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Fourteen-year-old Sophina Murray will be the first to tell you: Bad luck comes in threes. First, her father is lost at sea. Then, the rains start. And don't stop. And finally, her little brother is taken from his bed by a monster straight from her worst nightmare. A glimpse into the parallel universe of Trellah - a land of giant trees, bizarre creatures, and a glowing red mineral with mystical properties - convinces Sophina that all may not be lost. But first, she'll have to survive in a hostile world where her darkest fears live and breathe.

Trellah is an original and realistic fantasy for ages 12 to 112, with a cliffhanger-free ending. Parental guidance suggested for advanced readers ages 10-11 for moderate elements of horror.

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From Reader Review The Perpetual Rain for online ebook

Amber says

T.S.Graham has created a young adult fantasy that will take your imagination to a whole new dimension. Thirteen year old Sophina is a fiesty young lady who has lost her father and just watched her brother be abducted. Sophina doesn't know how but she MUST find a way to recover Elliot from the hands of that monster.

Chronicles of Trellah introduces many different creatures and characters along Sophina's rescue attempt. Some are helpful some are incredibly dangerous. One big twist, a powerful and young heroine and a world the regular imagination just can't conceive. I recommend Chronicles of Trellah for young adults.

I received a complimentary copy of The Chronicles of Trellah for reviewing purposes. All opinions shared are my own.

Jen Blood says

A rich, well written YA mystery/fantasy, The Chronicles of Trellah follows thirteen-year-old Sophina Murray as she struggles with the recent loss of her father. To add to her problems, a bizarre, endless rainstorm has been plaguing her town of Thomasville, Maine, for nearly a month. When Sophina sees her brother kidnapped by a monstrous creature in the night, she knows her luck can't possibly be that bad: something is clearly rotten in the state of Maine. What follows is an action-packed, fantastical thrill ride as Sophina follows her former teacher into a parallel universe filled with strange creatures and an even stranger landscape. With TRELLAH, Graham has created a richly-textured world that kids and adults alike will be riveted by, and Sophina is a smart, savvy heroine well worth following. The language is accessible but never condescending, and the ties that bind Sophina's family are heartfelt and uplifting. Wonderful start to a series I'm looking forward to following to the end!

Penny says

I liked it. Well written, excellent character development, and a very different story lone.

Ruby Ridge says

A really enjoyable adventure that just begs to be made into a movie with Sophina (love the name) being a perfect heroine.

Recommended to everyone - not a long book, please read it.

Will there be a book #2? This is a hard act to follow.

Naznin Azeez says

Let me put the FACT right in your face. This is a fabulous book, which if ever made into a movie, would witness people throng the theaters to watch it again and again, for it would be a visual treat indeed to see the Trellah on a huge screen!. Ok, now read ahead :)

There are only 14 chapters in this ebook. With just about 164 pages, this is a very quick read. The protagonist Sophina, which is a lovely name by the way, is described as a strong willed and mature-for-her-age girl, from a town called Thomasville. I love how neatly the first chapter, aptly named The Perpetual rain, introduces us to the 'mysterious situation' and to Sophina's family. I could feel how interesting the story was building itself to be. The author, in very simple words, puts across emotions that pull on your heart's strings. It was simple things like being stuck in the house with family, while a storm rages on outside. But how the family bonds together in times of peril is captured beautifully and it really moved me to the point of tears.

From the 4th chapter on, the parallel universe of Trellah was revealed in such details that I was shuddering with horror. I have a very fertile imagination and as I read and imagined those things, it made me fearful of the nightmarish creatures, explained so well in it. Trellah is a magical world with magical creatures, nightmarish creatures, two headed sea creatures, gigantic trees and more!.

The author has extremely vivid imagination and that is how he conjured up such an idea of the world of Trellah. He didn't make Sophina's journey to Trellah easy, by any means, which turned this into a gripping story. Had he made her into a superhero who could face all obstacles with ease, this would have been a very weak and boring plot. The wrath of nature which Thomasville has to face is depicted in a way that I am so glad I have never had to see anything like that in my life. Tornadoes, heavy rain, sleet and every imaginable forces of nature's thunders down on Thomasville.

There are times when questions arise in my mind and I just wait around for them to be answered. If it's not answered at all in the book (which means the author hasn't giving complete thought to the plot), I feel frustrated when I reach the end of the book. However, in this book, no questions are left unanswered, which is impressive. Another thing I noticed is that there is nothing superfluous in the entire story line. The emotions, characters and just about everything is just right.

