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# Brambleheart: Bayberry Island

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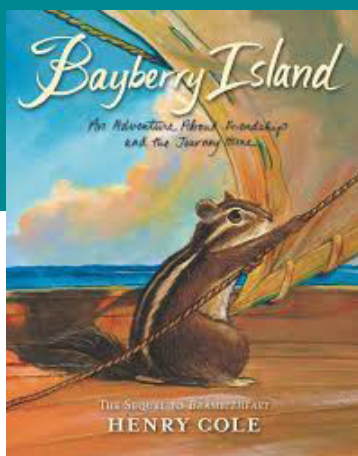
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## Book Review

### Brambleheart: Bayberry Island

#### Author

Henry Cole

#### Illustrator

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Primary, Intermediate

#### Pages

176

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2017

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Katherine Tegen Books

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Twig, Lily, and Basil have set sail in search of the dragon Char's family. Their voyage takes them out to sea, where a terrible storm destroys their vessel. A friendly sea turtle transports the bedraggled group to a small island. Soon after their landing, the friends encounter several of Char's siblings, but still no mother dragon. Before Twig and Lily can go search for her, Basil betrays his friends by leading his Uncle Burdock to the group. Burdock plans to use the baby dragons for his own financial gain. Basil and Burdock trap Lily and Twig, kidnap the baby dragons, and set sail for the Hill. Twig and Lily escape their bonds and, luckily, come across Char's mother. With her help, Twig and Lily stop Basil and Burdock from taking the baby dragons.

This sequel to Henry Cole's Brambleheart is a light-hearted adventure great for young readers. Cole's graphite illustrations continue to set a lively pace for Twig's follies and successes. In this story, Twig gains some much needed confidence because his friends are looking to him for direction and leadership. However, when Burdock arrives, Twig retreats within himself, due to his hurtful history with Burdock. It is only when Char and his siblings are kidnapped and Lily is threatened that Twig rallies his confidence to face Burdock head on. Luckily, Twig gets a huge boost with a humongous mother dragon by his side. Bayberry Island is a sweet and satisfying end to Cole's Brambleheart duology.