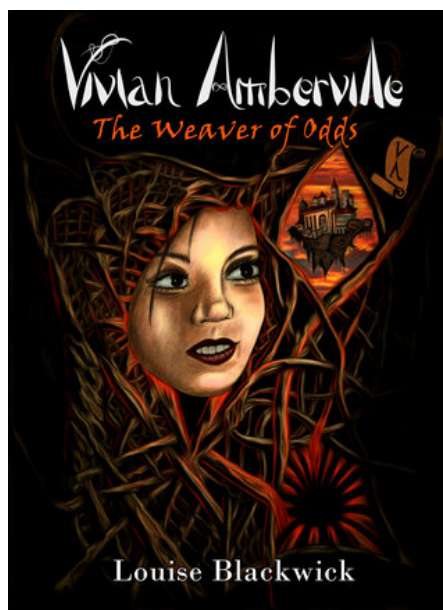




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ABOUT THE BOOK

First in the Vivian Amberville® fantasy series, "The Weaver of Odds" introduces 13-year old Vivian Amberville to her unique if hazardous power of altering odds, outcomes and the very substance of reality.

The main protagonist, Vivian is an orphaned child who uncovers her imagination can influence certain events, and even twist reality into impossible shapes - a mind-over-matter ability called "Weaving"

But Vivian's powers prove hazardous to keeping the universal balance. Beyond the fabric of reality, she finds herself in the custody of the original Weavers, thrown head-first into the most dangerous competition the multiverse has ever known: The Weaver Trials.

ABOUT THE SERIES

Vivian Amberville is a popularly-acclaimed philosophical fantasy book series about a girl whose imagination can reshape reality.

The universe that spanned millions of fans worldwide and captured readers imagination all around the world invites you to journey alongside unforgettable heroes you would want to take home. Fantasy like never told before: a mythical fiction of friendship and acceptance; of fate and free will; of destiny and despair; of extraordinary ordinary heroes and their reality-changing journeys.

BOOK CONTROVERSY

"The Weaver of Odds" was small-published by a Dutch Publisher and has sold an estimate of 2.8 million units since its release on paperback in March 2017, the Netherlands.

The book has been both praised and criticized for being "much too ahead of its time" from a philosophical standpoint. Its themes address serious social issues (child abuse, loss of identity, the dissolution of the human spirit) painted on a light-hearted fantasy genre where "thought can become things". It is known as one of the few books to fully belong to the "epic philosophical fantasy" genre.

Genre: Epic Fantasy, Dystopian Fiction

Category: Young Adult, Coming of Age

Subjects: Time travel, parallel universes, mind over matter, matter manipulation

Themes: Adventure, social satire

Setting: Futuristic dystopia, fantasy world

Tags: Post-apocalyptic, multiple realities, interdimensional travel

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David Caceres says

What a great surprise reading Viviam Amberville. It is not about imagination but true reality that conquered my heart from this amazingly written book. The true reality I discovered here is that we can alter what we see by believing in justice, freedom and love. This new reality gave us the most powerful tool to shape the future: "WEAVING".

Thank you very much for this treasure reading dear Louise, from the bottom of my heart. Greetings from PERU.

Selective Selective says

If you enjoyed or loved any of these following fantasy movies, then you'll love this book.

Bridge To Terabithia (2007)
Flash Gordon (1980)
Harry Potter (2001-2011)
Inception (2010)
Labyrinth (1986)
Midnight Special (2016)
Pan's Labyrinth (2006)
The Adventures Of Sharkboy And Lavagirl (2005)
The NeverEnding Story (1984)
Tomorrowland (2015)
Tron Legacy (2010)
Xanadu (1980)

Similar to these movies, the story of Vivian Amberville will take the reader on a journey through worlds within worlds and into the mind, but in an original and never done before way, you'll be fed more truth than what was slipped into the Star Wars films.

Most of the book covers many abilities never done before in movies, so the four movies that I think describe the abilities in this story the best, would be these.

FAQ About Time Travel (2009)
Firestarter (1984)
Jumper (2008)
Ruby Sparks (2012)

I already see this book being turned into a movie and becoming very popular as more people learn about it. I loved the characters, their conversations, the environments they were placed into, and how everything connected to something to tell a very deep and complex yet easy to understand and fun to read story with lots of emotions and meanings behind everything that was written. I'll be sharing my love for this book with everyone.

Angel Strong says

If your a lover of fantasy,sci-fis, and overall genuine good reads than this story is definitely for you. Weaver of Odds meets all expectations. The story line itself was very unique,and the characters/creatures were well developed and endearing. Not to mention, the story is very well written. I can honestly say that there was never a boring moment in this read. No spoilers here, but I must say that for me this story was right up there with Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings. Simply amazing. This author is now on my radar! A must read!

Marc Whitehouse says

I've intended to write a review for this book since finishing it a few weeks back, but it's such a unique and enthralling read, it's daunting attempting to sum it up in a few short words.

I didn't quite know what to expect to begin with, especially having relatively little experience in the fantasy genre, but by the end of the first part of the book, I was hooked.

It's the kind of story that pulls you in with both hands and doesn't let go until you realise it's been three hours since you last blinked. The twists and turns make it impossible to put down - "just one more chapter", you'll say to yourself, every 10-20 minutes.