All in all, this is a very well-thought of, fabulous and very imaginative book, perfect to be read by people from any walks of life. Kudos to T.S. Graham for bringing out such a fantastic book. I applaud him for his work. I simply can't get my head around the fact that this is his debut novel!! I seriously can't wait to read the second installment, named Storm on the Horizon, Book Two in the Chronicles of Trellah Trilogy!..

I give this book 5/5, which by Goodreads standards mean that 'it was amazing'!

Teressa Morris says

The Chronicles of Trellah, Book One: The Perpetual Rain is a thrilling, scary, empowering fantasy book for teenagers and young adults. Sophina is a strong female character, and a good role model, as is her teacher/mentor Mrs. Tanner. I enjoyed the beautiful description in this book - so vivid that I could almost smell and taste the wonders Sophina found in the parallel universe of Trellah, not to mention picture in my mind's eye the grandeur of the landscape.

My favorite part of the book is the underlying theme of consequences. Sophina realizes how her little brother is affected by her teasing. Mrs. Tanner realizes her mistake in hiding herself away. Many people in this book screw up and deal with the consequences good or bad. I also like the juxtaposition between the Trellian idea of justice and Earth justice.

Trellian justice: "My son will be punished for what he has done," responded Talfore with an unexpected lack of emotion, "not rewarded for what he will not do in the future."

Earth justice: "Sophina, you'll find that your life won't be defined by the mistakes you make; it's the lessons you learn from those mistakes that are important."

Which version is better? The author doesn't say - it's a thought-provoking question that I believe YA readers will enjoy discussing.

Susan says

T.S. Graham pens "The Chronicles of Trellah" in an original story line with very vivid writing that is rare to find. His characters are well developed, believable and realistic. A totally fascinating book that will keep you turning the pages. I look forward to the next book in the series. Highly recommended for YA and adult readers.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the author which was provided for an honest review.

Karen says

So, so good! Frightening and exciting, with an amazing and strange world to explore, this book has me on pins and needles for the next in the series!

Kristin says

I'd like to thank Promotional Book Tours and the author for allowing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This is a very well-written and detailed fantasy book. I found some of the details of the world were explained a little too late in the book for my liking. Some of the creatures you only got a description of later in the book, so for some times you're reading terms and names of creatures that you don't understand or can't visualize.

When I started reading this book, it gave me the feeling that this would be a great fantasy book for middle graders, 4th grade onward. But as I continued reading, there are some scenes that are a little too intense for the younger readers. So when the synopsis says "parental guidance", please take it seriously. I wouldn't give it to any child under 12 to read.

Overall though, it's a good read. I like Sophina, she's a strong girl who is determined to find her brother no matter what she faces.

Laurie says

An engaging and imaginative story that captured my interest immediately, the tale combines mystery and adventure as a young girl journeys unexpectedly to another dimension in a relentless search for her younger

brother. Fast paced, this novel pulsates with eerie, gothic overtones that kept me greedily eating up the pages to find out what calamity would next befall the spunky Sophina and her small party of would-be rescuers.

I felt a profound empathy, also, for Sophina's mother; her pain became mine as she searched during the horrific, unnatural storm for her missing children. Traipsing through the mud, drenched by the unrelenting rain, and barely escaping several harrowing close shaves from flying debris and falling trees; she struggles to maintain her sanity in this dire emergency.

If I have a gripe, and it's relatively minor, it is with the constant and consistent formality when addressing or speaking of others that is prevalent throughout. Certainly, a twelve-year-old girl would be expected to be respectful of her teachers and other elders; however, I expect shared adversity would cause most relationships to become closer and those sharing the experience would naturally address each other with less formality. The characters depend on each other in order to survive, but only rarely did the social boundaries of propriety and good manners get breached.

This novel sent my imagination gallivanting into overdrive. It is a wholesome book that will appeal to readers regardless of age. The ending was satisfying, but there are still plenty of unresolved issues to be explored in the following installments.

This book was given to me by the author in exchange for my honest review.

Reviewed by Laurie-J

Darlyn says

The book is full of imaginations. Maybe a little like Alice in Wonderland with a Fringe-ish kind of Twist. However, the book has the horror that I feel like it is well complimented the adventurous storyline. Apart of the adventure, the story started with mysteries. I know it sounds as if the book is complicated read, but trust me, the author did it well to make simple with words and full of emotions. Sophina, losing her father and a missing brother are very tough for a 14-year old girl to accept and face it alone. Of course, with no one to be with her, looking for her brother is the best way to avoid her from being lonely forever. And now I know why the author love Sophina the most (please read the interview below!). As I love Harry Potter and The Lords of the Ring, I love the magical things the author included in the book. Simple words to describe things in sentences made my imaginations easy. Even with simple words, not too much unneeded details, the characters in the books are actually quite well-developed. It has a progress which increased, at the right pace towards the ending. Until I reached the last page, I never thought the story is already ended. For a debut novel, I think T.S. Graham made his bid well.

