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While their first single shoots up the Billboard charts, the Zebras hit the road as the opening band for an epic stadium tour across America. The future looks bright for the band... if they can survive the rioting fans, Queen Mab of Faerie, the dullahan, and a few evil teddy bears.

Aoide the Lutist and Liadan the banshee wolf cross into man-world on the trail of the stolen fairy instruments. Aoide is shocked at the strangeness of life among the humans, but she also learns about a thrilling new kind of music never heard in Faerie... rock and roll.

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Jennifer says

Fairyruck is the third book in the Songs of Magic. I have read each one and love them more with each new offering. In the last installment I loved the leprechauns. This book gave me gangster, assassin teddy bears. Totally entertaining. There also were gargoyles, fairies, and the band.

The story begins where the last one left off. I still don't know what is up with Erin but I think I might be figuring it out. Jason still pines for Erin. Don't give up Jason. As far as the band is concerned if it can go wrong it will. They are now on tour and that just makes for interesting mishaps. The fairies, the assassin teddy bears, and Mrs. Dullahan are after those magical instruments and they stop at nothing to get what they want. So far the band has been able to hold them off but Mrs. Dullahan has played her hand and Jason can't ignore it.

The story is a wild ride. I love the humor and the musical references made in the book. I appreciate the shout out to Best of Me by the Foo Fighters, one of my favorite bands. As always, I finished the book with a smile on my face. In the words of Jason "That's the magic of rock and roll." (and good writing).

Oh yeah, the books all have new cover art. Amazing. I love the new covers.

Five stars because of all the great bands/songs mentioned in the book. It shows good taste and the assassin bears are genius. Also, the gargoyles reminded me of the gargoyles cartoon that I used to watch. Just win win all the way around.

Kelly says

I think this is my favorite of the 3 books thus far. The quips are quippy, the action is action-y and the creep factor is through the roof. The things that the band puts up with on the side of their label left me narrowing my eyes in frustration. One band member is particular had me gritting my teeth and waiting impatiently for the moment they wised up to what they were being asked to do. Aoide's basic cluelessness about the human world and Liadan's fear of big cities left me smiling. And the assassin teddy bears... THE ASSASSIN TEDDY BEARS! Brilliant!

I've liked all the books in this series but this is the book that made everything totally click for me. Katie's ordeal in particular made my skin crawl. Jason's decision to steal the instruments from Faerie has brought a lot of danger into the lives of his family and friends. Between the attempts by Queen Mab's minions to get the instruments back and the Dullahan trying to claim them for herself, this has been one wild ride. Now, though, Jason's little sister has been drawn into this world in a way that I doubted Jason ever imagined.

shudder

I'm loving the little interactions between Jason and Erin and I can only cross my fingers that she sees that her boyfriend is kinda a jerk. Mad Queen Mab is certifiably kooky and I hope Icarus gets out from under her thumb. Did I mention the teddy bears? Because... Hello! Assassin teddy bears!

Fast paced and fun, I'm loving the darker direction this story has taken. Jason and his crew need to figure out their priorities and work as a team, something that unfortunately still eludes them. I have no idea how things are going to play out for them in the end but I'm crossing my fingers that no one gets pincushioned by rabid teddy bears before the end of the series.

Aeicha says

4.5 / 5 Stars

THREE WORDS: Rock. And. Roll... *throws up the double horns*

MY REVIEW: Sinister teddy bears. Evil dollhouses. Rabid fangirls...no, this isn't a Justin Bieber music video (eww!!!). It's the rockin' fun in *Fairystruck*, the third book in the *Songs of Magic* series by J.L. Bryan.

Picking up where the second book leaves off, in *Fairystruck* we find Jason, Erin, Mitch and Dred- aka the Assorted Zebras, aka the Rioting Zebras- living the rock and roll dream as their #1 hit "The Sugar Dance" skyrockets them to fame. As the opening act on the Smoov-Moov tour, the Zebras find themselves touring across the US, traveling in a rickety old schoolbus with their new tour manager. Aoide the faerie and Liadan the banshee find themselves in man-world, on the hunt for the missing magical instruments. While Aoide and Liadan must navigate in a strange world, the Zebras must contend with enthusiastic fans, eccentric rappers, controlling music execs and sinister teddy bears...yep, teddy bears!

