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The Enchanted Forest Chronicles: (Boxed Set)



Synopsis

Collected together for the first time are Patricia C. Wrede's hilarious adventure stories about Cimorene, the princess who refuses to be proper. Every one of Cimorene's adventures is included in its paperback edition--Dealing with Dragons, Searching for Dragons, Calling on Dragons, and Talking to Dragons--in one handsome package that's perfect for gift giving.

Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 - 7

Customer Reviews

Praise for Dealing with Dragons, the first volume of the Enchanted Forest Chronicles:"What a charmer! A decidedly diverting novel with plenty of action and . . . laugh-out-loud reading pleasure."--Booklist (starred review)"Full of excitement . . . and good humor. Wrede's delightful voice is all her own."--School Library Journal (starred review)

PATRICIA C. WREDE has written many novels, including Sorcery and Cecelia or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot and The Grand Tour coauthored with Caroline Stevermer, as well as the four books in her own series, the Enchanted Forest Chronicles. She lives near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

These books delighted and enchanted me as a child. I only ever owned a copy of one of the books

and it is well worn. I wanted to share these with my own children and recently bought the kindle edition with all four. My 8-year-old recently read them and I know she was as equally enchanted. After she was done she told me she was sad to have finished them and wished there were more in the series. Love these books!

These stories are very near and dear to me. They were some of my favorite stories growing up and I still like reading them when I'm in the mood for something light and fun. I love the way Patricia Wrede plays off the classic fairy tale characters and puts them in a "real world" where they have to make life work for them. It's also nice to have a heroine who is very sure of herself and a positive role model for kids. My mom first read them to me when I was about 8 and I could read them for myself shortly after that.

I originally read Dealing With Dragons when I was in 4th or 5th grade, and it has always been one of my favorites. When I found out that not only was it part of a series, but that it was available as a boxed set, I had to read it immediately. This set will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to reading it again many times.

Patricia C. Wrede breathes a little life into the young adult adventure/fantasy genre with her series "The Enchanted Forest Chronicles". Fiction and Fairy Tales collide in these entertainingly witty and unique novels, chronicling the adventures of Princess Cimorene as she deals with Dragons, witches, warlocks, and more! The series starts off with my favorite book "Dealing with Dragons", in which a young princess rebels against the societal expectations placed upon her. Princesses from all over the world are expected to be "captured" by dragons in order to be rescued by a Prince and run off to get married and live happily ever after. However, Cimorene has other ideas. She runs away, willingly goes to live with the Dragons, and refuses to let a Prince rescue her! She is happier serving the Dragons than living a hum-drum life in a castle somewhere. She would rather have excitement and adventures than be stuck blindly obeying princess protocol and attending balls. Although the books are set in a middle-ages kind of environment, where women were not equal to men, and princesses were meant to do nothing except look pretty and get rescued, the character of Princess Cimorene reflects a strong, independent, intelligent feminine role model ideal in today's setting. She doesn't adhere to what society dictates she can and can not do, and she chooses to follow her own path, which is admirable and makes for a very interesting journey. Each book in the series contains strange and interesting new characters, and follows a unique storyline.

The "Enchanted Forest Chronicles" would be a perfect gift for anyone who enjoys "Harry Potter", or "The Chronicles of Narnia". The imagination involved in each story is incredible, and can be enjoyed by people of all ages!

Nicely written and plotted, wry, sweet, and a bit silly. Obviously a kids' series, but still enjoyable by adults. Can't give it 5 stars, but I definitely enjoyed it and will look up the rest of Ms. Wrede's books.

This is a great collection to give any young reader, especially girls. Strong female character turns the dragon-princess dynamic upside down, and opens the door for a romp of twists on traditional fairy tales. Good read-aloud, too. The best books for kids are those that adults can enjoy too--which is why I bought this for myself this time.

One of my favorite book series from my childhood and now enjoying sharing it with my 7 year old daughter. Cameron is full of spunk and a true heroine for the younger girls to emulate.

Great fantasy series for all kids 10 - 13, but I loved it and I was 23 at the time! I really think this is great for girls because the protagonist is a girl and she still goes out and kicks butt. Librarians all over should be pushing this as a follow up for kids who liked The Hobbit!

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