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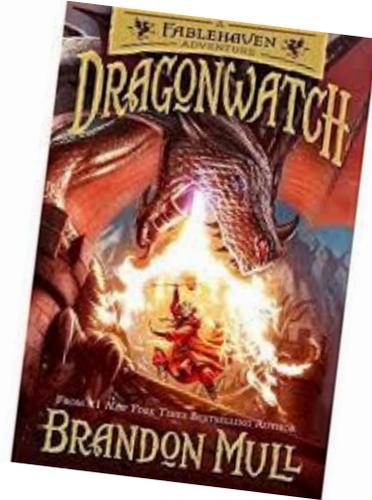
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Book Review

Title: Fablehaven: Dragonwatch
Author: Brandon Mull
Illustrator: Brandon Dorman
Reviewer: Olivia Noli
Publisher: Shadow Mountain
Publication Year: 2017
ISBN: 9781629722566
Number of Pages: 369
Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Outstanding



Review

Dragonwatch is the first novel in the second Fablehaven series. The story continues just a couple months after the finale of the previous series. Kendra and Seth Sorensen are on their grandparent's magical preserve during the summer, but trouble soon takes them to Wyrmoost, a magical preserve for dragons. Kendra and Seth's powers make them the only eligible candidates as the new caretakers. Accepting the job has its risks as enemies exist within and without the magical stronghold, but Kendra and Seth ultimately save the day and strengthen their preserve. Unfortunately, word spreads that another dragon preserve has fallen, leading to the next novel in the series.

This novel has very few shortcomings as a literary work. At times, Seth seems unable to learn from his mistakes which can detract from enjoying the story. Mull attempts to make up for this by having Seth ultimately save the day in his own way. Kendra also has some character flaws and seems flat, worrying about the same things and not having as much of a role in this story as Seth. Perhaps this is Mull's way of shifting gears from the previous series which featured Kendra so prominently. This novel is a classic Fablehaven adventure and is a well-written sequel to the beloved series. For fans of the original series, it might be a good idea to re-read the previous series to refresh your memories of the many characters and plot lines. With a good knowledge of the previous stories, however, this book is an enjoyable return to the world of Fablehaven.

*Contains mild violence.