I always have so much fun when reading the *Songs of Magic* series and in *Fairystruck* the fun, laughs and music keep flowing! J.L. Bryan continues to expand his enchanting and rocking world, while further developing his engaging characters.

In this volume we find all our favorite characters in new and exciting places. The Assorted Zebras, who have been renamed the Rioting Zebras, are thrust into the spotlight, playing in front of huge crowds, and Bryan has depicted this experience with laugh out loud humor, while keeping the story fresh and hip. The teenage characters get to live out this bigger than life fantasy and I love feeling like I'm experiencing everything with them.

Bryan continues to explore Jason and Erin's romantic feelings toward one another and I like that we actually get to see these feelings develop naturally, instead of simply having them thrust into our faces. And both Jason and Erin continue to be awesome characters. Mitch, however, is easy to cringe at as he becomes more and more of a greedy sell out. But, I'm glad Bryan has decided to take his character in this direction because it's a really realistic depiction of how one might act when they've been handed the chance at fame and success. Dred just continues to be friggin awesome! I love that snarky drummer girl!

I was a little disappointed that we don't spend too much time in Faerie with Aoide and her band, but I really loved experiencing our world (man-world) through her eyes. She's such a cute, endearing character and so much fun to read about.

The path to musical fame and success is not so simple (thank goodness!) and the Zebras must go up against all the things evil Queen Mab sends their way, including gargoyles and teddy bears. Crazy, violent, sharp object wielding teddy bears! You'll never look at Teddy Ruxpin or Paddington Bear the same way again (not that they weren't totally creepy before). I love that these books don't take themselves too seriously and are all about the good humored mockery of pop culture and fun, over the top situations.

In the end we find Jason and Erin in a very unexpected (but awesome!) place and I cannot wait to see what happens next!

MY FINAL THOUGHTS: The Songs of Magic series is my go to series when I want a fun, entertaining read that is guaranteed to make me laugh and Fairystruck is no exception. This book and series are definite MUST reads!

Sarah says

This is the third book in the 'Songs of Magic' series, and picks up where book 2 – Fairy Blues' left off. Jason, Erin, Mitch, and Dred are continuing on their tour, and the fairies are continuing to hunt for their instruments. There is a packed tour schedule ahead of them, and any number of other worldly creatures out to get them, from gargoyles to teddy bears.

Can the band survive this hectic lifestyle though? And how long will it be before the fairies get their hands back on those magical musical instruments?

This was a great 3rd instalment in the series, showing the continued efforts of the fairies and the fairy queen to get the musical instruments back, as well as the unexpected conditions the band find themselves working in! There are also things going on back home that will shock Jason and the band when they find out!

Proof that being a big rock star isn't as fantastic as it looks!

6.5 out of 10.

Mary Lou Hoffman says

Received from: purchased on Amazon.com

Albert (my son) and I have continued this series as a read-aloud in the car on our way to and from work. We're back with The Assorted Zebras, Jason, Mitch, Erin, and 'Dred. This third book in the series picks up right where FAIRY BLUES left off. The Assorted Zebras have been renamed by their producing label as The Rioting Zebras and have begun their first concert tour as the opening act for DJ Smoov-Moov. Aoide and Liadan, the banshee wolf, begin their quest in the man world in search of the magical instruments that the Rioting Zebras are using. Katie has been visiting at Mrs. Dullahan's house and has received a gift from the fae.

We have continued to love this series. Both of us were laughing out loud throughout this. This series has, so far, been very good. Mr. Bryan writes terrifically detailed descriptions that bring this fantastic world alive. The puns are becoming more numerous and I love puns. I find them to be a sign of intelligence. I love the three interwoven stories of this series and look forward to continuing our unique reading arrangement.

Recommended for: Teens, young adults, and anyone who remembers being a teen

Grammar/editing: ungraded – since I was listening instead of reading, I don't know, but Albert said it was well done.

