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Time has flown since Rose left the orphanage behind, and she loves her new family at Mr Fountain's magical house. But she still can't help wondering - what happened to her real family? Were they full of magic too, like her? Then Rose discovers a clue to the mystery: a silver mirror which once belonged to her mother. A mirror with a ghost...

Rose and the Silver Ghost Details

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From Reader Review Rose and the Silver Ghost for online ebook

Miss Clark says

These books are an absolute delight and quintessentially British.

This last book in the ROSE series takes place back in London. Rose is reunited with a family member and goes on quest to discover where she comes from and what happened to her parents.

I love the characters and their loyalty and affection, genuine and prickly and imperfect.

I almost wish she would write another book about Bella when she gets a bit older because you **know** that she will have adventures of the highest order.

Shay VanZwoll says

Rose, orphaned and raised to be a servant, finds herself in the unusual place of being a magician's apprentice. In circumstances hinting at previous stories, we discover that Rose was found to have magic and, as the maid in the household of one of the most powerful magicians in the country, she is invited to apprentice. But when an even more powerful magician takes interest in Rose, the secrets of her past and her heritage are revealed.

ROSE AND THE SILVER GHOST is a fun paranormal children's story. Obviously part of a series, this story can also be read on its own, but I found myself slightly confused trying to piece the story and the characters together using references to prior events. Though I have not read the previous books myself, I assume that reading them would clear up any confusion on how Rose's magic was discovered, and why there is a talking cat!

Even with the minor confusion, this is an exciting and enjoyable story, long enough for older children/young adults but still short enough to keep anyone from getting bored. The author is able to tell the story in a way that you can imagine the details while reading, a great gift when writing for children. The characters themselves are also interesting: Rose, with the mystery of her heritage, Bella, with her unusual gift, and Gus the cat - or is he? - make you want to read more about them and follow their stories into the future.

Thank you to the publisher and NetGalley for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Carol says

Very touching end of the series, although I'd be happy to read more if the author would write them. :)

Liviania says

In the final novel of the Rose series, Holly Webb brings Rose's parentage to light through a mysterious mirror, a dangerous gang, and two loyal women. There's still war brewing on the horizon, but it is mostly an afterthought, something the grown-ups are focusing on while Rose and her friends chase the truth and run straight into danger. But the kids will be drawn back in before the end.

I thought ROSE AND THE SILVER GHOST was a wonderful end to the series. It stays true to the lessons Rose has learned about magic and responsibility. The events of the novel also force Rose to face the ways she's changed, and that she can never go back to just being a maid. I'm not entirely happy with the way she was forced to give up the last bits of her earlier identity, but she really isn't that little girl anymore. ROSE AND THE SILVER GHOST also continues the darker direction that started in the third book, although the story is still appropriate for younger children. There are some things they might find scary.

I will miss Rose, Freddie, Bella, and Bill. All four children had distinct, memorable personalities and worked so well together. Then there was Gus. I can think of very few books that wouldn't be improved with the addition of a talking cat. It's just common sense.

I doubt ROSE AND THE SILVER GHOST would be that exciting for anyone who hasn't read the first three books on gone on this journey with Rose. But these books are short and delightful, so there's no reason not to catch up now that the entire series is available in the US.

Anna says

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Lisa says

Loved this cute series!

Lee Anne says

I have quite enjoyed this series! Interesting characters and clever plots!

Ila says

i like the magic and the spells and the stopping the invaders...

Mabel says

Interesting...but it's a lot of things that are disconcerting so I'm curious to see where it's going to go...

Jameyanne Fuller says

I really enjoyed the first three books of this series, but this last book fell flat for me. The first half dragged, and then the ending was really rushed, and Rose went from practical and common sensical in the first three books to super whiny in this one. Honestly I feel like this book either needed to be longer, to address both Rose's history and the impending war, or it needed to be two books. And I'm kind of meh about how Rose's history is resolved. So while I would definitely recommend the first three books in this series, I'm not sure this one is worth it.

