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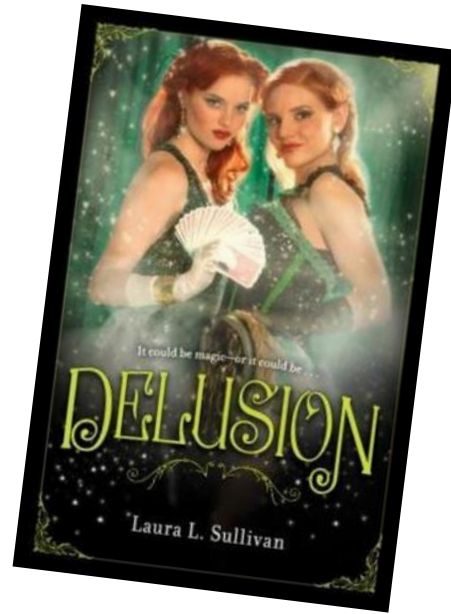
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Book Review

Title: Delusion
Author: Laura L. Sullivan
Reviewer: Becky Burr
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Publication Year: 2012
ISBN: 9780547688367
Number of Pages: 341
Interest Level: Young Adult
Rating: Dependable



Review

What do you get when you mix two sisters, magicians, World War II, and love? Laura L. Sullivan creates a Harry Potteresque story of two sisters, Phil and Fee, who work with their family as illusionists in England during the 1940's. However, when bombs strike London, the sisters are shipped off to the countryside. Quite by accident they discover a magician's school of all men. Fee falls for Thomas, and Phil falls for Arden, but tries to hide her feelings. After all, how can there be a happy ending for a non-magic commoners and a magician who is sworn to live a life dedicated to the magic power of the "Essence" as they call it? Phil tries to persuade these men to help use their magic to win the war on the Nazi's and save England.

Sullivan had some good ideas behind this book mixing magic and history. The idea of the war of the magicians with England and Nazi Germany each with it's own set behind it is interesting. However she could have cut out the first 50 pages. It was a bit slow in the beginning. There were also issues between switching between points of view that would have made the book better if she had limited it to one view. The love conflict seemed to be going well until the idea of sleeping with the enemy as a sacrifice for the better cause was introduced. Although it's no Hogwarts, readers who enjoy a good magician school among the commoners would enjoy this book.

* Contains mild language, violence, and moderate sexual content.