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The Land Of Stories: An Author's Odyssey



Synopsis

The fifth book in Chris Colfer's #1 New York Times bestselling series *The Land of Stories*! In the highly anticipated continuation of the *Land of Stories* series, Conner learns that the only place to fight the Masked Man's literary army is inside his own short stories! When the twins and their friends enter worlds crafted from Conner's imagination, finding allies no one else could have ever dreamed of, the race begins to put an end to the Masked Man's reign of terror. Can the twins finally restore peace in the fairy tale world?

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Olivia's Review; I've eagerly anticipated this next installment in the *Land of Stories*, and it hasn't disappointed! The characters were all spot-on, and I loved getting to see Connor's imagination through his stories and how they reflected the Bailey twins's adventures. The writing was humorous and fast-paced - there was never a slow moment in the story. The plot was exciting and suspenseful, a perfect read for kids of all ages. I fell in love with this series a while ago and am thrilled that there will, indeed, be another book in the series after this one. Overall, an exciting, action-packed, super creative, funny, clever fifth installment to the *Land of Stories*! Reviewed by a 12 year old girl

Oscar's Review: I really loved this book. In every chapter when you thought something

was going well, the ship would sink and everything would be submerged and the story would be shaken. I really don't have that much to say about this book because I love it so much, but I do have one thing: most who read this book will love it as they've loved, in turn, the first, second, third, and fourth books in the series. There was also a HUGE, interesting, and unexpected twist that really shook up the story and increased the suspense and excitement levels by a tenfold. I think this book would really appeal to reluctant readers because it is an action-packed, fast-paced fantasy story that pulls you into the book from the start. Reviewed by a 9 year old boy (reviewed by the Kid Book Reviewers, siblings ages 9 and 12 @ (...))

My kids are so excited to get the fifth book in Chris Colfer's bestselling series The Land of Stories. The story continues on Conner's journey where he learns to fight against the Masked Man's literary army. The story is funny, magical, witty, and filled with adventure. The story drags you into it, like his other novels, and the characters are a twist from the classic tales, and reinvent the fairy tales that we grew up with. Chris is indeed an absolute genius the way he ties in modern day problems with the old time tales that makes it fresh and fun for all ages to enjoy. Given how awesome these books are, there is no need to give many details (no spoilers here) but anyone who has read the series will love this fifth book, and those who have not, go back and read the first book in this series and you will be hooked too!

Loved the book! I have been a big fan of The Land of Stories series. The only thing was the ending. There was a pretty big cliffhanger at the end of the fourth book and an even BIGGER one at the end of this one. I don't mind the occasional cliffhanger, but there needs to be some resolution. In this book it felt like we were just tying up loose ends from the last book, and then we were finally getting to the point we were before, and then boom, the book ended. Just as we were getting somewhere, all the progress stopped. I can't blame you for keeping us in suspense though! all in all, I enjoyed the book, but I JUST GET REALLY HUNG UP ON ENDINGS! They can really make it or break it for me. I also wish more characters from the last book could've been incorporated into this one. For instance, Arthur and Merlin were a big part of the last book! I felt like there should've been more than just half a chapter about them. I read really fast, (I also think the fifth book could've been longer! It did not feel like 439 pages!) so after that I finished the fifth book, I instantly went looking for the next one. I couldn't find anywhere that there's even going to be a sixth book! I really hope there's an update on it soon, because there wasn't even supposed to be a another book and I need at least a confirmation that there is one!! recommend reading this book if you have already read the rest of

this series, but if you haven't you DEFINITELY need to go back and read the first four, or you will be REALLY confused. The only reason I didn't give it five stars was because of the ending, but I still loved the book anyway and hope the sixth comes out soon! Thank you for reading my EXTREMELY long review!

I LOVE this series. I am a 3/4 grade teacher and my students have fallen in love with this series as much as I have. I noticed when I first read book 1 I realized many of my students had never heard the fairytales and rhymes that I had loved as a child. I started introducing my students to rhymes and fairytales as school starts in August and then once all the characters are familiar to them, we start a Land of Stories daily reading. All of my students have learning differences and most have significant struggles with reading. This book has been a game changer. Students who would struggle with books and dreaded anything with words all of a sudden started to fall in love with reading. The fact that Conner has attention issues, trouble with school, and occasionally misspells things makes the students feel like they have something in common with the characters. I have former students coming up to me all the time with updates about the books. I even had a little bet about who would get this book read first.

Well I have to say I loved the book. By far one of my favorite Novels. But to be honest I'm getting a little tired of constantly waiting a year or two for the next book. I was hoping to finish off the series with this book. Don't get me wrong. I loved each chapter and Chris Colfer couldn't have written it any better. Still I wish that he could have a little sneak peek into the next one like the other ones. And finally in the next book please get rid of the bookhuggers. No offense but they're really annoying and are a waste of space in the book.

Four stars is my review. Mainly because it was a very good book, but sometimes it went a little slow. But I liked it very much! Can't wait for the next book! I wonder what's gonna happen to Alex.....

Another wonderful installment from Chris Colfer. These stories just keep getting better. This one adds in original stories created by Conner, one of the main characters. This is done in such a way that it is clear that the author is hoping to encourage his young readers to follow their own imagination and create their own stories. The book is really a lot of fun, as is the whole series.

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