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As an acrobat in a traveling circus, 14-year-old orphan Dessa Redd flies through the air with ease. Still, she is weighed down by troubling memories. But when her ragtag circus troupe pulls into the city of Kingsbridge, Dessa feels a tickle of hope. Maybe here in the royal city she will finally find her twin brother-- or the mysterious man who snatched him away when they were just children.

Meanwhile, Topper, the circus juggler, is obsessed with proving his reputation as the world's greatest thief... by robbing the royal treasury! Topper recruits Dessa and the circus strongman, Fisk, for the job. Hungry and desperate, both agree, setting off a series of adventures that will take the three thieves from one end of the world to the other in search of Dessa's long-lost brother.

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Tony says

As a teenage devotee of Dungeon and Dragons, I have to say I was pretty instantly charmed by this first book in the "Three Thieves" series. It's largely setting the table for what's to come, but in a medievalish kingdom, we meet a teenage orphan acrobat and her two nonhuman companions (one ettin, one goblinlike dude), who arrive the capital city of Kingsbridge as part of a travelling circus. Soon enough, they are trying to break into the queen's treasure tower in an extended sequence rich in detail and cool little traps. Chases, capture, escape, and more ensue, all well paced, well drawn and colored, and totally engaging. The backstory of her dead parents and missing brother are quickly introduced, along with the villain who's to blame and a one-eyed knight who seems like he's going to eventually be an ally. Pretty basic story, but well told and with art that combines rich action with detailed backgrounds -- good fun for kids and adults.

Skye Kilaen says

Super interesting all-ages fantasy adventure series, complete in seven volumes, with a kick-butt girl protagonist. Dessa is an acrobat in a show that travels the kingdoms. Its members make more money pickpocketing than entertaining at the castles and villages they visit. When her colleague proposes they rob the Queen's treasure chamber, though, that takes things to a whole new level. And how is the mysterious man in uniform related to the disappearance of Dessa's brother when she was a child? This is a darker and more powerful book than some fantasy romps, especially in the flashbacks to Dessa's childhood. (My son is not easily scared, and we read it with him at four and five years old, no problem.) I loved the combination of adventure, political conspiracy, and friendship.

Jasmine says

Royal intrigue, mysterious inventors, betrayal and friendship in a fantasy setting? This book, I like it.

ANOTHER.

Betsy says

One Sentence Review: This was awesome, so my sole objection is that it didn't tie up any loose ends and instead leaves the reader on edge by the end.

Jim Leesch says

A fantastic mystery/adventure that somehow reminds me of Bone (even though there's no real similarities to plot or art). A girl is seeking her lost brother and mother, but gets embroiled in a scheme to rob the Queen's

treasury. She and her partners are caught, locked up, and sentenced to die, but not before she sees the man responsible for her family's break up. Swashbuckling escapes ensue, and she's off to find where this mystery man has taken her brother.

Andy says

Pretty good. Read it on the strong recommendation of a 9-year-old, who loved it. Good pace, good art, interesting story, decent characters. Suffers from a common problem in these kinds of books, a few frames that aren't drawn well enough to clearly delineate some complicated action, resulting in a little confusion about what's happening in the physical space. Made me want to read the next one, though. After a trip to the library, books 2-5 are waiting at home...

Myles Wolfe says

This was a fun beginning to a longer story. Three people with varying talents attempt to rob a monarch. It's got funny and tense moments. The drawing is toonish but it did not detract from the narrative for me. The characters are interesting and have obvious differences making their conversations amusing and funny at times. A really enjoyable start to a series. This would be fine for kids ages 9-12.

Sylvester says

Good plot-line, interesting characters, and colourful art - quite excellent, in fact. Great graphic novel for kids especially, and adults too.

Christina Potter Bieloh says

Great juvenile graphic novel. It's an exciting fun read that has Davey hooked. I'm always looking for something that will engage him enough to choose reading over other activities. This book did it! Fortunately there are 7 in the series and he's reading the second now. I enjoyed it a lot too!

Stephanie says

This is book 1 in a graphic series that will be perfect for Amulet readers who are growing up. Acrobat Dessa, along with strongman Fisk and juggler Topper, work for pennies in a traveling circus, but dream of riches. They put their skills to the test breaking into the queen's tower, but are caught and end up on the run. I can't wait to read what happens next.

Susan says

Big hit with the 6 and 8 year old, who are eagerly waiting for me to pick up the next two volumes for them. Edited to add that the entire series as been very popular with the 6, 8, 11, and even the 15 year old.

Madeline J. Rose says

This was awesome!
I really felt dragged into the story and I couldn't escape.
My only problem is it was to short! I want more.

Dolly says

Featuring a spunky, independent, and brave young lady as the main character, this graphic novel is sure to entertain young readers. The narrative is engaging and the ending leaves the reader wanting to know more.

Luckily, there are several books out in the Three Thieves series, so our curiosity will be satisfied as soon as we can get the next books at our local library. We all really enjoyed this book.

Karissa says

I saw this series at our library and picked it up. Both me and my 10 year old son enjoy middle grade fantasy graphic novels so this looked interesting. It ended up being a well done and entertaining fantasy graphic novel.

The characters are decently developed and Dessa has a lot of history that is presented in this novel . Dessa was fun to read about and full of determination to find her brother. She is helped along by a couple of goofy non-human characters named Topper and Fisk.

There is a lot of action in here as well as entertaining acrobatic stunts and thievery. Although the story is pretty straight-forward it does have some depth to it as well; there is unrest in the kingdom and you can tell the Captain of the Guard is a noble man who is troubled by the kingdoms larger scale issues.

The illustration is pretty typical cartoon style and is well done. It's easy to follow what's going on in the story and the illustration adds a lot to the story as well.

Overall I enjoyed this, it was a fun classic fantasy style graphic novel. The characters and story are entertaining the illustration is decently done and easy to follow. I would recommend to fans of middle grade fantasy graphic novels.

Jenna says

I liked the Captain character but it felt like the art was rather lazy in some scenes (e.g. duplication scenes with different speech bubbles for no reason). I do want to read more though.
