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The Wisdom of Merlin: 7 Magical Words for a Meaningful Life

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Book Review

Title: The Wisdom of Merlin: 7 Magical Words for a Meaningful Life

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Publisher: Philomel Books

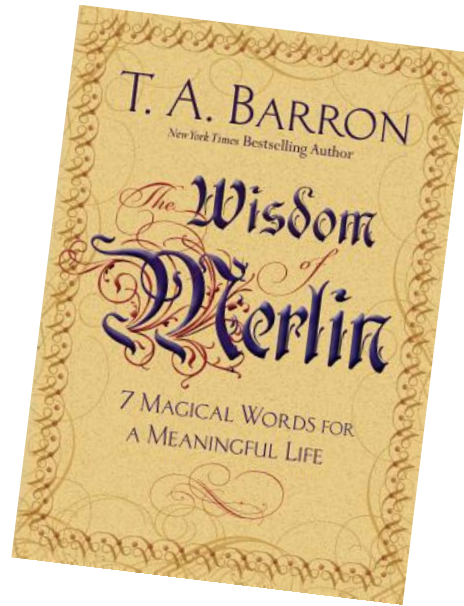
Publication Year: 2015

ISBN: 9780399173257

Number of Pages: 80

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding



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Merlin welcomes all into his Crystal Cave. But he discerns that readers have two important questions: What is the meaning of life and how can I possibly find it? From his centuries of experience, Merlin has discovered that the answer to these cosmic questions are seven simple words: gratitude, courage, knowledge, belief, wonder, generosity, hope, and love. But these are not just ordinary words. To Merlin, these words carry magically transformative power that can change the world.

There are many motivational books in the publishing world, but few are as poetic, caring, and thoughtful as Barron's *The Wisdom of Merlin*. Like Seuss's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*, Barron uses a character and world he has lovingly created to set up an inspiring conversation between readers and the all-knowing, mythical wizard. Readers learn how they can make a difference by understanding the meaning behind each of Merlin's magical terms. An enriching, wonderful book great for fantasy fans, high school or college graduates, or for the reader who needs a loving pick-me-up.