Rebecca says

Don't you hate it when things are finally going your way, then all of a sudden giant evil teddy bears ruin everything? Yeah me too:)

The last two books in the Songs of Magic series, Fairy Metal Thunder and Fairy Blues, have been fun But Fairystruck was laugh out loud funny at times!

Aoide has finally gotten help to find her missing instruments. The elders have agreed to help her enter the human world, and she won't have to go alone Liadan the wolf accompanies her. The elders of the country fairies thought they had trained Aoide well in the ways of the man world before she set out on her journey. But, their efforts were just a bit outdated...

"When greeting one another, what do humans say?" asked a matronly elder fairy with dusty reddish wings. "If it's morning, they say 'good morrow,'" Aoide recited. "Late in the day, they say 'good eventide.' When parting, they say 'fare thee well.'"

That would be the advice you would get from people...err fairies that haven't been to the human world in a century or so. Lucky for Aoide she has Liadan, who can shift into other forms, to help her. Their exchanges with the humans they meet are something I read with a smile, they are so fun. Aoide's take on driving is great too.

"See? This swings it left, this swings it right. You use the go-button and stop-button with your feet, just like the guy showed us." "I believe you are supposed to keep between the painted lines, as well," Liadan said. "Nah, I think they're just guidelines."

Jason and the rest of the band are now on tour. But, as they become more popular the evil fairy queen is sending more and more danger their way. The queen will do anything to get the instruments Jason stole back.

"There's something big coming towards us," Jason said. "I kind of feel that way, too," Erin whispered. "I mean there's a giant boulder flying at our window. Duck!"

Though the evil queen's minions are super scary it's not the only thing the band has to worry about. The band has really been packing the stadiums with their concerts and the crowds are starting to get vicious. I have to admit before reading this I have never given much thought to how crazy fans can get.

"Code F! Crazy fans!" Yardley shouted. He pointed at the bus. "Run for your lives!" They raced towards the bus, desperate to reach it before the rabid concert-goers did, weighed down by their gear. They were lucky Grizlemor could carry so much. "Zebras! Zebras! Zebras!" the crowd shouted, rumbling towards them like an avalanche. They were definitely picking up speed.

So, as the third book in a series I normally ask myself, do I still like these characters enough to keep going? Well let me break it down a bit.

I am totally in love with Jason! Yes, I know he is too young for me, um and fictional... But, he continues to think of others before himself, plus there is the fact that he is incredibly brave with all the supernatural scary things coming after them. He takes everything in stride.

I am a bit annoyed with Erin. I just can't figure out why she is with her stupid head boyfriend when she has wonderful Jason right beside her all the time! Umm Mr. Bryan can you make something horrible happen to stupid head?!?! Please:)

I am a bit sick of Mitch. OK, to be honest I have never really liked the overachiever all that much. But now that he has become such a yes-man and speaks for the band most of the time...I am starting to kind of hate him, especially after how he reacted to Jason's little sister being missing.

I want more of Dred! I don't feel like I understand how she is feeling about all the crazy that is going on around her all the time...I just want to know more about her.

I have become completely enchanted with the magic of this series! I am so excited to read what happens next.

Happy reading,
Rebecca

Heather says

Spoiler Alert If you haven't read the other two books in this series don't read this review*****

All the old characters are back with us as we start this, the third book in the Songs of Magic series. The group is stuck on a lousy school bus with no air condition touring all across the U.S. but they are really having the time of their lives. Except for the 14 hour bus rides and the fairy creatures trying to kill them. Jason is still pining away for Erin. She is still with the super cheesy Zach but we're kept in the dark about their relationship. Mitch is the "yes man" of the group. I think he'd say yes if they told him to wear a gorilla suit while he played. Dred is just Dred. But, the more the group plays the more dangerous it gets because not only are fairy creatures after them, but the crowds are getting dangerously rowdy. They swarm the bus, cause riots and

block the bus from moving tipping the bus from side to side until the band is afraid it might tip over. Once it takes Jason and Erin climbing out of the emergency hatch on top of the bus, playing their music to soothe them so they can make a path for the bus to leave. The band, now called the Rioting Zebras, have definitely got a handle on their music and what they can do with their instruments. It would really be a shame if they have to give them up, but at the same time, I think that contract they signed with Malarky might be the death of them, literally.

