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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Having inhaled the first two installments in this thrilling series about four Virginia schoolboys on a quest to find a legendary Welsh king, teens will be anxious to see where Stiefvater next leads Gansey, Adam, Ronan, and Noah. The volume picks up directly after *The Dream Thieves* (Scholastic, 2013) and the quest takes some bizarre and dangerous twists. Blue Sargent and the psychically talented women of 300 Fox Way take center stage this time. Blue's mother Maura has disappeared, and it's not immediately clear if she wants to be found. Despite the fact that "time and space were bathtubs that Maura splashed in," Blue and Mr. Gray, Maura's ex-hitman boyfriend, begin to think she's underground and in trouble. Informed by several mystical and live sources that there are three ancient sleepers in the nearby mountain caves, one of which is not to be awakened, the young people are hurled toward a subterranean encounter of the weirdest kind. Throughout, the prose is crisp and dazzling and the dialogue positively crackles. The supernatural elements—magic, a mirrored lake, an evil curse, the appearance of Owen Glendower's 600-year-old daughter—are completely organic and suspension of disbelief is effortless due to the nuanced and affecting characterization. Blue and the Raven Boys come into their own over the course of the novel and realize their individual strengths and the power of their collective bonds, making them unstoppable. It's a good thing, because it seems as though all hell is about to break loose in the final volume.—Luann Toth, School Library Journal

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* "...Like the first two volumes, Stiefvater's third is a marvel of imagination and invention... [T]he tone, at once foreboding, mysterious, and filled with dread, is a perfect match for the material. *Blue Lily, Lily Blue* is, simply, a triumph."-*Booklist*, starred review

* "Expect this truly one-of-a-kind series to come to a thundering close."-*Kirkus*, starred review

* "As in the previous books, Stiefvater's razor-sharp characterizations, drily witty dialogue, and knack for unexpected metaphors and turns of phrase make for sumptuous, thrilling reading."-*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review

"Readers will race through this story. Its colorful and engaging characters, fast-paced plot, and twisted surprises around every corner are sure to capture the attention of those who enjoy this genre."-*NY Journal of Books*

About the Author

Maggie Stiefvater is the #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of the novels SHIVER, LINGER, and FOREVER. Her novel THE SCORPIO RACES was named a Michael L. Printz Honor Book by the American Library Association, while PUBLISHERS WEEKLY selected Maggie's THE RAVEN BOYS as a

Best Book of the Year. She is also the author of LAMENT and BALLAD. Maggie lives in Virginia with her husband and their two children. You can visit her online at www.maggiestiefvater.com.

Users Review

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Joyce Cassady:

Spent a free time for you to be fun activity to perform! A lot of people spent their sparetime with their family, or their particular friends. Usually they accomplishing activity like watching television, going to beach, or picnic in the park. They actually doing same thing every week. Do you feel it? Will you something different to fill your own free time/ holiday? May be reading a book may be option to fill your no cost time/ holiday. The first thing that you'll ask may be what kinds of publication that you should read. If you want to consider look for book, may be the publication untitled Blue Lily, Lily Blue (The Raven Cycle, Book 3) can be very good book to read. May be it could be best activity to you.

Pauline Bardwell:

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Adrian Kao:

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Charles Frye:

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