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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 8 Up—A story that is lyrical and mesmerizing in subject and scope. In the year since her twin sister's death, practical and pragmatic Laurel has had dreams filled with fairies, giant birds, and questions about a king. While back in Ireland at her grandparents' home for Honor's memorial service, Laurel encounters a messenger from the Faerie realm who tells her that to save Honor, she must find the Summer King to light the Midsummer Fire. Hoping to bring her sister back, Laurel forces herself to share Honor's belief in Faerie and enlists the help of Ian, the village bad boy. Their relationship is complicated by the fact that she was on a date with him the day Honor died by falling off a cliff wall into the ocean. While trying to complete their task in the allotted time, they encounter a cluricaun who may or may not be telling them all he knows, ravens trying to stop them from freeing the Summer King, and unexpected things about Ian's true nature. Melling has taken Irish folklore and made it not only accessible, but also alive to readers unfamiliar with the stories. Through Laurel, an athlete who never had time for the fantasies that Honor loved so much, the tales are introduced seamlessly. Laurel's anger and indecision about being with Ian and his volatile anger bring these characters to life. An essential purchase for fantasy collections in which Tamora Pierce is popular.—*Lisa Prolman, Greenfield Public Library, MA*

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Gr. 8-11. Nearly a year after the death of her twin sister, Honor, 18-year-old Laurel travels from America to her grandparent's home in Ireland to nurse her grief. Pragmatic Laurel had teased Honor about her interest in fairies and magic. Then Laurel begins to believe, too, after a leprechaun-like fellow appears and promises to restore her sister's life if Laurel embarks on a dangerous quest to save the imperiled realm of Faerie. Fans of Melling's first title in the Chronicles of Faerie, *The Hunter's Moon* (2005), will recognize similarly thrilling action, fascinating Irish mythology, and magnificently detailed magic as Laurel races to resolve an ancient feud and reunite with her sister. Some readers may find the crowded plot, which moves breathlessly between ever unfolding worlds--mortal and immortal, primordial and modern--a "bit of a head stagger," as one character says. Even so, readers will be easily caught by the continuous, heart-pounding suspense; the twists and romances; and the heroine, who is both a grieving, contemporary teen and an invincible rescuer of worlds. A glossary of Irish terms is appended. *Gillian Engberg*
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