Erin gets on my nerves just a tiny bit. She might be on the youngish side of seventeen, but she seems to let Zach walk all over her. She's totally in control when she's on stage, but when he comes around, she let him take over. I hate girls like that. And I don't see the appeal in Zach. He acts as if he's one of the band members. And he thinks he's all that because he gets to shoot a sock commercial??? What? Jason though, is not about to make a move for her. He just sits and listens to her talk for hours on the phone every day with Zach. I'd like to kick him in the rear and tell him to do something I can't publish and just kiss her! Tell her

how he feels. I want someone to slap Mitch. He is so annoying. So I guess that leaves Dred. She stays so closed off and so far removed from everyone I have a feeling she's going to surprise us in the end.

Aiode and the Banshee Liadan, in human form, are in the human world and Aiode is literally singing for her supper and anything else she might want or need. They are hot on the trail of the instruments but so are killer teddy bears, monstrous gargoyles and Icarus of the Kingsguard. So, rather than say anymore about the story, I'm just going to throw some words out there so you know what's coming.

Katie, the dullahan, Jason crowd surfing, fairy doors, Queen Mab, walking, chainsaw wielding Teddy Bear, labyrinth, enchanted dollhouse, someone arrested, the song "I Want a Boyfriend", a pot roast cook off in TEXAS, food fight, Icarus humiliated, huge concert in LA, potatoes, DJ TaterTot. Need I say more to get you interested? Okay, attacked by flying Gargoyles, trashing hotel rooms, leprechauns, trolls, a kidnapping, and a huge cliffhanger.

Come on Jeff! Why did you do that to us? The good news is the next book will be out soon. And as you can see, this book has lots of action and just about everything else in it! So, what are you waiting for? Get Fairyruck if you've read Fairy Metal Thunder and Fairy Blues. If not, then what are you waiting for? Enchanted music? The first book Fairy Metal Thunder is only 99cents today. I don't know how long that will last, but what have you got to lose?

I received a free copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review. I was in no way compensated for my review. Now go read this series!

Heather

Shirley says

Okay, things are getting interesting now. Not that they weren't before, but more and more characters are added with each book and the reader is learning more and more about each of the existing characters all the time. J.L. Bryan definitely has our attention now.

Jason, Dred, Erin and Mitch/Mick are finding out life on the road isn't always fun. Aiode and Liadan learn all sorts of things about the mortal world that they didn't know before. Queen Mab is pulling out every evil member of Fae that she can to get the instruments back and we are finding out exactly how low some of these bad guys will go to get exactly what they want. Regardless of who stands in their way.

I really like the direction that J.L. Bryan is taking this series. Of course it can be silly at times (assassin Teddy bears, for instance?) but somehow it all works and just keeps things interesting.... really, really interesting. There are also a couple of characters that are still getting on my nerves (mainly Mitch, Zach and Jason's parents) but every series has to have a couple of those, right?

Fairyruck ends with the fate of a lot of characters hanging in the balance, so it's no surprise that I will be among other loyal readers begging for the next installment. :)

Heather says

The titles of JL Bryan's books in The Songs of Magic series have a way of making me sing classic rock songs in my head. The first installment, Fairy Metal Thunder, had me singing "Fairy Metal Thunder" in place of part of the lyrics of Born To Be Wild. And the third book is no exception. Fairystruck had me singing AC/DC everytime I picked up my Kindle Fire with the words to Thunderstruck now replaced with "Fairystruck." I'm still not sure which version I like better...

But I am positive that this series gets better and better with each book. Jason and the rest of the Assorted Zebras—now renamed the Rioting Zebras without their consent—hit the road in a broken down old school bus on their first tour as an opening act for DJ Smoov Moov. Their lavish lifestyle on the record company's dime is a thing of the past as they travel across the States as cheaply as possible, dodging rioting fans, gargoyles sent to steal their enchanted instruments, evil teddy bears who are hell bent on destroying as much as possible while they're out of the dungeons on a mission from the Queen to get the instruments back and assassinate the band while they're at it, and deal with a quirky headlining rapper who loves potatoes a bit too much at the same time.

