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The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

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Author: Shulman, Polly

Title: *The Grimm Legacy*

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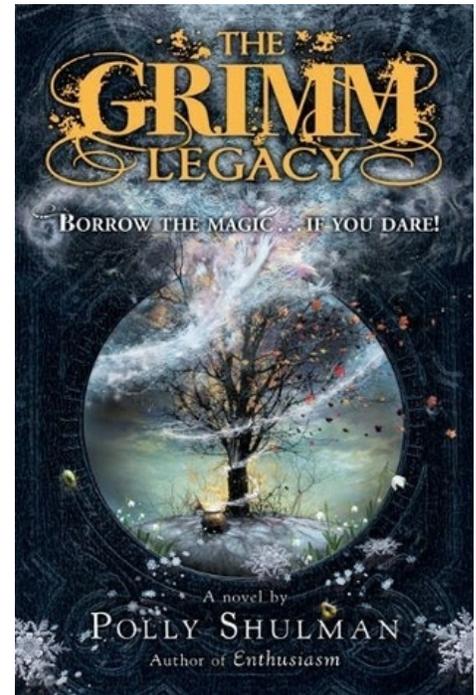
Number of pages: 336

Rating: Dependable

Reading/Interest Level: Young Adult

Keywords: Magic; Folklore; Fairy tales; Adventure; Libraries; New York; Novel; Fantasy

Review:



High school student Elizabeth has no friends and a less-than-satisfactory life at home with her indifferent father and unpleasant stepmother. Struggling to fit in at her new private school, she is delighted when her English teacher offers her an after-school job at the New-York Circulating Material Repository. As a new page at the repository, Elizabeth makes new friends and is introduced to the mysterious Grimm collection, which holds magical objects from some of Elizabeth's favorite fairy tales. When a large, dark creature starts stalking the repository and objects begin disappearing or losing their magic, it's up to Elizabeth and her new friends to catch the crook and save the Grimm collection, perhaps finding love along the way.

This book is a fun read from beginning to end, but Shulman's previous work *Enthusiasm* is better-paced and easier to relate to. Although *The Grimm Legacy* has a captivating story idea, the plot didn't consistently maintain the same quick pace throughout the book, a few of the characters' jokes fell flat, and some of the imagery used was obscure, confusing, or difficult to picture. The targeted audience was also difficult to place. It seemed to be aimed at 10 or 11 year olds from the cover and initial voice of the protagonist, but upon reading it became clear that the intended audience was more on the young adult end of 13 and up. Because of the amount of teenage rebelliousness, this book is recommend for young adults who want a fun, dependable, reality-based fantasy escape with a dash of romance.

Reviewer: Mary-Celeste Lewis

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