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It's Faythander's legend of King Arthur. And it's not for the faint of heart.

Olive Kennedy, Fairy World MD, isn't ready to go back to work. But when her dragon stepfather shows up on her doorstep with bad news of the world-ending variety, that's exactly what she'll have to do. He wants her to stop the elven queen from obtaining seven weapons of King Arthur fame, and he wants her to break into a dragon's vault to do it.

One problem. Silvestra, the silverwitch of Dragon Spine Mountain, guards the weapons. And she's not willing to give them up. With the help of Kull, her newly reunited, half-crazed Viking boyfriend, she's hopeful they'll stand up against the dragon. Plus, she'll have the help from Kull's warrior princess sister and a professional thief.

But Olive has never had great luck. What starts as a routine quest quickly turns into a life or death fight. And one of her companions won't make it out alive...

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From Reader Review Silverwitch for online ebook

Christine Lee says

Silverwitch by Tamara Grantham is a wonderful continuation of the Olive Kennedy, Fairy World MD Series.

Olive has to face the Silverwitch and save Faythander. With her love, Kull, his sister, Heidel, and a thief, she faces the dragon in her den. And things immediately go down hill.

I love this series, and each one is better than the last. The world building is top-notch, and the characters are fully-fleshed out and likeable. I look forward for more in this series, and from this author.

Stormi (Bewitched Reader) says

I voluntarily received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I am still amazed by the world Tamara Grantham has created. It seems she has thought of every little detail and her writing brings those details to life through Olive and Kull's adventures. Silverwitch seems to be the fastest paced book in the series to me, at least so far, and the most intense.

It seems like every time I read the next book in the Fairy World series, I have a new favorite. They are all just that good and Olive Kennedy's story just keeps getting better and better. Silverwitch is currently my favorite, but I'm sure that will change once I read Deathbringer.

Leah Alvord says

Pretty, pretty cover!

Summary:

Olive has saved Faythander quite enough. So what's one more stop-the-world-from-ending quest? It's more than she bargained for.

Taking refuge in Earth Kingdom after the unexpected ending of the bloodthorn, Olive has been dealing with a lot. Which is why she has avoided returning to the place of her birth for so long. There are secrets she would rather not share, and realities she would just as like to avoid.

All of which comes crashing down when Fan'twar, her dragon step-father and Sky King of Faythander, knocks on her door and requests that she go on an Arthurian-type quest for a magick weapon.

There's just one problem with that request. The weapon they need is guarded by Silvestra, the silverwitch dragon. In a race against the elves, Olive and co. will be hard pressed to retrieve the weapon and make it out

alive.

At least Olive is used to desperate times and even more desperate measures.

Initial Thoughts:

Olive has the worst luck. I mean, really, she does. This poor girl. On the plus side? More adventures for us in Faythander! I'm game.

Characters:

Olive is still an emotional wreck. This time it has nothing to do with Kull, and everything to do with an evil Goddess invading her consciousness. With visions of her destiny taunting her, it's all Olive can do not to push away those who care about her, while still clinging to the hope that she will prevail. This new adventure only adds to her worries, however, as she faces a dragon with a penchant for riddles and the daily reminder that she could lose everyone she loves.

Kull is King, and he's got problems. The stability of the Wult Kingdom is fracturing as the conflict with the elves grows closer and his own people begin to turn against him. All the while the poor guy is just trying to help his girlfriend save the world. Again. But new realities settle into him this round and a true fear takes root inside of him. Thanks to the Silverwitch, Kull changes right before our eyes, and it's heartbreaking.

Also, Heidel has her own things to work through in this storyline, that we thankfully get a closer up view of in the novella Goblinwraith. I encourage you all to go forth and read it.

Plot & Setting:

We get to see a lot more of Faythander this time as we're dragged around by light rail to the desert country known for nefarious deeds. We're also uncomfortably aware of our imprisonment in the Silverwitch's castle. Oh, and a brief glimpse of the much-changed-since-we-first-saw-it capital of the elves. Lots of hopping around here, and it's all as fantastic as the previous books have led us to expect.

That being said, there's not a lot I can give you about the plot without spoiling all of it. However, I was pleased. It was fast-paced. Olive's luck is awful. Kull's works desperately to balance it out. And heartbreak occurs. All as we've come to expect.

