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Chasing the Prophecy (Beyonders #3) by Brandon Mull

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Author: Mull, Brandon

Title: Chasing the Prophecy (Beyonders #3)

Year of Publication: 2013

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

ISBN: 9781416997962

Number of pages: 512

Rating: Excellent

Reading/Interest Level: Intermediate; Young Adult

Keywords: Fantasy; Good and Evil; War; Magic; Prophecy; Courage; Teamwork; Friendship; Adventure

Review:

Chasing the Prophecy is the third book in the *Beyonders* trilogy. Though Jason and Rachel come from another world, they are actively involved in supporting Lyrian's true king, Galloran, against the evil emperor Maldor. The only way to thwart Maldor's rule and bring peace to the land is to follow a dying oracle's last words. According to the prophecy, two groups of Galloran's people will undertake separate journeys, each with its share of obstacles, adventures, and peril. Success is not assured, danger is constant, and only one of the *Beyonders* will return home.

In this final book in the *Beyonders* trilogy, Brandon Mull's imagination truly comes to life as he develops the personalities of Galloran, Jason, Rachel, and some of the supporting characters. Readers also come to understand the loyal seedmen, displacers, and even lurkers as their stories unfold. The plot is full of adventure, excitement, and twists and turns as Mull describes the creatures, events, settings, and mysteries of each quest. Friends and foe alike die in this story, but Mull dwells more on the memory of lost friends than on violence and death. As the trilogy concludes, questions remain unanswered, and not all loose ends are neatly tied up, prompting readers to imagine what might happen with favorite characters in the story. This tale is one that parents will enjoy reading with their children and that children will read and re-read even into adulthood. It illustrates love, kindness, loyalty, sacrifice, and the courage that it sometimes takes to believe in yourself.

Reviewer: Cynthia Frazier

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