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Makenna Grace Gold is just your average 12-year-old girl. That is, until she is told that she must protect her newborn brother and sister to safeguard the future of the world. Armed with a mysterious weapon, three Fairy mentors, and a wisecracking earthworm named Fluffy, Makenna must battle the forces of evil and become a defender for hope. Can Makenna truly be 'The Virago'?

## **The Chronicles of the Virago--The Novus: Book I Details**

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# **From Reader Review The Chronicles of the Virago--The Novus: Book I for online ebook**

## **Michael Bialys says**

If you Dream it-You can write it!

Actually when writing this book, I literally dreamt it then wrote it.

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## **Debra Starr-rockoff says**

Great book for my girls. A female heroine, fantasy, reality and current relatable setting make this a wonderful book to read for all preteen girls! Looking forward to the sequel!

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## **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Reviewed by Carrie Spellman for TeensReadToo.com

Makenna Gold is a normal, average twelve-year-old girl living in Southern California. So why on earth would fairies appear in her room in the middle of the night, with flaming swords no less? Well, it turns out that Makenna has been chosen as the Protector, the Defender, the Warrior of Warriors, the Virago. Her brand new twin brother and sister are a gift of pure Goodness to the world, and it is now Makenna's job to protect them from the pure Evil.

Unfortunately, no one can tell her exactly who or what it is that she should be looking out for. Pure Evil has friends everywhere, but so does Goodness, and none of them wear name tags or signs. Between helping with the babies, protecting them, trying to at least appear to be a normal kid, and figuring out who is an enemy and who is a friend, Makenna more than has her hands full.

While the flow of the book is somewhat stilted at times, it also has some pretty funny moments. Evil's minions are Miss Creante and Miss Chevious, for example. Parts of it were particularly fun for me because it takes place right by where I live. And, I can say with certainty that anyone who has ever driven around here wouldn't be remotely surprised at the location of the Highway to Hell.

It may be a little rough going to begin with, but once the story/author hits their stride, the book is off and running. It's a quick and entertaining read, and looks to be a fun series.

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## **Makenna says**

One Of my Favorite books! Must Read it is awesome

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## Patrick Hodges says

It's been awhile since I read an MG book, so when I read the premise for this story, I very eagerly snatched it up and read it in only two sittings.

Makenna is a typical 12-year-old girl, just trying to survive middle school while anxiously awaiting the arrival of twin siblings. As dark forces swirl around her, Makenna soon realizes - thanks to three very persistent fairies - that she is a Virago, the latest of many heroic champions destined to protect the future from those who would destroy it... a future that lies in the delicate hands of her newborn siblings.

This was a delightful romp, and it has much that preteen girls would enjoy - action, a heroic girl, a cute boy (of course), and clearly defined bad guys. I look forward to reading what Michael Bialys has in store for our intrepid heroine!

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## Miranda Reads says

3.5 stars

Makenna Grace Gold is about to **leave her boring old life** behind for the craziness of big sisterhood.

This entails many, many **new responsibilities** - baby sitting, extra chores around the house, oh, and saving the world from **death, destruction and annihilation**.

*She was the Protector. The Defender of Defenders.*

*She was the Virago.*

**Pretty typical stuff, right?**

*"The Dark One is the embodiment of evil. He desires nothing more than to see this world forever plunged into darkness and despair."*

Her twin siblings are the key to the Dark One's power and it's up to her to **protect them** from any and all harm.

The problem?

**Makenna is only twelve years old.**

*"You? You're the protector, the Warrior of Warriors, the Defender, the Virago?  
Wonderful....Does he possibly think some common skater-girl could defeat us?"*

**Au contraire mon ami**, what the Big Bads don't realize is that this common skater-girl is not on her own - with the help of three fairies, her new best friend and her sword/skateboard she will become a force to reckon with. The only thing that kinda sucks is her sidekick.

*Harry Potter gets an owl, and I get a worm...*

Overall, this was a quick fun read. The storyline was engaging and honestly, the wise-cracking worm was my favorite character (he was named Fluffy. **FLUFFY!**).

This book did feel **a bit predictable** - and this is partly due to how often I've read this genre - but it bugs me a bit when the "Chosen One" is incredibly **beautiful/beloved/fast/smart/strong** right away.

I like to watch my characters struggle and grow - rather than being given a weapon and being able to wield it perfectly. Or have everyone fawn over them.

Also, some of the text did fall into the cliché area (one of my pet peeves). For example:

*"Why should I trust you?" she called out.*

*"I don't have time to explain. Just trust me, please?"*

Honestly. In the time it takes for characters to say 'no time to explain' they literally could've given a halfway decent explanation.

That being said, I think most **middle-schoolers would enjoy this novel** - it is fast-paced and action-packed. Makenna is a brave kid and I love Stephen - her completely human tag-a-long companion.

AND, of course, this book has Fluffy and I adore him. He deserves his own series.

*"Thanks, Fluffy," she said, blowing him a kiss.*

*If a worm could blush, he would have.*

*With thanks to the author for providing a free copy in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Terri says**

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The stories main character is Makenna, who is your typical 12 year old girl. The setting is Pasadena, California.

It all begins when Makenna is approached one evening by three fairies who tell her she is to protect her twin siblings from evil forces. The fairies arm her with an Armasword which is a powerful mystical weapon. Upon their visit they also tell her that she is the chosen one, the protector which they call the Virago. Her twin brother and sister are born with a gift of goodness and Makenna must protect them from evil, this is her quest and so the journey begins.

In this fantasy an earthworm reveals the evil force by name and that name is Sir Seaton. It is he who will be on his own quest to locate and destroy the twins preventing them from defeating pure evil in the future. Will Makenna discover Sir Seaton among the many disguises? Will she fail or prevail?

This is contemporary fantasy at its finest. A rich captivating story between good and evil with a picturesque ending where good prevails. It is both enchanting and a stimulating read for young readers, and offers vivid accounts and memorable characters. The story will excite your children and spark their imaginations, all while teaching family values. Your daughters will be cheering for Makenna, and your sons will be captivated and thrilled with the story filled within the pages.

This is a must for children, and highly recommended. It was a delightful pleasure reviewing this title and look forward to the next in the series.

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