Suzanne says

The Rose series continues to delight me (and other readers, I'm sure). Rose and the others from Mr. Fountain's household have returned from their trip to Venice, bringing the magician Miss Fell with them. Hepzibah Fell has consented to live as a guest of Mr. Fountain and help him to train Rose, Freddie, and Bella in magic. The help is needed since Bella has driven off another governess and Mr Fountain is often at the palace advising the king about the looming war with the Talish Empire. Rose is not very happy when Miss Fell insists that Rose must become a full-time apprentice and young lady and give up her position as a housemaid. Mr. Fountain had agreed to let Rose continue her housekeeping duties along with her magical studies, but the older lady is determined that Rose will be treated as a proper young lady and have etiquette lessons along with Bella.

Rose suspects that Miss Fell may know about her parents. Everything about them is a mystery since Rose was found abandoned in a churchyard as an infant and had been raised in an orphanage until she was hired as Mr. Fountain's maid. Some remarks Miss Fell made when they met in Venice, and her willingness to relocate to London with Mr. Fountain and the children seem to prove Rose is right. In the midst of the rising possibility of an invasion by the Talish forces, Rose and the other apprentices (along with Mr. Fountain's cat, Gus), do their best to uncover the mysteries of Rose's past.

I love so many of the elements in this series: the setting in a Dickens style London; Rose herself with her

practical outlook on life amid all the magical people and happenings; Gus with his penchant for lobster; the steadfast stable boy Bill; it all comes together to create an enchanting story (pun intended). A great book for middle grade readers who enjoy fantasy with resourceful young protagonists.

I read an e-book provided by the publisher through NetGalley.

Sharon Tyler says

Rose and the Silver Ghost is the forth book in the Rose series by Holly Webb. It is currently scheduled for release on March 3 2015. Time has flown since Rose left the orphanage behind for her new family at Mr. Fountain's magical house. But when the stern Miss Fell comes to stay at the mansion, Rose can't help but notice the extra attention Miss Fell gives her. When Rose sees the flash of a face in Miss Fell's mirror-a face that's familiar and foreign at the same time-her suspicions are confirmed that Miss Fell might know more about Rose's past than she's letting on. Can a hidden picture, a silver mirror, and a timid ghost lead Rose to the truth about her family?

Rose and the Silver Ghost is a wonderful continuation to a solid series. I liked that there was significant character growth and fresh conflict that both continued the larger story arch and set up a whole new batch of problems and solutions as well. Rose and her friends face huge odds, and learn more about Rose's past and their own gifts in the process. Change can be uncomfortable, and scary, but finding answers and facing evil seem to quench that fear while in the heart of the moment. The teamwork between the friends, and the comradeship they share is at the heart of the book. I rather saw the Rose family connection coming, but was surprised by the depth of trouble they faced. I was pleasantly surprised and wondering just how they would get themselves out of several situations.

Rose and the Silver Ghost is part of a series I would recommend to independent readers that like action, magic, and adventure. The characters are solid with significant growth, particularly in this installment.

Brandy Painter says

Originally posted here at Random Musings of a Bibliophile.

Rose's story picks up almost immediately where it left off in Rose and the Magician's Mask. She and the family have returned to London from Venice. Miss Fell has joined the family and taken on both Rose and Bella as pupils, not only to grow and focus their magic but to train them how to be proper ladies. As the lessons continue, she seems to be testing Rose in particular. Bella suspects why and shares her theory with Rose. The girls embark on a dangerous and somewhat misguided plan to uncover the truth of Rose's past, her seeming connection to Miss Fell, and the reasons for the years Rose spent in an orphanage. With the help of a ghost they find in a mirror belonging to Miss Fell, the children and Gus the cat are lead into a world of underground crime lords and exploitation of magic.

Rose and the Silver Ghost is a wonderful conclusion to the journey Rose began in the first novel. She has grown in her magic and come to see that she must choose a life. She can not remain both servant and magician. Her desperate need for a place, to feel like she has a home, is one that readers of all backgrounds and lifestyles can relate to. She just wants to know who she is and understand where she came from so she

will know where she is going. Through the course of the novel, all the secrets of Rose's mysterious past are revealed. Some of the revelations are surprising, some less so, but they all combine to make her story richer. I also appreciate how well Webb developed all of the other characters too. Bella, Freddy, and Bill have all grown over the series too. They are wonderful friends to Rose. Gus is still my favorite though. Because you just can't beat a snarky grumpy talking cat with a heart of gold.

