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Ancient trolls have woken up and are living under suburbia!

When Colin Colbeck's grandmother goes missing, it's up to him to find her. Followed by a reckless little brother and his ex-best friend, Colin stumbles into an ancient city of trolls trying to catch up to the 21st century. But old grudges die hard and an out-of-date troll war is about to pick up where it left off two hundred years ago. It's a contest of brains against brawn in this perilous adventure of friendship, courage, and bringing home the ones you love.

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From Reader Review Fizz & Peppers at the Bottom of the World for online ebook

Rebecca Douglass says

Review coming soon!

Merged review:

What a galloping mad romp! I picked the book up expecting goofiness, and I got it. But I also got a tightly-written adventure that adheres to its own rules, however crazy they may be. Colin is a wonderful hero, in part because he's no hero at all. He's a lame, tame taco, just like Pepper says. So he's never surprised when his plans go astray, just terribly disappointed in himself and unhappy at losing Grand, then his little brother Sid, and then maybe the whole town. Yet every time he falls down (or is squished by a troll or attacked by a giant poisonous centipede), he manages to get up and come up with a new plan. I love his perseverance and occasional insights (he does eventually figure out why Pepper is so contrary to everyone).

I also loved the adventure, especially the slightly goofy side to it all. The trolls are so beautifully trollish--a bit stupid, but most of them also cruel and heartless (well, how can something that's basically stone have a soft heart?). This very well-written and impeccably edited romp through the troll lands that may be underneath all our homes is a joy to read, and I didn't want to put it down.

Recommendation:

For kids who like fantasy and humor and unlikely heroes. Also for adults who like the same. I'm pretty sure Gorg the Troll would like it, too, though he would be appalled at the bad behavior of these trolls.

Todd A Corson says

Great book

I got this book because my family knows the author. I read it and couldn't put it down. This is one of the most entertaining books I have read. Also all her other books are amazing. This book is a great read for 2.99. You should buy this book and read in till you are happy.

A.K. Klemm says

“Sometimes great ideas are so genius and unlikely they fall from the heavens; but sometimes the best ones are simple, waiting to be found already in the palm of your hand.”

I don't know if this idea fell from the heavens or was found in the palm of King's hands, but Fizz & Peppers is utter genius. It's quite possible we have the next J.K. Rowling on our hands, folks.

Meet Colin Colbeck and a girl named Pepper, arch enemies and ex-best friends. Also, meet Colin's kid brother Sid... by the way, he has trolls living under his bed. There's also a nutty but endearing grandmother

to rescue, an entire world under suburbia and the nearby wood, thrums, hot peppers, and a game called knattlebones.

This book, written by a mom for and with her own middle-grade sons, is about two boys who are full of some of the most “brilliantly, beautiful idea[s] ever to be thought of in the history of the world” as they fight off trolls to rescue their kidnapped, sometimes senile grandmother from the bottom of the world.

[...]

Reminiscent of The Labyrinth (come on you '80's kids, I know you were fascinated with Jareth the Goblin King as much as I was) and Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, Fizz & Peppers will captivate you and keep you wide-eyed from the first hint of a troll until the very last drop of ginger ale. It's a fantastic adventure for all ages that I believe will stand the test of time.

(read the full review at: <http://anakalianwhims.wordpress.com/2...>)

Jodi Woody says

This was such a fun read. I loved it. 5 stars. Kids, trolls, a Fun granny, a pet rat, and soda pop all make a great story.

Traci says

Fun adventure

I loved the characters who were well developed and interesting. There is lots of action and just the right amount of violence to entice boys to read. This book has a unique and engaging plot and tons of imagination.

Melissa Menten says

Colin and Pepper are frenemies who, in their battle to best one another, inadvertently wake up a bunch of trolls with a fizzy raspberry drink in this highly entertaining fantasy. Before long the trolls kidnap Colin's grandmother and take her to their underground city. Of course, Colin's parents don't believe in trolls so it is up to Colin, his younger brother, and Pepper to find a way to save not just Grand, but the whole town when the trolls start a civil war that threatens to create an earthquake.

