

Book Name: The Ammolite Adventures: Bluestone

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Review Summary:

The Ammolite Adventures: Bluestone is a well-written young adult fantasy book that is a real page-turner.

Rating: 90%

Review in a bit more detail:

Emily Whayne was dumped.

And by dumped, I mean dumped on the doorstep of strangers, as a baby. Luckily for Emily, her adopted parents raised her well, with help from her godfather Dr Andrew Dalton. Dr Dalton is in truth a wizardly-type from the world of Acacia; Emily's true homeland. With Dr Dalton's help, Emily develops her own magical abilities.

Emily's progression attracts the attention of several organisations, from Earth and elsewhere, who seek to capture her for their own ends.

Emily must rely on her wits and training to evade them all for long enough, to make the trip home to find out some truths about her own unique origin.

“You're a wizard, Harry.”

Or, in this case, Emily. Emily's magical training bears no resemblance to Hogwarts, though. Having said that, the magic systems used in this book are very well thought-out and explained. A good example is the very well fleshed out animal bonds magicians form. Emily forms a bond with Xena, a Doberman puppy that grows into... a large Doberman.

Emily is also lucky to have some very staunch allies on her quest. Clear lines are drawn to differentiate between those for and against. The villains are interesting; it's easy to feel a little sympathy for them, as their all-too-human emotions are drawn forth and on display.

There's a very good glossary at the back that helps if you get a little lost on the way through.

A book about teenage girls coming of age isn't normally high on my list of things to read, but having said that, I'm glad I had the opportunity to read this book. I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the series. I'd recommend this to any fan of young adult fantasy fiction.

It's an excellent read.

Pete Diggins

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