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Snapfile 8 *Impossible Creatures*

A fascinating novel, p. 106

Okay, so the hype¹ for this middle-grade read was well-deserved². [...] Now, I also know a lot of you wanted to read this book and in my personal opinion I think you definitely should, especially if you are a fan of high fantasy and adventure stories, this book is a must-read!

Things I love about this book: [...]

All of the fascinating mythical creatures, how they are introduced, and the glossary with more detail about each one at the back of the book. [...]

The themes of nature and the vital need³ to protect it, having a voice and fighting for an important Cause. I only wish I could read more of this story and look forward to book 2!

An Instagram post from *Kids Corner Book Club* about the book *Impossible Creatures*.

¹ excitement

² justified

³ necessity

The story, p. 108

It was a very fine day, until something tried to eat him.

The day that Christopher rescued a drowning¹ baby griffin from a hidden lake would change his life forever. It's the day he learned about the Archipelago – a cluster² of unmapped islands where magical creatures of every kind have thrived³ for thousands of years, until now. And it's the day he met Mal – a girl on the run⁴, in desperate need of his help.

Together they embark on a wild adventure, consulting sphinxes, battling kraken, and negotiating with dragons, trying to discover why the magic is fading⁵ from this enchanted world...

*“Well-nigh⁶ irresistible.” – **THE NEW YORK TIMES***

*“A glorious fantasy adventure.” – **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL***

*“I heartily recommend it to readers of all ages.” - **RICK RIORDAN, Author of the PERCY JACKSON SERIES***

DON'T MISS THE NEXT MAGICAL ADVENTURE IN THE ARCHIPELAGO!

Impossible Creatures back cover, 2023.

¹ *qui se noyait*

² *group*

³ *prospéraient*

⁴ *en fuite*

⁵ *disappearing*

⁶ *presque*

The characters – Doc 2, p. 109

A squirrel jumped on to the bench, and watched him. Slowly it approached, shaking, until its whiskers¹ were touching his knee. It was joined by another, and then another, until there were seven of them, in a group around his feet.

A woman waiting at the taxi rank² turned to stare. "How's he doing that then?" she said to the man next to her.

One squirrel ran onto the toe of Christopher's shoe. Christopher laughed, and the squirrel ran up his leg to his knee. "All right there?" he said to the squirrel.

"Nice day"

"Feeding them³, no doubt," the man said, then called to Christopher: "You shouldn't feed wild animals! It's bad for their stomachs."

"I know" said Christopher, and he smiled half a smile.

"I'm not."

Adapted from Katherine RUNDELL, *Impossible Creatures*, 2023.

¹ *moustaches*

² *emplacement*

³ *Il les nourrit*

Évaluation de la compréhension de l'écrit – Guide pédagogique

This week I review *The Poisoned King* by Katherine Rundell, the sequel to *Impossible Creatures*. [...]

I really enjoyed being back in the archipelago and once again I particularly loved the animals, the dragons, the sphinx, the gaganas... [...] I absolutely loved the flock¹ of gaganas, birds who comfort Anya in her distress and protect her.

There's a strong message about revenge at the end of the story but the main theme of the book I would say is about love. [...] The story is also about loyalty, greed, friendship, courage and fear. [...]

I highly recommend you wallow² in the delightful (but not safe) world of *The Poisoned King*.

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¹ group

² enter