



2003

Faerie Wars

Lillian Heil

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Heil, Lillian (2003) "Faerie Wars," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 24 : Iss. 3 , Article 25.

Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol24/iss3/25>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Brennan, Herbie. *Faerie Wars*. Bloomsbury, 2003. ISBN 1582348103. \$17.95. 368 pp.

Reviewer: Lillian H. Heil

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Not recommended

Genre: Fantasy Fiction;

Subject: Fantasy; Family problems; Book--reviews;

Faerie Wars is a well written, fast moving suspense tale of the war between the faeries of light and the faeries of night. Portals exist between the faerie world and earth. A boy from earth, Henry Atherton, saves Pyrgus, prince of light, from earth and helps him win the war against the faeries of night that are allied with the demons of hell.

The poor rating is due to the significant shortcomings of the book's moral stance and to gratuitous and detailed gory descriptions. Henry's dad's secretary and his mom are having an affair. Mom pushes to have her husband move out so her lover can move in with her and her two children. They would then be a "family unit." Another character is Fogaty, a less-than-reputable physicist, who can build anything but becomes a bank robber because physicists don't make enough money. The second objection is to the detailed description of how the villains kill their victims for fun. Grant it, villains may enjoy killing people, but it is not necessary to have details of how the torture is done. Despite the excellent writing, *Faerie Wars* is not recommended as a book to build positive values.