Without giving anything away, the story is superbly driven, from start to finish, and for the uninitiated there are a number of points along the way where your hairs will stand on end. The story is spellbinding and you sense that in every chapter, the author has pored over every minute detail, probably for years on end, to create a living, almost tangible experience for the reader. You feel as though you know the characters, particularly the protagonist, and this itself is a reason you want to read on. You want to know how things turn out - or rather you need to know how things turn out.

The characters, as I've already mentioned, are masterfully created. Again, you get the idea that the author has been creating these souls over a long period of time before writing the book, because every idiosyncrasy, every back story and every personality is so well rendered. There is never a hiccup. Never does one character act differently to the way they did in the last chapter, never do they speak differently and never does the author spring a cheap twist by making any of the characters change to suit the plot. All of these details mean that you empathise with the characters and feel as though you have known them for a long time, a sign of a talented author.

Clearly, the author has a keen eye for detail and this book is all the better for it. Hopefully she can weave up something similar for the future books in the series, because I believe Vivian's story will be loved by many readers of all ages.

There are some dark bits that some people may find disturbing, so I recommend reading it yourself before introducing younger children, but having said that, it depends on where in the world you grew up. There are clear influences of Nordic folklore, shades of the brothers Grimm (something I haven't seen compared yet) and those who are familiar and ok with that won't be put off by the darker aspects. Myself, I believe my children would love the story and I think there are some fantastic and inspiring messages sprinkled throughout this book that far outweigh the darker parts. Viv's reality is a reflection of our own and so expect some evil.

Finally, I must say that I fully recommend this book. There are no plateaus in the story, the characters are tangible, the themes are unique and exciting, the world has been painted with expertise beyond the authors

(presumed) age and most importantly, the plot just keeps giving.

Please, if you haven't already, buy this book, read it, pass it on and help this talented author receive some much deserved exposure.

NAN Labadens says

The storyline itself was exceptionally remarkable, and the characters/animals were very much created and charming. There was never an exhausting minute in this read.

Irfan Zayd says

An amazing fiction that takes you by the hand through the dark, yet colorful world of Vivian. An easy read and the characters pop out from the pages. I quite enjoyed reading it and cannot wait for the next books in the series!!!!

John P. says

I sort of stumbled into this novel by googling around "YA dystopian coming of age fantasy books" and this rare gem fell into my hands. I asked around at my university, and I couldn't believe how many people heard of Vivian Amberville. I was surprised it has so few reviews on goodreads compared to how many people read it and said it was amazing. My own take is that: This book is not only amazing. It's a masterpiece!

-small spoiler ahead:

It's the story of a mysterious, orphaned teenager who learns she can manipulate the outcome of events. She has hallucinations about some hidden world beyond the fabric of space and by some amazing storytelling she ends up in that secret, hidden world a thought away from our own. But that world is dangerous, populated by dangerous beings who have learned how to manipulate reality called Weavers. Vivian's power to reshape odds is a threat to the Weavers, so they sentence her to the Weaver Trials in hope she will die. What comes to happen is the best, most complex story I ever read in my life.

The characters, the settings, everything is masterfully designed. The story was outlined by a genius. So much detail, all of which is relevant in the end. It all took my breath away and I'm going to tell more people about it!

This book deserves a bigger audience and MORE reviews!

Silvia says

Vivian Amberville is a form of meta-fiction that captures the various facets of imagination in a unique manner. It speaks about the responsibilities that come with engaging our imagination in becoming free-willed and then manifestation. In this novel, the mind (as an imagining) realm has also an inner will which is solely molded by the spirit of each Weaver. By doing this we can say that it has an ethical dimension that

questions our mode of being in the world through our actions (for a higher purpose). Thinking about alterity through and within the infinite possibilities of the fictional world(s) speaks about the importance that fiction has in our lives on a global scale. Reading it feels like a breath of magical realism and sci-fi, which can proudly stand together with Terry Pratchett, Jose Luis Borges and many others.

Tim Heesink says

This is the first time I've been impressed with a new author and a new release. A very original idea to combine epic fiction with philosophy. I honestly cannot compare this work with anything else. It outruns Matrix by a mile! It is a colourful double universe, science fiction and fantasy all in one with a cast of characters you will fall in love with (or despise) right away.

The author even created fictional languages to make the world more believable and boy, it really shows! The Artisan and Kaap the Hole in the Wall are my absolute favourite characters ever!

The settings are surreal like the dream construct of Inception, fantastical yet realistic and a mix of quirky and whimsical with dark and dramatic. The plot reflects that too. It is very fast paced and contains many memorable and inspiring scenes.

I hope this book becomes a classic like Lord of the Rings or Harry Potter. It surely has all the markings of a classic!

Mirko says

This book was recommended to me by a friend. At first I was a bit sceptical about the concept of "manipulating events", but after reading a bit from my friend's copy, I bought my own: it's a great story! Right now this author seems a bit no-name, but I can't believe that there's no more reviews here. It's a book that grabs the reader and pulls the reader into the story, I literally cried over some of the scenes, really wonderful book. Looking forward to the next book in the series. I'm keeping an eye on this author, I think this is going to be big.

J.R. Sweeney says

An incomparable book that lives up to the hype. This book takes the reader on a wild ride, climbs and keeps climbing all the way to its pinnacle, then settles down to a terrific satisfying ending. It leaves the reader sitting pleasantly smiling with plenty of fine thoughts to ponder in the days ahead. I cannot reveal too much about all the wonderful surprises that are weaved throughout the story. You will just have to get the book and find out yourself. I may get more books from this fine writer in the future.
