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Book Review

Title: Pendragon #6: The Rivers of Zadaa

Author: D.J. MacHale

Reviewer: Torin Kelley

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

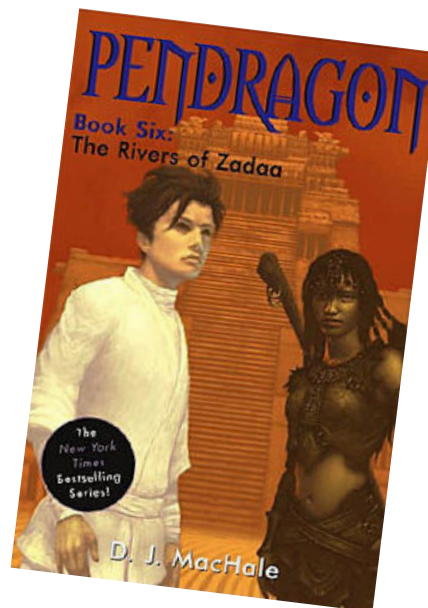
Publication Year: 2005

ISBN: 1416907106

Number of Pages: 405

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Bobby Pendragon is a Traveler. He hops between worlds that most do not even know exist. His mission: to stop Saint Dane from driving these territories toward chaos and destruction. This time Pendragon finds himself on the territory Zadaa, home of his fellow traveler and friend Loor. Two of the tribes of this territory, the Batu and the Rokador are about to go to war over a lack of water, which could lead to the destruction of everyone. Bobby doesn't start well and gets beat up by Saint Dane. Afterwards he decides that it would be a good idea to learn how to fight, so he trains with Loor and Alder (another traveler). After learning to fight, Bobby has to penetrate the underground city of the Rokador to discover exactly what Saint Dane's plan really is. He discovers that the Rokador plan to bait the Batu underground, trap them, and flood the tunnels. However, Bobby triggers the flood prematurely in an attempt to get the two tribes to work together and escapes to the surface where he finds a new river forming from the flood waters.

Rivers of Zadaa is an excellent read. The journal style writing really draws you in. MacHale keeps you captivated with new and difficult challenges for Bobby on every page, and through these challenges he develops Bobby's character wonderfully. The book shows well the importance of moving on and learning from mistakes and not backing down from a challenge. Clear language and easy to read. This is a great book for many young readers because Bobby faces many of the challenges they face, even though he is worlds away.

*Contains occasional language.