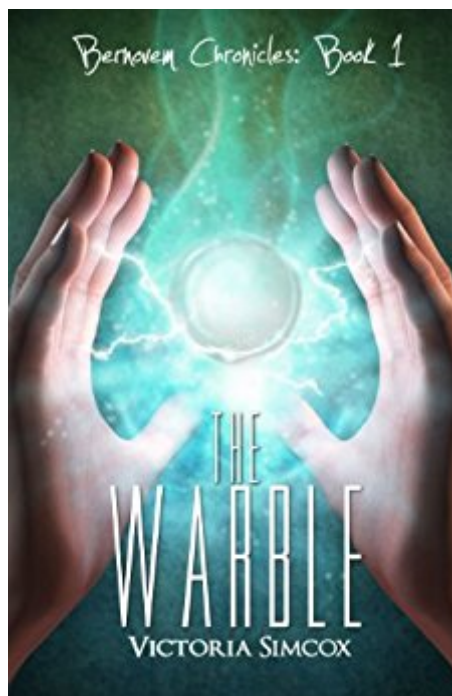


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The Warble (The Bernovem Chronicles Book 1)



Synopsis

Dwarfs, gnomes, fairies, talking animals, and an evil queen – all these and more can be found in *The Warble*, an enchanting tale of adventure and friendship. Twelve-year-old Kristina Kingsly feels like the most unpopular girl in her school. The kids all tease her, and she never seems to fit in. But when Kristina receives an unusual Christmas gift, she suddenly finds herself transported to the land of Bernovem, home of dwarfs, gnomes, fairies, talking animals, and the evil Queen Sentiz. In Bernovem, Kristina not only fits in, she's honored as the chosen one – the only one who can release the land from Queen Sentiz's control. But it's not as simple as it seems. To save Bernovem, she must place the gift she was given, the famous Warble, in its final resting place. And she must travel through the deep forest, climb a treacherous mountain, and risk capture by the queen's zelbocks before she reaches her destination. Guided by her new fairy friends, Clover and Looper and by Prince Werrien, a teenage boy, as well as an assortment of other characters, Kristina sets off on a perilous journey that not only tests her strength but her heart.

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Customer Reviews

Victoria Simcox has done a marvelous job in this first entry in the Bernovem Chronicles series. The groundwork for the saga is laid. Things aren't going very well at school for twelve-year-old Kristina. She is being bullied relentlessly. If only something or someone could whisk her away from it all. Of course, that is precisely what happens in this magical tale. Kristina becomes the recipient of the Warble, a magical item that takes her away to a wondrous land of fairies and dwarfs, a place where her pet rat, along with every other animal in Bernovem, has the ability to speak. However, Kristina isn't just carried to this land by the Warble. She becomes its caretaker. It becomes her responsibility to ensure that Bernovem is freed from the clutches of the evil Queen Sentiz. In order to free Bernovem, she must return the Warble to its final resting place. Helping her along the way are the sibling fairies Clover and Looper and Werrien, the rightful prince of Bernovem. This story is an absolute treasure! It is the classic hero's journey told by a masterful writer. Kristina is taken from victim in a world that readers will be familiar with to hero in a world that is stunningly and vividly brought to life through the imaginative writing of Victoria Simcox. It is a fantastic transformation, one that readers will not want to miss!

Although this is not typically my kind of genre, I stepped outside my box to experience something new. And, am I glad I did. The Warble is a pleasant surprise in that it's not just a tale of fantasy. It holds truth and real life principles that are steadfast in our real lives. The main character, Kristina, holds the pain of rejection from society or her peers. Through her suffering, one person sees her potential and offers her a gift in the Warble - an unsuspecting metal ball that is the key to her destiny through another world - one where Kristina is labeled 'The Chosen One'. There are threads that point to God and his everlasting love in this book. The story parallels Jesus' return and his victory over a fallen world. Those that have the faith - will see it. Those that don't want religion thrown in their face don't have to worry because it's so slight all you'll uncover is a really good book that offers a story of good triumphing over evil. Great job Ms. Simcox! I enjoyed this book and how it spoke to me on many different levels.

This is a delightful book that I would recommend for the younger set. It reminded me very much of the classic Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. Maybe a bit like Alice in Wonderland, too, yet with a unique flavor of its own. The tale centers around 12-year-old girl named Kristina, who is transported to a magical land by the power of the Warble, a mysterious jewel. Accompanied by her pet rat, Raymond, she meets a world of interesting creatures, to include talking animals. There is Remalock,

a dwarf, Prince Werrien and fairies named Clover and Looper, to name a few. There are also evil beings to include a wicked queen. Oh, she has to fulfill a quest to save this enchanted land, against all odds. I very much enjoyed the tale and am sure it will become a classic. Get this for the younger readers on your list, but adults with a sense of wonder will like it too.

Once more, I'm so blessed at the beginning of a read, that I could not wait but had to share that reading 'The Warble' fantasy should be required for all! Since many might think this a children's book, I must share that I found the book captivating because we adults still have the ability to enjoy magic realism and it is these words which define this and other literary greats like, 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'! So whether you're an adult or child, I know you will enjoy 'The Warble'! Now I have to get back to gobbling up this fab story without further interruption! Paula Rose Michelson writes Christian Inspirational Fiction, Nonfiction & Self-help. Her books are available on .

It's a good book for kids. Reading it as a childless adult, I was reminded that I would have liked it a lot more had I ran across this book when I was about nine. It's a fun romp in a fantasy world a la "The Chronicles of Narnia", with a chosen one and a mission to save the kingdom, all familiar themes. There was nothing overly complicated, and the characters were fairly distinct. Kristina, the protagonist, seems more like she was just along for the ride, as the heavy lifting was done mostly by the other characters, but for a 12-year-old, she was a good protagonist. The critical adult in me wanted to give it three stars, but the child I was that would have enjoyed it wanted four stars and won.

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