Meanwhile, the fairy musician Aoide has traveled with the Banshee wolf, Liadan from Fairie to the human world to get their instruments back. It was really funny to read as Aoide adjusted to life pretending to be human, even as she had to sing for a car and food. The Dullahan is up to some evil tricks with Jason's sister Katie, and she goes pretty far to try to lure him back to Minnesota to get her hands on the instruments.

One of the great things about this series is the character growth. Jason has been the voice of reason throughout, even though he's the one who stole the instruments from Fairie. But he's loyal, strong, and unafraid to fight when the sh*t hits the fan. Jason always has your back, even if you're not on the best of terms at the time. Mitch has responded to their new found fame in a very realistic way—by becoming the suckup and yes man, and he's rewarded by the record company by getting the best crappy hotel rooms, etc. Dred reacts to all of this by hiding behind a mask during the concerts, desperate to hold onto her anonymity. The highly creative lead singer Erin has the hardest time of all the band members performing the songs written by the record company, and she rebels constantly.

I give this one a 4.5 out of 5. Fairystruck is a fast paced, funny, action-packed installment of an imaginative series. Full of good music, snarky humor, weird beasties that will rip you apart and look eerily cute while doing it, you can't go wrong with this book. It does end on a bit of a cliffhanger, so I suggest that you have your copy of Fairyland (Songs of Magic #4) ready to go right away. Trust me, you'll want to start it. Now to think of a song to insert "Fairyland" into...

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Annabelle says

*****FINAL RATING: 4.55 STARS*****

CATCHALL

These books should not be allowed to get better and better. Seriously. It should be illegal. These books are just like way too awesome to be believed. I have no clue how they continually become even more amazing, but somehow, magically, they do. And I, for one, am very happy about it!

THE HERO

JASON

I still love Jason. He's awesome, and in this book we get a sense of his fierce loyalty to his family above all else. I love that. He doesn't let the fame they're getting really go to his head. At least not too much. And it's pretty understandable when it does! He is really such a relatable character, and that's one of my favorite things in a novel! I especially liked him in this book because not only is he relatable, he has a great sense of humor. And he's brave. He risks things, but he doesn't have a death wish.

THE LOVE INTEREST

ERIN

I really like Erin. She's sweet, and she doesn't have too much attitude while still having a distinct personality. In each book that passes I get to know her better and better and I love it. Erin, like Jason, like all the characters actually, is incredibly relatable. She really makes the story so enjoyable!

THE OTHER BAND MEMBERS

MITCH

I love Mitch so much, it's ridiculous. As I've said many times before, I love his sense of humor. He's a little bit crazy, but I love me some crazy. There's nothing in the world better than a little crazy! He's super fun but under the surface, he's clearly a really good person. Maybe a little bit obsessed with the band, but it's not hard to see why.

DRED

Dred is still not my most favorite character, but I actually do like her now. I really think that she thinks things out too much, which is kind of boring. But then I suppose that someone has to be the voice of reason, and she does make a very good one.

THE LUTIST

AOIDE

I love Aoide! In the first book, there was next to nothing to mention about her. But as this series goes on, I've found myself being drawn to her character more and more. She's really brave, and she's clever, too. I love her boldness and her attitude! I can't wait to see what happens next for her.

THE QUEENSGUARD CAPTAIN

ICARUS

I have no clue why I'm going to mention him, but I am. There's something sexy about him, I'm not going to lie. And there's something to admire in his loyalty, too, even if I personally believe it's to the wrong person. I still strongly admire his sense of loyalty and I definitely know that I want to learn more about him.

THE PLOT

I love the plot of this book.

Action, action, and action keeps building slowly until a thrilling climax!

There's such a great amount of action. It's impossible to take a break from Fairyruck once you start. Seriously. It's literally impossible to put down because you constantly need to know just what awesome thing is going to happen next.

