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The Menagerie #3: Krakens and Lies

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Book Review

Title: The Menagerie #3: Krakens and Lies
Author: Tui T. Sutherland and Kari Sutherland
Reviewer: Becky Jamieson
Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books
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ISBN: 9780060780678
Number of Pages: 337
Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate
Rating: Excellent



Review

Although Logan, Zoe, and Blue have only been friends for a week, it's up to them to resolve every crisis that comes the Menagerie's way. They have to capture a basilisk that has escaped its enclosure with the help of Marco the werechicken. Then they have to deal with the merpeople's strike and interpret a message from the kraken: which helps Logan and his father to find Logan's kidnapped mother. She was captured along with a Chinese dragon by the Sterlings who, for profit, intended to reveal the magical creatures of the Menagerie to the world. With the help of a powerful magical creature called Bob, they stop the Sterlings. Once they research Scratch's family history, Logan, Zoe, and Blue find that the person sabotaging the Menagerie is a government agent named Delia. Delia wants revenge on Scratch's family, but she is caught and peace finally returns to the Menagerie.

This book offers a happy resolution for readers left hanging with the endings of the first two books. Along with answering the questions left behind in the other books, *The Menagerie: Krakens and Lies* has its own adventures. These daring adventures combined with new characters help build the magical Menagerie world. Both of Logan's parents play a more prominent role in this book, as does Jasmin Sterling. Jasmin has to face the moral dilemma of protecting her family while also supporting her friends. Readers empathize with Jasmin's problem and are happy when it is resolved peacefully. The lasting theme of this book is that problems can be resolved, and that friends can be a powerful force to shape the world for good. All in all it was a well written ending to a well written series that was both believable and complete.