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In the the third book in the Curiosity House series, you will find:

- A nefarious spy within Dumfrey's Dime Museum
- A very unfortunate flea circus
- An evil plot to destroy New York
- A beautiful and mysterious tattooed lady

The extraordinary orphans Sam, Pippa, Thomas, and Max have just started to recover from their capture and subsequent escape from the evil Nicholas Rattigan. But the children's lives don't stay quiet for long. A slew of bank robberies is terrorizing the city. And when General Farnum, the ringmaster of the museum's immensely popular flea circus, is charged with murder, the search for the real killer uncovers a plot much bigger than any individual crime—a plot that can only be the work of Nicholas Rattigan.

The Fearsome Firebird Details

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Pam says

This third of the trilogy wraps the story and leaves a door open for future adventures. The four children continue to master their special abilities and defeat their maker.

Kathryn CA says

Tell me this isn't the last one. Because there were a lot of questions left unanswered.

Jasmine says

[and can someone explain to me how releasing 2 ton of a toxic gas will just save everyone?:///// (hide spoiler)]

Dana Salman says

Woah okay, I was all geared up to give this five stars and gush about it being the best in the series so far, and how beautiful and sweet and happy the ending was - but like apparently this is meant to be the last of a trilogy?? That just completely let the air out of my joy - I was expecting more books to come after this! At the very least like, I don't know, five or seven books total. There's still so many things left unexplained, and I wasn't convinced in the slightest that the danger was over, expecting the villains to make a (not surprising) surprise return in the next book. And I'm not ready to say goodbye to these characters; I feel like we've only just scratched the surface of their true potential! They're all so likeable and colorful, and with all these new developments in their relationships they could only get more fun to watch and be with.

I don't know, I can't help but feel Oliver must be pulling my leg (or else all these other reviewers just got false information); this can't be the end yet! This series has been one of the more enjoyable modern MD/YA series I've read in awhile and I was looking forward to having more books to look forward to!

Hannah Belyea says

When one of the performers at the museum is charged with the murder of an exterminator, Max, Thomas, Pippa and Sam must work together to solve the mystery and clear their friend's name, all while avoiding Rattigan at every corner. Oliver brings this intriguing trilogy to a hearty and fast-paced close that will please fans with its dark humour and ever lovable cast of misfits. Could the fate of the entire city hang in the balance with this latest case?

Sara Saif says

Kicking aside some minor disappointments, plot-holes and unanswered questions, I think this trilogy was surprisingly very entertaining! I'm actually very happy with my overall reading experience which was definitely a good one.

I mean, I practically breezed past these books without even realizing it. That's a good sign, isn't it? I'll make this quick because if I dwell on it long enough I might start to miss these books. Wouldn't want that to happen.

Sam, Pippa, Thomas and Max, Mr. Dumfrey, Miss Fitch, Caroline and Quinn, Smalls, Danny, Goldini and Betty, the performers of Dumfrey's Dime Museum of Freaks, Oddities and Wonders were a lovable, huggable and adorable family. Strange and extraordinary, unusual and exotic but adorable all the same. I can picture the Museum vividly even now, the attic which all of them shared, the odditorium, the hall of wonders and Mr. Dumfrey's office and I think I had grown quite fond of that place.

The writing was wonderful. The narration was effortless and the transition between the characters' points of view was smooth. Best of all was the ambience created by the writers; a bit dark, a little juvenile, a whole lot of mysterious and adequately fascinating.

I redact one star because of the unanswered questions this book left me with. Like:

- a) How DID Dumfrey recognize Max?
- b) How can you do genetic experiments on somebody and give them the super-power of knife throwing precision. That does NOT make any sense to me.
- c) In the second book and even in this one, Pippa felt on multiple occasions felt as if Mr. Dumfrey was lying to them. Even Rattigan was just about to tell them something related to that when right on cue, he was interrupted. We never learned what this was about.
- d) There's nothing about Rattigan's experimentation, no detail besides an almost casual remark that he spliced animal genes with those of the children.
- e) The children's families went largely ignored.
- f) How did Howie even know of the experimentation in the first place?

And the mild disappointments I suffered:

- a) Just when we got to the good part; the children's escape from the dirigible, the scene cut to black.
- b) Rattigan was pathetic as a villain. 90% of the book is spent in fear of him and when the actual confrontation takes place he boasts, the children outmaneuver him, he blanches, sputters and is promptly defeated. I still don't think he's dead which is strange because this is supposed to be the last book.

This may seem like a lot but trust me, this trilogy surpassed my expectations. 3.5 stars for all three books.

Alan says

I won this book recently in a Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

I know my grandson will enjoy this book! It was good as far as it goes, but is really more suited for young teenagers.

Jossie Marie Solheim says

I won this book in a Goodreads competition and was really pleased as it's the first book I have won that I knew my son might enjoy.

The plot is fantastic and kept both myself and my son engaged, along with a wonderful cast of characters. Having Aspergers, my son really enjoyed reading about this unique bunch of characters and quickly felt connected to them. He felt that like him they were different and often judged to harshly when deep down all they wanted was to be accepted and celebrated by society, on their individual merits instead of being feared for being different.

It really was a great read and we would both very much read the rest of the series.

Basia says

I felt like there were a few loose ends--nothing drastic, I just generally prefer things a bit more wrapped up and this ending left it a bit more open-ended, which is fine, just not to my taste--but I love these kids, and I'm sorry I don't have any more of their adventures to keep me company on my weekday drives to and from the office.

Nicole says

This was a fun series to read aloud to my girls. There were lots of characters to use voices with and the storyline kept them wanting more. I like how everything was wrapped up nicely by the end of book three.

James says

a fun, but not quite satisfying, ending to this trilogy... the elements were all there, but they just didn't get fleshed out very well... the 4 main persons were there throughout, and still their usual smarty/snippy/angry/talented selves... but there wasn't enough of the others... kind of a lame ending too, or purposeful, in that it allows for a new direction... all in all, the plot was a bit thin (the titular beast seemed almost an afterthought) and the action a bit perfunctory...

Andie says

Although I am rather disappointed this is the last in one of my favourite series, I think it was a great way to complete the series. It was intriguing, and answered questions left after the second book. I read it in a day, I just couldn't stop reading it!!!! It is such an easy read, so ages 9 plus- read it, and I hope you'll love it as I did.

Leah says

I enjoyed this book and thought it was a nice way to end this series. The characters have grown but are just as endearing. The story was fun, and the mystery was intriguing.

Rachel says

These books have been fun read alouds with the boys!

Christine Ditzel says

I feel rather torn about this book. It was a good read, but left much to be desired - particularly the ending. It was over too quickly, with lots of loose ends and unanswered questions left about this story, never mind the series as a whole. Additionally, the last scene came across as if this is the final book in the series when, again, there are unanswered questions and loose ends particularly regarding Rattigan and, to an extent, Mr. Dumfrey. My hope is that this is not the final book as I would find it a very unsatisfactory conclusion.

Edit: Unfortunately, I have learned that this is in fact the final book thanks to Lauren Oliver's tumblr. Very disappointing :(
