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Book Review

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Significant Shortcomings

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Primary

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The Magical Unicorn Society has members across the globe dedicated to discovering more about how unicorns spread their magic. Each explorer has a unique story to tell, and they document the unicorns from the tops of the Himalayas to the waters of the Mediterranean. The Golden Unicorn was discovered frozen in ice by Hana and Jakob in Norway. A Water Moon unicorn helped Selena escape from a dangerous encounter with pirates. Amber Li was even helped by a Storm Chaser unicorn when she wanted to play soccer on a rainy day.

The illustrations are the crowning feature of this book. The cover art is colorful and stunning, enticing readers to pick up the story. The interior illustrations are also phenomenal, portraying each unicorn in a variety of colors and artistically describing each scene. Told in eight sections, each narrated by a member of the Magical Unicorn Society, the text utilizes a lot of advanced vocabulary. The narrative style changes in each section; some stories are told through journal entries, others through first-person narration, and others through third-person narration. However, these shifts are jarring, interrupting the flow of the book. Overall, this is a visually stunning book that lacks the textual strength needed to make it truly exceptional.