Writing Style:

I will say it with absolutely no shame that I am in love with Ms. Grantham's writing. Her characterization is always spot on and she keeps true to the reactions her characters have for the situations they find themselves in. I'm also never given a moment to take a breath as her pace keeps pushing us forward, looking to overcome the next obstacle. It is a style that I appreciate a lot in my fantasy and why I keep coming back to her books time and again.

Overall Opinion:

'Silverwitch' kept digging claws into all of the sensitive parts of me, and I enjoyed it. These books make you endure everything Olive is going through, and they feel no qualms about taking your emotions along for the ride. In this one, it introduces new fears to our beloved characters as well as to the readers. Olive's destiny is drawing closer, and everyone is looking to change it.

InD'tale Magazine says

"Silverwitch" is a masterfully crafted story that is a wonder to read!

Read full review in the 2017 July/August issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Charlene Pratt says

But it left room for more

The saga continues. Excellent story line, interesting characters that leave you wondering what's next. Thank you for a story that takes you on a wild ride and leaves you wanting more

Jeanne Johnston says

Gahh! I'm not sure I can agree this is a standalone book. Yes, it starts off with a random thing that quickly integrates into the existing timeline and by the end, you're left panting by a cliffhanger.

And... Maybe I've been blowing through these too fast to notice, but is there a reason everyone who's madly in love manages to remain sex-free? It's illogical and frustrating. Who has a Viking god as a boyfriend and doesn't jump him? Constantly? Magic, fairies, elves, dragons--I buy all that, but chastity? LOL. Nope.

Tonja Drecker says

This is fast-paced, magic filled adventure with a heroine who is ready to help where she can.

Olive's magic is more unpredictable than usual, but whether she's ready or not, she's pulled into another quest to save two worlds. After receiving a very rare visit from her step-father, she agrees to do what she can to stop the Fairy Queen from trying to take over the magical world. Olive's pretty sure she won't be of much help, but when so much life is on the line, she can't refuse.

One of my favorite thing about Olive is her insecurity. She has an immense amount of power-so she's told-but it never works the way it should. Even if she's not as tough as everyone seems to think she is, she won't let them down. She's determined, doesn't always come out on top and struggles every step of the way. In other words, she suffers from the same self-assurance issues as everyone else.

This is nonstop action with magic, life threatening situations and more. There's never a boring moment, and just when things seem to calm down, something unexpected happens to keep Olive on her toes. Even though this is the fourth book in the series, the plot still is filled with unexpected twists and turns. There are a few new characters - two of which are so layered and faceted that the line between good and evil becomes hazed.

There is romance too, and this book has a little more warming up on that end than the last one or two did. It's still not always sweet and is full of problems, but that matches the rest of the plot nicely.

A lot is still in play, and I can't wait to see how Olive tackles the biggest threat yet.

I received a complimentary copy from the author and enjoyed the read so much that I wanted to leave my thoughts.

Marlene says

Each book drags me in more. For every question answered more seem to pop up, sort of a one step forward and two steps back thing. I love that a real world legend is incorporated in some way into the other world.

Darlene says

I just love this series and can't finish this fast enough!

Shelley Pagach says

It's about time he proposed. I'm just saying!

Sabrina Fish says

Such a great series!

Another mostly successful mission for Olive and Kull. And I especially loved that ending. I can't wait to read Heidel's story next!

Joyce says

3.5 Fast read. This is a fantasy with 2 worlds, set in modern times with elves, dragons, fairies ... I enjoyed the series thus far.

Lynne says

Another amazing adventure!

Tamara Grantham could write a shopping list and I would preorder it and devour it from start to finish! I suspect however, that it would mainly consist of Dr Pepper! From the first book in this series, I was gripped with Olive Kennedy's story and, although the plots have become more complex, I definitely feel that the books are developing greater depth and that Tamara is developing as a writer.

Sadly, this book has just been released and so I am restarting the entire series for the umpteenth time, already hankering after an update!

Sarah Fischer says

Fantastic!! This is fun read for those like enjoy adventure and fantasy. I cannot wait for the next book to find where the journey takes Olive and her companions!!

Lindsey says

I liked how this book dove right into the adventure. Very fun. I like how the romance went in this book. Can't wait to read the next installment.