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Book Review

The Legends of Eerie-on-Sea #1: Malamander

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate

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304

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Walker Books US

Since he was a baby, young “lost and founder” Herbert Lemon has lived at the Grand Nautilus Hotel in the seaside town of Eerie-on-the-Sea. His life is changed when another orphan, Violet Parma, comes searching for clues to find out what happened to her parents. Herbert and Violet embark together on an adventure to solve the mystery of the unknown creature that lurks beyond the tide, the Malamander. It is said that whoever gains access to the Malamander’s egg will have their dreams fulfilled. But Herbert and Violet aren’t the only ones searching for the egg, and they must contend with a man who is chasing Violet and the secrets of the past.

This adventurous read will transport readers into its odd setting with enough mystery to keep them on the edge of their seats. Folklore surrounding the Malamander and history of the town is interspersed throughout, providing readers with connections between the past and present in this strange place. The characters are quirky, perfect caricatures for the setting in which they live. The illustrations are delightful and will engage readers further as they bring important aspects of the text to life. This book is a great read for anyone who loves mystery and adventure.