Seriously, I adore the plot. It's completely awesome and I am completely in love. I could read this over and over and over and never grow bored. Ever.

The plot was seriously incredible.

THE ROMANCE

Romance, romance, romance. I love me my romance, which y'all know. And I love that the romance in this book doesn't dominate the entire novel. Yet it's still excellently written. In fact, it's some of the best written romance that I've ever read. It's absolutely fan-freaking-tastic. There's nothing better than beautifully written romance. I love the development, and the pace and everything about it. It especially want to see how it all ends.

THE WRITING

Ah, I love Jeff's writing. I say this every time, but, well, I mean it every time! And unbelievably enough, it somehow keeps getting better and better. It's always been amazing, but the description literally sparkles and the dialogue—oh my gosh, the dialogue. The dialogue is incredible, too. Things people would actually say, and the faerie dialogue too is perfect in that way. Utterly amazing. Marvelous. Spectacular.

THE ENDING

The ending was perfect. Thrilling! It couldn't have been better, and yet it was wholly unexpected. Everything from the book comes together beautifully in a stunning and amazing conclusion. I love it. It left me wanting so much more! It was absolutely incredible. I loved it so much and it really helped draw everything together for me. The ending was magnificent! So magnificent!

WRAPUP

I feel satisfied but not so satisfied that I don't want more! I'm going to be starting Fairyland soon, and eagerly. This is one of my all-time favorite series and I can confidently recommend it to pretty much everyone! These books are simply incredible!

FINE.

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Michelle says

I started *Fairystruck* straight after finishing Fairy Blues and it picks up right where it left off. The Assorted Zebras are still on tour with their magical instruments and still trying to keep them from being taken back.

The Assorted Zebras, now called The Rioting Zebras, but more about that later, are becoming more popular as the days go on, but they soon find out it's not all it's cracked up to be.

Meanwhile in Faerie, Aoide, with the help of Liadan, tasked with the job of travelling to the human world to retrieve the magical instruments and return them.

The close ties between the members of the group are slowly fraying and there is friction between the members. Mitch, or Mick as he is now called, is getting too big for his boots. He is getting special treatment, being the only one aware of the bands change of name from 'The Assorted Zebras', to 'The Rioting Zebras', getting the biggest hotel bedroom and even getting text messages to alert him of appearances on television.

but when something happens to them on the bus its a start reminder of how they used to be and what they have become, and slowly the bonds between them all are starting to come back together,

From the moment I started *Fairystruck* I could not put it down unless I had to, sleep, work and I thoroughly

enjoyed it. *Fairystruck* is even more spellbinding than *Fairy Blues* and this series just gets better and better with each book. Opening the faerie doors adds even more mystery to someone's heritage, and although I am still piecing the clues together I have some idea of where they will end up, but not a definite answer to it all so I can't wait for the next instalment to see if all is revealed

I loved the Teddy bears of Zarmof, although they are evil their whole attitude and mannerisms made me laugh, although if I met one in a dark alley I would run as fast as possible in the opposite direction.

The characters in *Fairystruck* are even more likeable and have grown and matured as this series goes on, although this could be partly due to the fact of having to grow up for the tour and rise in fame. Zach however, is still Zach, but more annoying and pretentious. I really do think he is only with Erin for her Fame and seems to want to support her for only the high media events, and goes back home for the small towns. I hope she sees what he is like and makes the right choice soon.

I did not want *Fairystruck* to end and I can't believe I have to wait till summer for the next book and I think this is the first time I will ever wish summer to come sooner.

Jessica Bronder says

The Rioting Zebras are on tour but without the help of Marlarkay Records. Things are tougher for them but it is more realistic since they have to work back up to where they were prior. And as they are going from one stop to the next with the tour, Queen Mab and Aoide are on the hunt for them. Enter the teddy bears. If that isn't enough, Erin and Zach's relationship is starting to take on a more serious note.

Aoide and Liadan are traveling the human world in search of the magical instruments. I love how they are so confused with this odd world and how they interact with people. Aoide learning about rock and roll was great. We also have a visit from Katie with the dullahan. She always worries me since she seems to be left behind with all of Zach's attention.

