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Sage, Angie. *Magyk*. Illustrated by Mark Zug. HarperCollins, 2005. ISBN 0060577312. \$16.99. 564 p.

Reviewer: Patricia Castelli

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fantasy fiction;

Subject: Princesses--Juvenile fiction; Wizards--Juvenile fiction; Magic--Juvenile fiction; Books--reviews;

The Heap family believes that their seventh son, Septimus, died shortly after birth. The same day, Septimus's father, Silas Heap, finds a newborn baby girl abandoned in the forest. He and his wife name her Jenna; they take her as their own after a warning from the Extraordinary Wizard that no one must know she was a foundling.

Because *Magyk* is only book one of the Septimus Heap trilogy, the reader will wonder about Septimus, the seventh son of the seventh son who is expected to have “magyk” powers. Half the fun is guessing who he might be. *Magyk* is an entertaining read with plenty of excitement and plenty of characters, some to love and others to hate.