would take Scratch. Poor thing.

Absolutely fabulous follow up for the series. Can hardly wait to read the next one with my son. Family bonding time while we take turns reading out loud. The adults are so excited to find out what happens next! So is our son.

My 10 year old nephew received this as a gift and exclaimed that this was his FAVORITE author. :-)
My job of picking out the right thing was done.

Great book

A fun read for the 10 - 12 age group

Honestly I can recommend this book to any age that has the imagination to temporarily believe in mythical animals. It's probably a pre-teen/early teen book, but I enjoyed it and I'm over 50. It never got boring, and I found myself reading it on my phone when I should have been doing other things. I'm checking my library, and if I don't have the second book yet, I'm going to purchase it now.

This was a very fun and easy read. It kind of has the same feel of Fabrlhaven (which I loved). It has great characters and interesting magical creatures and a good amount of adventure mixed in. It has an easy to follow plot line that keeps you hooked the whole way through. I think this book is great and I can't wait to dive into the next one!

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