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Escaping Peril (Wings Of Fire, Book 8)



Synopsis

Peril has been loyal to Queen Scarlet, who used her fatal firescales to kill countless dragons in the SkyWing arena. Now, Peril is loyal to Clay, the only dragonet who has ever been her friend. So when Scarlet threatens Jade Mountain Academy, Peril sets off to find her former queen, stop her, and save the day, no matter what it takes. There's just one problem: a strangely persistent SeaWing, Turtle, insists on coming along, too. Turtle is worried about his friends, who left to search for Scarlet and haven't returned. Peril is worried that she might accidentally burn Turtle -- or burn him on purpose, for being so annoying -- and frustrated that she keeps saying and doing the wrong things. She can't escape her firescales, and she can't escape her reputation as the deadliest dragon in Pyrrhia. So when she's offered a chance to trade everything for a new life, Peril has to decide who she's really loyal to . . . and whether her own scales might actually be worth saving.

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Booklist"Fast-paced and detailed, this first installment in a new adventure series is entertaining." --
Kirkus Reviews"Readers of all ages will be enchanted by the humanistic storyline and the
page-turning excitement." -- Library Media Connection"A thrilling new series for dragon-lovers." --
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Thoughts: I am literally blown away by this book. Sutherland has really outdone herself - in fact, I feel like her books only continue to improve. That's not to say that I didn't have a few issues with this book - but those were very minimal and hardly took away from the story. The plot was the only issue I had, actually. It felt like Sutherland wrote this whole book, and then decided that the ending wasn't memorable enough so she added in half of the next book to leave us on a cliffhanger (it worked). This, I found, was very frustrating, despite the added tension and excitement. Other than that, this book was amazing! I loved every one of the characters and how they've evolved over this series, although I would've liked to see some more of Winter, Kinkajou, and Qibli, some of my favorite characters. Peril's character was spot-on - the entire time, you could really feel her emotions. Although I originally wasn't too excited about the prospect of a book dedicated to Peril, I grew to love her character and was rooting for her by the end of the book. I loved the twist, too, and how it tied in with the brilliant prologue. The writing didn't stray far from its normal humor, suspense, and adventure - honestly, I think that the Wings of Fire series is the best series for middle grade readers. And although this book took a bit of a dark turn at the end, I'll be eagerly awaiting the next installment in this series.

I loved the action, mystery and sophisticated storyline. Tui T. Sutherland did an awesome job and it was a great addition to the Wings of Fire series. Once I bought it, I couldn't stop reading! I can't wait for the next book in the series to come out because the cliff-hanger ending had me itching for more. Overall, I would highly recommend this book because I LOVED IT!!! :D

My just turned 10 year old loves this series! We will be getting the hard backs soon and giving the paperbacks to the local library. Def a series to keep.

My son is 12 and LOVES this series. It's the only series that he will read without complaining. Every time a new book comes out, he begs me to buy it. I've read some excerpts out of a few books, and they seems to be appropriate and have some themes of honor, friendship, hard work, etc. All the boys in my son's class read them and love talking about it and sharing their books with one another. I surprised my son with this book, and he was so excited. He even read it in the car on the way to school. I recommend this to anyone with a pre-teen son that does not enjoy reading.

Ever since Clay met Peril in the first book, she became my favorite character in the entire series (until I read Darkstalker, then it was Whiteout) and I wanted to know more about her. Although I definitely remember Tui saying that she wouldn't make a book on Peril, I love the fact that she did. I had always wanted to get inside Peril's head because she is just so... her. But now you can and you can discover the beauty of her character and find out what makes her clock tick. *Cough* *Cough* Clay! *Cough* And you get to see the world through the eyes of Queen Scarlet's Notorious Death Monster. As plot goes, it was good although there was a big cliffhanger that I won't spoil but will call Tui out for doing that. It is almost worse than the cliffhanger at the end of The Mark Of Athena if any of you have read that. But other than a cliché cliffhanger, the plot is very unique and has that special Tui touch that I don't think anyone else has. All in all, it was a great book and I loved every page of it.

My third grade niece became excited about this series. I bought her a book or two and then decided I wanted to see what she was so excited about. I am having a lot of fun with this series. Sutherland's characters develop slowly throughout the books, at least from an adult perspective, but as the series has gone on I am enjoying it more and more. The books are definitely aimed toward the 3-5 grade level. Some tough subjects that are addressed, like death, war, poor parenting, etc. I would've LOVED this series in my youth, as my niece does, as an adult I am still getting a kick out of it. I can't wait to see what will happen in upcoming book 9. Sutherland also has an accompanying series about the "Winglets." Haven't started those yet, but will probably add them to my summer book list.

I have loved this series so much, And I truly understand and agree with its high reviews and ratings. I see and agree the lesson that was taught here, to accept yourself, even with all your failings.. be yourself and be the best that you can be. Be loyal to the people that you love, but think for yourself

and not let others control you. It is more important to be good and kind, than to be popular. Problems are there to teach you and make you strong. The easy way is often not the right way. Think, what would Clay do?? Darkstalker is next , I am looking so forward to learn his story!

My son has been reading all of these books (multiple times) and collecting the books in this series. It's inspired him to write his own encyclopedic dragon books! He began reading book 1 with his father when he was 5 or 6, and now he's 9. He read ahead of his dad by book 3 and has been on his own devouring this series ever since. I hope the information I have presented helps you to make an informed decision! If so, please vote by replying Yes to "Was this review helpful." Thank you!

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