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Rise of the Evening Star (Fablehaven #2) by Brandon Mull

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Author: Mull, Brandon

Title: *Rise of the Evening Star* (Fablehaven #2)

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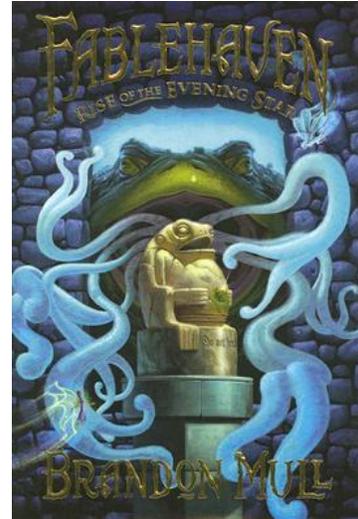
ISBN: 9781416957706

Number of Pages: 435

Rating: Outstanding

Reading/Interest Level: Intermediate; Young Adult; All

Keywords: Coming of Age; Fantasy; Trust; Mythical Creatures



Review:

The Evening Star, a society that wants to destroy all of humanity, is intent on kidnaping Kendra and her brother Seth. The two escape the society by returning to Fablehaven, but then they must decide whom to trust, since there is a traitor among them. Amidst this chaos, Kendra and Seth are racing to find an ancient artifact before The Evening Star finds it first. The obstacles to obtaining the artifact quickly become almost impossible to overcome, and Kendra and Seth must enlist the help of the traitor. Obtaining the artifact and imprisoning the traitor leads them to their next adventure, when it is revealed that the head of The Evening Star is also the head of the mythical creatures' preserves.

Although the first Fablehaven book made quick work of the ending, Mull resolves this weakness in his second book by expanding the story's resolution and opening up a whole new plot twist about trust. The new characters introduced in this volume are well developed, making it feel as if the reader is right there beside them going through the adventure. Readers who have not read the first book in the series will find they can keep up easily, even if they are delving into the series for the first time with this second book. This is a great read for all ages that will leave readers excited for the next book.

Reviewer: Brandon Holst

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