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# Book Review

**Title:** Newt's Emerald  
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**Number of Pages:** 304  
**Interest Level:** Young Adult  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

Truthful Newington looks forward to her 21st birthday. She'll be taken to London to dance at balls and receive gentlemen callers. Along with coming out into society, she'll finally be given the emerald, her family's most prized possession known for its magical properties. The eve of her birthday approaches, and her father pulls out the gem for a viewing when a storm hits, the lights go out, and the emerald is stolen. Truthful is thrown into an adventure in pursuit of the emerald involving disguise, finding true love, and discovering herself.

Set in the Regency time period, *Newt's Emerald* has all the charm that era offers, along with a fair load of adventure. This page turner will keep young-adult readers interested and prevent them from doing much else until they've completed the last paragraph. Readers learn to look beyond disguises or fronts to discover the truth, and to not be afraid of it when they do.