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# The Menagerie #2: Dragon on Trial

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Menagerie #2: Dragon on Trial  
**Author:** Tui T. Sutherland and Kari Sutherland  
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**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Logan, Zoe, and Blue will do anything to stop the Menagerie from being shut down, and that means proving to a jury of magical creatures the innocence of Scratch the dragon. Scratch faces the death penalty for killing Pelly, the goose who laid the golden eggs. With the help of Marco, a werechicken in their seventh grade class, the three friends learn that Scratch is guilty of no more than eating a few farmer's sheep and that Pelly is not dead after all. They find Pelly and bring her back in time to save Scratch, but they are still unsure who set Scratch up to get the Menagerie closed.

This book allows readers to reconnect to the characters from the first book and follow them on a new exciting adventure in the Wyoming town. This adventure also lets readers meet new characters that peek readers' interest because of their magical qualities. For example, Marco and his family of were-animals become new friends that Logan, Zoe, and Blue can talk with about magical creatures, adding more depth to the magical world. The characters' problems include those regarding family and friend relationships and missing magical creatures, but both issues hold an equally believable and significant weight. Readers can sympathize with the characters' problems and cheer them on as they look for solutions. Although less captivating than the introduction into the menagerie world in book one, *The Menagerie: Dragon on Trial* is a fun sequel that readers will enjoy and will keep them coming back for the next book.