Fans of the Rose series will enjoy seeing how everything comes together in this book. I think that it is the final one in the series. It ends in such a way that the story is complete. I wouldn't mind having more though.

I read an e-galley received from the publisher, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, via NetGalley. Rose and the Silver Ghost is currently available in the UK and goes on sale in the US on March 3.

Kayla Eklund says

NOTE:This is a review of the entire series

Typically, I don't read a lot of middle grade novels. I used to love them when I was younger. As an adult, I feel that I am so beyond the intended audience that the magic and wonder is lost on me. However, I've been on this kick lately where all I want to read is middle grade. I'm glad that I am. I read all of the Rose series by Holly Webb in one day, and I loved it. It brought all of the magic and wonder back into reading middle grade novels.

Holly Webb has a way of writing books that make you believe you are there right beside Rose, in Victorian London, experiencing the same thing that Rose is experiencing. For a middle grade novel, the author created a complex, intricate world that was absolutely beautiful. I love the magic system that she created. It was great to see how Rose, Mr. Fountain, and Freddie explored their talents, and became stronger magic users throughout each book. I loved seeing their progression from the beginning of Rose, to the end of Rose and Silver Ghost. My only problem with the series as a whole was that it was very predictable. By the first few chapters of Rose and the Magician's Mask, the third book in the series, I had already guessed most of the plot twists in the book, and was correct.

The Rose series was full of a fantastic cast of characters. I can't think of a single character that I disliked. Even Gossamer, the main villain in the series, was charming in his own way. Even though I liked all of the characters, my favorite was Gus. This should be no surprise for those of you that have followed my blog for a while, and know how much I love cats. I didn't just love him because he was a cat though. I also loved how protective he was of Rose. He might have seemed harsh, and pushed her to her limits sometimes, but that was because he wanted her to evolve her magic, and grow stronger. I also loved his snarky sense of humor.

I loved the Rose series. Even though it was predictable at times, it provided me with a lot of enjoyment. I noticed on Goodreads that Holly Webb has books with names of some of the minor characters in the Rose series, such as Maisie, and Lily. I'm not sure if the books are related to the Rose series, but I plan on reading them to find out because I want more of this world. I recommend this series for kids looking for a quick, fun fantasy read.

Candy says

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Rose #4

Review: Rose is now back in London after defeating gossamer and retrieving the Venetian mask she and the fountain household were sent to fetch. Now though she has a new adventure waiting for her. While in Venice they met another powerful magician who just might know who Rose really is. The problem is she doesn't want to share what she knows with Rose. Will Rose finally find out who she was really meant to be and will she like what she learns?

Holly Webb has done it again. This book in the Rose series is just as wonderful as the others. Rose and the other characters just continue to grow both in their magic and in their characters that you just can't help but want everything to work out for them. This is especially true of Rose who was raised in an orphanage and never even knew who her parents were. So now when there is a chance for her to learn the truth you want it to be good news and everything to end happily. Of course nothing is perfect and neither is her past, but maybe it isn't as bad as she always feared it was and just maybe she can finally find some closure on why she was left all alone, in a churchyard, in a fish basket.

As I mentioned before this story would not be the same without the supporting characters. Isabella is slowly growing up and at the same time she is still just a little girl. Unfortunately at times this can be a problem especially since her magic is starting to develop and she has no idea how to control it. Then there is my second favorite character, Gus. Without the cat this story would be lacking something. He adds humor to the story with his love of fish and his aristocratic ways. Of course he is always there for Rose when she needs him most even if it sometimes comes out a bit snarky.

I recommend this story to young readers who love a touch of mystery in their stories and a lot of magic. I also recommend reading the other three stories in this series first if you have never read them before. You can follow along with the book if you haven't read the others before, but you don't know the characters the same way. Plus, the first three stories are just as magical and wonderful as this one.

I received a free Ecoppy of this book from Netgalley for my honest review.
