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Coburn, Ann. *Glint*. HarperCollins, 2007. ISBN 9780060847234. \$17.99. 432p.

Reviewer: Kate Reynolds

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Contemporary Realistic Fiction; Fantasy Fiction; Adventure Stories;

Subject: Missing children—Juvenile fiction; Brothers and sisters—Juvenile fiction; Adventure and adventurers—Juvenile fiction; Books—Reviews

When fifteen-year-old Ellie's younger brother, Danny, disappears on his eleventh birthday, Ellie draws strength and inspiration from Argent—a character in an imaginary world she and her brother made up when they were younger. Meanwhile, Danny finds comfort in the same story by following Argent on her quest to find a stolen dragon.

Coburn's novel is compelling and unique. The real world and the fantasy world never actually meet, but the parallel adventures intertwine and support each other wonderfully. *Glint* is truly more than the sum of its parts—either story alone would seem flat, but together they resonate. The villain of Ellie and Danny's story seems somewhat contrived, but overall *Glint* is a delightful work written in an innovative style.