From the very beginning, I thought this story was captivating. The style is humorous without being over the top, and Ms. King effortlessly weaves in themes of about the importance of family and friends during the children's adventures underground. The tension builds in true page-turning fashion as each time Colin thinks he's figured out how to defeat the trolls, a new twist puts him further from his goal. Another excellent touch is that each character, including prickly Pepper and feeble-minded Grand, has a heroic moment. I highly recommend this story!

Paula says

Great book for an 8 yr old

I read this to my son and he loved it. I enjoyed it as well. Fun story with an okay ending.

Awesome Indies Reviewers says

You know what you get when you mix carbonated soda with a lump of rock? Sometimes you end up with a slobbering, six-eyed beast that'll eat practically everything. Sometimes you think your little brother is trying to mess with you (on exactly the same day you're humiliated in a contest of who can tolerate more habanero peppers), and then other times there really is a hole under his bed, leading down to a cave full of trolls.

Troll Fizz and Peppers is nonstop fun. From the initial adolescent teasing, the dares, the habanero-eating contest, and all the hilarity that came next, the book started off at a nice run and never really let up. What's even better is when you think you know how the book's progressing, you're pretty sure of where the next plot twist might end up taking you, or you figure you have the ending pretty much nailed. In this book, you don't. Troll Fizz has some of that great, adolescent, darts-in-the-dark, oddball twistiness that really needs to be seen more in Young Adult books.

Everyone in the book is pure genius. As in they're well-written, with the same quirky goodness that helps propel the story through its bizarre and endless (endlessly fun) tunnel-like plot. Favorites were Sid with his Super Spy Guy utility gear and guide, and Grand with her rambling cleverness, flakiness and bravery.

If you're a fan of well-written and very cleanly edited books, and if you prefer the color lavender, popping popcorn, delicious cupcakes, thrum bogs, dangerous daycare centers, and a good moral about why people fight each other (and why it's pretty much pointless), this book will most likely give you a few good chuckles. After that, you'll be left feeling warm in your heart, and in need of some really good homemade baked goods.

If there's one tiny bone to pick with the book, it's that the trolls don't seem too menacing or dangerous until the very end (around 85% of the way through, when it's about time for a war), when they suddenly seem very, very dangerous indeed. Perhaps I wanted it all to be sort of fun child's play, but it took an awfully quick turn for the dark. In the end it turns out just peachy, but for just a few minutes there, the tone of the book changed.

5 stars.

Steve says

This book surprised me by grabbing my attention at the very beginning and, like a troll tunnel, kept taking twists and turns that kept me turning pages right to a satisfying ending. Well written and engaging. I recommend it strongly to anybody that loves to get lost in a really good story.

Jemima Pett says

It's madness.

It's magnificent madness.

It's the most magnificent boomsnickery trollsnuffery madness I've ever read.

I came to the opening chapter with no expectations or memory of what this book was about. I soon found a young man with no sense, or not enough to resist the challenge of a stuck up girl to a Habanero pepper eating contest (bad move), as a consequence of which he is too late to both ice cupcakes (family business) and see a football game, which mean his friends desert him. Then he ignores all the signs that there are monsters in his wood, despite his Gran's warnings, and pooh-poohs his little brother's warning of a hole under his bed.

It's all true of course, and the cause is the opening of the way into the troll kingdom. Colin (the young man) soon becomes involved in a dangerous quest to recover his Gran, who's been stolen by the trolls, and has to find two precious rocks in exchange for information on where to find her.

There is fighting, mayhem, explosions, auditory-enhanced birds, giant centipedes (poisonous, of course), stones that twinkle and rocks that return to life. It is so pacey it's hard to keep up, although I did read it in three sittings – all the better to enjoy the experience. I reckon this would be fantastic to read aloud (or to be read to) over a week or two.

