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# Merlin's Nightmare (The Merlin Spiral)



## Synopsis

Haunted by the past, chased by the present. Arthur is now eighteen, and Merlin, tired of hiding and running from his enemies, wants nothing more than to spend his days with his family and train Arthur for his rightful place as king. But when Arthur goes missing, a desperate Merlin must abandon all other quests to find him before a shadowy pursuer catches Arthur first. Having everything to fight for, and almost nothing to fight with, Merlin and Arthur must rally Britain's warriors against three overwhelming enemies: Saxon hordes in the south, Picti raiders in the north, and a chilling new enemy that has arisen in the west. At the same time, Morgana brings Merlin's deepest fear to life and sets a horde of werewolves loose to destroy Britain. But when the secret purpose of this nightmare is finally revealed, will Merlin and Arthur find a way to survive--without unleashing an even greater evil? (Book 1 of The Merlin Spiral, MERLIN'S BLADE, is the winner of the 2014 Silver Moonbeam Award for Young Adult Fantasy & Science Fiction.)

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Gr 9 Up "Merlin must battle against unthinkable foes as he prepares teen Arthur to take on the role of High King. When the young warrior disappears and Morgana unleashes a horde of werewolves, Britain's fate hangs in the balance in this last title of the fantasy series.

"I was completely spellbound--I couldn't stop reading ... It was everything a book should be:

gripping, epic, and just a lot of fun." - Writer & blogger Deborah O'Carroll "A perfect blend of suspense and drama and a little romance thrown in ... My 12 year old daughter has read this whole series a good three times." - Vine Reviewer N. Porter "Treskillard's prose is beautifully woven with detail, inspiration, and heart, creating a spectacular tapestry of images ... packed with action from the first page to the last ... Extraordinary!" - Book blogger Laurin Boyle PRAISE FOR THE MERLIN SPIRAL: "A sweeping, deeply detailed fantasy that re-imagines the adventures of Arthurian legend ... The author skillfully crafts intense action scenes and vivid settings." - Publishers Weekly "Treskillard crafts a new and unique prequel to the King Arthur legend, one that is rich in atmosphere and detail. Fantasy readers will find themselves beguiled by the young Merlin's story." - School Library Journal "A fresh approach to an ancient genre ... an absolute must-read." - Award winning author Douglas Bond "Treskillard has achieved one of the most difficult feats to master in high fantasy epics like this - weaving together a handful of storylines into a cohesive, expertly-paced narrative." - Crosswalk.com "A fabulous re-imagining of the legends." - Fantasy author Scott Appleton "Merlin's Blade is a masterful story, well told ... a must read for fans of the Arthurian legend and for fantasy fans of all stripes ... the book easily spans the gap between twelve and adult." - Fantasy & sci-fi reviewer Rebecca Luella Miller "Turn the pages, and you can almost feel the fog rolling in off the moors, smell the low heather, and catch a glint off a blade." - Best selling author Wayne Thomas Batson "I love the setting of this book! Robert Treskillard has done an excellent job bringing early Britain to life. The adventure is exciting, the characters are interesting, and the suspense, which remains until the end, is very well done." - RedeemedReader.com "Treskillard builds a real person in Merlin ... whose belief in honor and family make him a figure to cheer for." - Award winning author Jill Williamson Robert Treskillard breathes new life into the often-told tale of King Arthur and his faithful mentor, Merlin. Treskillard has managed to put a new spin on the story in this three-volume series called Merlin's Spiral by focusing on Merlin's story. In Merlin's Nightmare, Arthur is now eighteen, and Merlin wants nothing more than to enjoy his family. But when Arthur disappears, Merlin stops at nothing to rescue him before one of their enemies finds him. Together they face the Saxenow in the south, the Picts in the north, and a new enemy rising in the east. And Merlin's half-sister has unleashed werewolves "Merlin's biggest fear since being attacked by wolves as a child. Will they survive? Merlin's Shadow and Merlin's Nightmare are difficult to read as standalone novels, although the author tries to give the reader enough background in the glossary to permit this. Kudos to Treskillard, who not only identifies the characters but describes what happened in the previous books that is significant to the overall storyline. His attempt to recreate the Arthurian legend from a Christian perspective is to be

applauded. Recommended for public libraries and school libraries. (Christian Library Journal)

While Merlin's Blade remains my favorite of the series, I enjoyed Merlin's Nightmare, and it serves as a good set-up for The Pendragon Spiral, the next series of Treskillard's Arthurian tales. There is a lot of action, and I love when a book has multiple POVs. We see Merlin and Arthur's POV then switch to Merlin's family and the enemy. This makes the story spin together at the end.

The third in a series of Arthurian novels, Merlin's nightmare finishes the trilogy off with a bang. This entire series has been a hit for me; I actually purchased this third book way before I was offered it through Vine because I was so impatient to read it! It has a perfect blend of suspense and drama and a little romance thrown in. Definitely a classic along the lines of Stephen R. Lawhead. I am extremely picky about what I give to my pre-teen daughter; but this whole series I was able to pass off to her (with a tad bit of editing of the second book, see my review there.) So I love that the author respected the fact that it was young adult fiction (unlike many authors!) and kept it clean. But he also didn't dumb it down and make it juvenile; it really is a novel that, as an adult, was enjoyed just as much by me. My 12 year old daughter has read this whole series a good three times in the last half year; so I know it's a good one!

First I want to say that this was really well written. Good description but not too much, I could see the whole story. Intense, lots of action, never a dull moment. I really, really wanted to love this book because I love the first and second books in the series. However, I had two issues with this story. 1. Too creepy. I read the first two books with my 12 yr old. This book is YA and typically YA is for age 12 and up. The first two books of this series we were able to enjoy together. But this book, my daughter couldn't get past chapter 6 because she was getting freaked out 2 nights in a row and having trouble falling asleep. She opted to stop reading it because in her words, "it's too demonic". For myself, I did find it a little dark and especially the parts which were from the perspective of the witch, I skimmed/skipped those parts. It did make me feel uncomfortable too. So just a warning, not a great book for 12 yr. olds or anyone sensitive to that sort of thing. 2. Not a satisfying ending. The ending left me tense, not knowing whether the main character was really going to be okay. Things were left in a place of tension and dread. I don't like that :(

It was a good book. A lot more action than the previous books. I just wish the sequel set was written already.

Read it to my daughter. We are fans of the series.

Treskillard really keeps you engaged in all the Merlin stories. Really enjoyed it!

I really like this book because im a fan of merlin I would recommend this to my family and friends

I have not read it and will be deleting it after reading the first 2.

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