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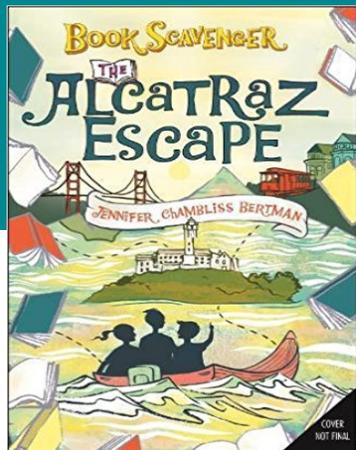
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Book Review

Book Scavenger: The Alcatraz Escape

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Rating

Outstanding

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Intermediate

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Emily and her friends embark on a quest to Unlock the Rock, or solve the game set on Alcatraz Island. With mystery writer Errol Roy working behind the scenes, it is sure to be a blast. But with their fame from past success, Emily and James begin receiving threats and are slowed down by people trying to get them out of the game. Despite menacing notes telling them to leave and Emily's brother being framed as a thief, Emily and her friends manage to solve the game, right as another team is announced winners and Errol Roy has mysteriously disappeared. It turns out that Errol had set up the game to tell the story of his escape, having once been a prisoner of Alcatraz; however, not wanting to return to jail, he had escaped from the Rock once more.

The third book in a thrilling series, The Alcatraz Escape joins the ranks of Book Scavenger with all the greatness of its predecessors. This gripping mystery has readers guessing on every page, trying to solve the case. As with all good puzzles, Bertman has thrown some red herrings in, along with ample evidence to figure it out. Actual puzzles are depicted throughout the book, encouraging readers to solve the case along with the characters. With interesting facts from the past, as well as some fiction thrown in, Bertman weaves a great story full of intrigue, mystery, and fun. An author's note at the back explains what is historically founded and what was author-invented. The plot is well developed and thought-out with plenty of twists and turns to keep readers attention. Full of adventures and fun codes to solve, this is a wonderful addition to the Book Scavenger series!