I am overwhelmed with admiration for M.G.King's turns of phrase. The characters are brilliant, her descriptions are stunning, and the inventiveness of her plot twists drives me crazy.

Probably the best and funniest and most enjoyable read of the year.

Gina Hott says

Hott Synopsis:

“If you were responsible for losing a grandmother, nearly burning down your house, and making your mom cry, all in the same day” you’d be in a world of trouble like Colin is.

What’s a boy to do when he’s up against a world of trolls that are wreaking havoc on his life and the lives of those he hold most dear? Definitely not what he’ll do next!

Hott Review:

I couldn’t put this down! I’m not a YA or children’s read junkie, I read them to find stuff for the kids but this is one book that I read completely! It was so much fun. It seemed so real. Even my thirteen year old reluctant reading son read this one. I’m also counting the minutes to read it to my much younger nieces & nephews! — This is one for the shelf!

More...

Author: M.G. King

Source: Amazon Free Read on May 22, 2013. I probably wouldn’t have read it though if the author hadn’t sent me a note asking me to review it...

Grade: A

Ages: 5+

S.W. says

An action packed climax and a clever twist.

This book has been lingering in my to read pile for quite a while and I finally took the plunge to read it. It was totally surprising to find such a rich adventure lingering beneath such an unassuming cover. It gave no indication as to the type of story or the scale of the setting within. M.G. King has created an amazing world full of great characters that could quite possibly really be underneath our noses.

Colin is the main character of the story, who finds himself in a desperate search for his missing Grand. She's wandered off one night and gone missing. Much to his surprise, he discovers that she's been kidnapped ... by Trolls! This is where it gets complicated for young Colin. Soon enough his younger brother, Sid, goes missing too. The trouble is, who'd believe his story that Trolls live under the house and have a penchant for kidnapping. Would you?

So the adventure moves underground to an amazing place. We soon find that there's a heap of drama going on in the world of Trolls, which will have a terrible impact on everyone above ground. There's plenty of action, captures, escapes, and surprises lingering in this story.

In a stroke of genius, Sid had decided to bring along his spy book for reference purposes, in case they were in a jam. It came in very handy and littered the story with comical tips that often had me chuckling as I read. Another character that we meet is Pepper, she's the mean and grumpy girl from next door, and she was my least favourite character. You'll need to read it for yourself to see how she deals with the huge chip she has on her shoulder.

In addition to these ones, I seem to have come across lots of Trolls lately, reading *Troll Mountain* by Matthew Reilly, and watching *The Hobbit* on DVD. I'm wondering if they really do exist! I really enjoyed this book. It had an action packed climax and a clever twist right at the end.

In a nutshell ... *Fizz and Peppers* is a great read that as I mentioned before, was a pleasant and action filled surprise. There's a lot more to this one than the cover suggests.

Note: I don't claim to be a pro-reviewer, I am a reader. My reviews are based on my personal thoughts around the story that the book is trying to tell. I try to focus on the story (which is the reason I read) rather than dissect the book and pass comment on typos, writing style or structure.

Rebecca Henry says

Loved it from the start!

Ooman says

This is a fun book for young readers. Or, even better, to read to your little ones yourself. The characters are very compelling. I just sat in the back yard for most of the afternoon enthralled in this rollicking adventure. The development of the characters is fun to watch; even the characters you expect to be flat and in the background grow in texture and depth. The story unfolds unexpectedly, drawing you in slowly at first, and then addictively as the story accelerates. It has a "How to Train Your Dragon" feel. It is a charming story of friendship, adversity, and perseverance against the odds. Give it a read; you won't be disappointed.

Lynne Hollander says

I echo all those 5 star reviews. This story captivates from the get-go! It's so clever and hits the target audience spot on. But, um, I'm 55 and my inner child loved it. I'd love to see this as a movie - the action moves through the troll underground and would make wondrous set pieces in a film. And the title is so cute and fun it assures the reader of the fun to come! Highly recommended!