Heidi says

I absolutely enjoyed this book. It can be read by any age from YA up. The story kept me engaged the whole way. Every time I thought our young heroine would fail she rose to the occasion (or luck, karma, fate whatever) saved the day and the adventure continued. I loved the characters, the plot, the ageless quality of writing. I felt really refreshed after finishing and wondering just what might be next. Good job!

Niki says

I adored this book, what a great fun story about Sophina a fourteen year old girl, whose father is lost at sea and her little brother kidnapped, no one believes her about what did it. Her favorite teacher that lives next door, behaves suddenly very strange. Sophina doesn't trust it, when she sees a strange light she goes to check it out, convinced it has to do with her brothers kidnapping. The town they live in has to deal with weird storms. Soon things go from bad to worse.

She follows her teacher through a portal into the world of Trelah and there a wonderful adventure starts. She gets confronted with scary stuff, but she is determined to find her brother and bring him home safe. She has to go through a lot before that happens. She meets all kinds of creatures, scary, hostile and friendly. If she will find her brother and get out of the strange world, that is for you to find out. I loved every minute of this book and read it in one sit. I look forwards to a sequel!

I received a copy of this book for a honest review.

Linda says

Thirteen year old Sophina Murray lost her dad two months ago when he never returned from the sea and her once favorite science teacher had just left her position at her school and never returned. Mrs. Tanner never even came over to her house to offer her sympathy and she acted weird which was so not like her! One night she heard her little six year old brother racing down the stairs yelling, and she leaped out of bed to go after him but was unprepared for what she saw that led him out the back door. The thing wore a cloak, had hideous red eyes, and coaxed Eliot away and no matter how much she screamed at him to stop, Eliot never slowed down until a blinding white light open in her backyard and Eliot ran into it chasing the monster, then the light faded leaving her in the dark and pouring rain....

T. S. Graham spins an intriguing YA story that peaked my interest from the beginning and I was caught up in the two alien races, their animals, plants, and insects that look like a horrible nightmare! Sophina knows that Mrs. Tanner knows something about Eliot's disappearance and when she learns that two more little children are now missing as well, she is determined to get to the bottom of it.

Mary Teresa Reno says

I'm an avid reader and can tell you that The Chronicles of Trelah: Perpetual Rain is truly one of the best books I've ever read! Listed as a YA novel, it is really for all ages, like HP. Completely absorbed me into another world, which is what I look for in a truly great read of this genre. The writer's gift of being able to paint a parallel world in your mind and describe it so vividly, complete with its never-been-done before races, animals, plant life, food, clothing (loved the boots!) and languages, is an artistic quality I admire and envy. Rare is the author who can do this while creating a riveting story line as well! I also really enjoyed the smooth transitions and connections back and forth between a small coastal town in Maine where strange and stranger things keep happening; to the totally engrossing parallel world of Trelah and its wild and wonderful races of characters et al. The main character and heroine, Sophina, has lots of spunk and determination; as well as an emotional depth for her age that has you rooting for her from the get go. Her supporting cast of characters are such a delight and/or fright, keeping you guessing with some just who's side

they are really on. Great balance of characters, action, frights, beauty, sadness, humor, wisdom and surprises in this story as well. Living in Maine myself, one of the many scenes I really enjoyed in this book takes place in the local Grange Hall where Trellah meets Maine in a frightening yet funny way. Boy would I have liked to have been there! My best description of this book without giving away any of the story - not a spoiler fan personally - is think HP meets SyFy's "Haven" TV series. I can't wait for the next book to come out, especially so I can find out who really has the missing vial from Mrs. Tanner's house! I have a few ideas, but nothing's a sure thing until I actually read the next volume! Perpetual Rain is one of those books that for me is one to read more than once. I first read it last year and recently read it again because I love the world the author has created and was in the mood to be mentally back there. Would totally love to see this on the big screen or as a TV series! Oh and one request on casting - would love to see Richard Armitage as one of the male leads from Trellah and Brendan Fraser as one of the good guys in Maine please!!!! Just sayin.... :) I highly recommend this book for YA and Adults alike. The hardcover edition is beautifully illustrated as well. As the holidays are fast approaching, it would be a wonderful gift for fantasy fans of all ages on your holiday gift list!