This is another great step in the *Songs of Magic* series. I love all the characters and the descriptions. It's so easy to get sucked into the stories. I am really curious about Erin's link to fairy. Aoide is becoming one of my favorite characters in the stories. She is taking out of her element but she just keeps going on.

I can't wait to read *Fairyland* and find out what is in store for them next. This is a great series that kids to adults will like. Make sure to check it out.

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Jenni Arndt says

You can read all my reviews at [Alluring Reads](#).

Fairystruck, the 3rd instalment in the *Songs of Magic* series by J.L. Bryan, is another book that I could not put down. This series has me longing for more, as it makes me laugh and intrigues me like no other series I've ever read. In this novel we get more of the amazing forays into Faerie and we get to go on tour with the

now Rioting Zebras. The glitz and glamour they have been treated to at the hands of Marlarkay Records is stripped away and it felt as if they were a real band trying to make it on the road.

My favourite part of Fairystruck is Aiode's innocent ignorance as she enters the man-world and learns about our "horseless man carriages" and barter her way around. She had me laughing out loud at times and my kids looking at me as if mommy had lost her marbles. The thing that has always stood out to me in this series is the vivid imagination of Mr. Bryan and the intricate attention to detail that brings it all together perfectly. Let me say, this one does not let up in that department, I will never look at teddy bears the same way again. The human side of things is getting more and more intertwined with the Otherworld and the scenarios that occur are utterly entertaining.

The characters are strong as ever, I find myself attached to both Jason and Erin as they grow closer to each other. Their relationship didn't make too much progress in this one, but I feel like Erin and Zach's relationship took a few steps back which is a good start. I, once again, am left so curious about Erin and her link to the Faerie world. Katie is also brought to the foreground, and seeing her interactions with the dullahan were unsettling but added some very welcome viewpoints in the dullahans private quarters. Her home is an eerie place and a setting that I've craved more of since Fairy Metal Thunder.

The Song's of Magic series has found a perfect pace, as we switched through perspectives I found myself excited to see where we would go as I turned the pages. This is a very well written indie series that will leave you pining for more. I feel as though this one ended quite abruptly, and as we leave our characters in the thick of things, the wait for Fairyland (Summer 2012) will be painstakingly long. I highly recommend picking up these books and giving them a go, you will not be disappointed in the slightest.

Rhiannon Frater says

Again, an awesome book in JL Bran's fairy series. I truly love this YA foray into the world of fairies and rock and roll. Like the first two books in the series, we have fabulous characterization, plenty of laughs, beautiful descriptions of the fairy world, magic, music, and truly epic moments of action and mayhem. JL Bryan's horror roots do show up in some of the scenes, but nothing too jarring or grotesque for teens. If you have a vivid imagination, there may be a few scenes that genuinely frighten you. But overall...an awesome, fun, exciting book.

Again, it is easy to cheer on the teens with the stolen fairy instruments AND the fairy band that so desperately wants them back. The "bad guys" in this book are even scarier and there were some truly magnificent moments with our villainess.

I can't wait for the next one. Seriously, if it was already out I would be downloading it to start it right away.

One final note: JL, in Texas we don't have freakin' pot roast festivals. We have chili cookoffs. Or barbecue competitions. Pot roast is a YANKEE dish. We hardy Texans like taking the toughest meat and making it into mouthwatering, delicious, melt in your mouth brisket. Or burning your insides alive with chili. We do NOT have pot roast cook offs. Seriously....almost took a star off. (J/K...maybe. Texans take our cookoffs seriously...)

P.S. trying to write this review on a mobile device. Forgive typos...etc...

Kristi-The Book Faery says

I just finished Fairyruck by JL Bryan! I LOVED it! This entire series ROCKS my wings! More to come!

Amazing series that I think everyone should read! When you're done with The Songs of Magic series, you MUST read Jeff's other series, THE PARANORMALS! Fantastic author that will soon, if not already, become one of your favorites!

Rock on, Jeff!
