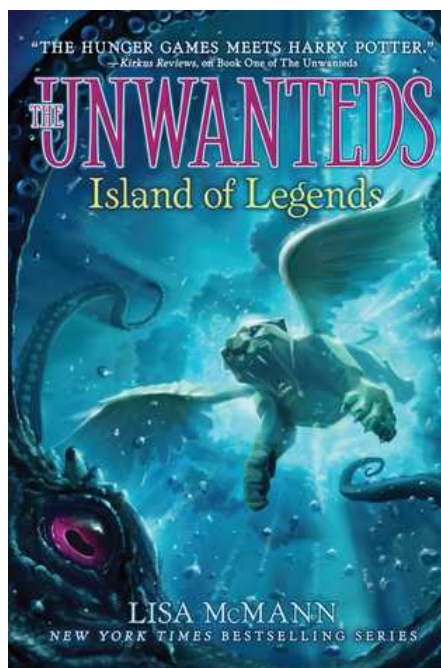




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Uncover adventure and dangerous secrets in book four of the *New York Times* bestselling Unwanteds series, which *Kirkus Reviews* called “*The Hunger Games* meets Harry Potter.”

When hundreds of lights appear across the sea during Artimé’s first annual masquerade ball, the party is over. Artimé is under attack, and Alex, the magical world’s young mage, must prove he can handle his newfound leadership.

Alex receives no help from Aaron, his scheming twin brother. Instead of rallying Quill to help defend their island, Aaron disappears and happens upon a dangerous secret hidden in the jungle—one with the potential to give him the power he desperately desires.

Even in the midst of battle Alex hasn’t forgotten his promise to rescue his new friend Sky’s mother from the volatile Pirates Island, a rocky volcano that randomly spits fire and sinks beneath the ocean’s surface with little warning. Once the rescue team is on the way, friendships are tested and the stakes are high. Ultimately the team discovers there are more creatures than they ever imagined in the waters surrounding their island chain—and not all of them are friendly.

Adventure, danger, legendary creatures, exotic beasts, and the most unusual island so far rise up to challenge Alex and his friends from Artimé in this thrilling continuation of Lisa McMann’s *The Unwanted* series.

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Miss Pippi the Librarian says

I will admit that I never really finished The Unwanteds, Book 3, Island of Fire. I knew it was going to end and I couldn't stand the cliffhanger, so I stopped on the last track of the last disc. That worked well for me. I was looking forward to this new installment, but I wasn't crushed waiting for the release. Now books four and five of The Unwanteds books are out, so I didn't feel the panic of stopping the final track of book four, Island of Legends. I finished the entire story and now wait on pins and needles for the next book. (I need to finish some other titles before delving into book five.)

Each installment of The Unwanteds begins where the previous title left off. It's like one giant book and I'm on the edge of my seat! There were some unexpected twists as always, but I didn't find myself mouthing a moment with the reader as a scene unfolded. That was neat. I'm not going to share too much of the story, because I don't want to give away any spoilers. It's captivating and creative. Each book opens the world of the Unwanteds wider and wider, but still leaving mystery in its wake. If you're a fantasy fan, I would highly recommend this series. I would suggest middler schoolers and up.

Steve West returned to narrate the fourth Unwanteds book! He's originally from London and his British accent adds a bit of other worldliness to the Unwanteds series. Every once in a great while, his pronunciations of certain words tickle my funny bone, but it's not a negative to the narration. Each character has their own voice which is appreciated. From the last title (Island of Fire), I think Mr. West maintained his characters voices very well. The next installment of the Unwanteds - Island of Shipwrecks - is out now and I'm looking forward to hearing Mr. West's voice again.

The audiobook did have beginning and ending music. Each CD picked up the story from the previous disc without another narrator sharing the disc number or to ask to change discs. It's a smooth story from one disc to the next. The last CD only had a few minutes of story on it before it went into the credits. I wish the whole story could have fit onto 8 discs, but working with media, I understand that it doesn't always fit. If the quality is better on 9 CDs instead of 8 CDs, the product should be on 9 discs.

Reviewed from a library copy.

Marilyn Olson says

The cleverness of the other three books seems to have been lost in this book. The characters were a little stiff and the plot a little too predictable. I hope the future books contain more of the unexpected.

Julia says

I FINALLY BOUGHT THIS BOOK!!!! I went to the bookstore on Wednesday and it wasn't on display yet. I went again on Friday and it still wasn't there!!! But i finally I got it today!!! I'm only on chapter two, but I LOVE it so far!!!! That last cliff hanger really kept me hanging... For a year :P Lisa McMann is one of my favourite authors and I know this book will be GREAT!!!!!!!!

Therese says

Okay, let me just say the cover on this book is super cool. The fact that I loved the first book so much, and because of the cover, I can't seem to give this book lower than a 3 star rating. I was pretty dissapointed by many things in this book, which makes me want to cry! With book one being so good, I guess I was just expecting more.

Problem number one:

I felt that this book was very repetitive. The Artimeians would go somewhere, something bad would happen, someone would get really hurt or lost, and then everything would be magically fixed by the next chapter. I'm not saying it was all bad, but it just got boring having that happen so often.

Problem number two:

Simber was so mean. This book ruined my image of him being this stong, humble and kind fighter. He mostly just bashed Alex, yelled at Fox, and grumbled in this book. He was totally one of my favorite characters, and it pains me to see him like that.

Problem number three:

Florence is this amazing warrior and I thought the mushy scenes with Talon were not needed.

Problem number four:

I'm so done with the never ending DRAMA with Sky and Alex. Seriously I can't take it any more. I kinda thought I would be okay with them being together, but if this goes on much longer, I might just stop reading.

Problem number five:

Where was Meghan? I felt that she was just an afterthought to everyone. Isn't she Alex's best friend? Did he just not even consider what might be going on in her head because they were gone so long? I really liked her, and I felt that when Lani and Samheed got together, she was left out. (If the Sky/Alex drama doesn't get better, I want Meghan and Alex to be together.) ;P

Well, I can't expect everything to fix itself in the next book, but I just can't help but hope it does!!!

Camden Henson says

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“Unwanted Island of Silence”-Lisa McMann

The people of Artime are preparing for a battle against queen Eagala from Warbler Island. Alex and his friends also go to Pirate Island to rescue Sky and Crow's mom. Alex is having to go through internal and external feelings but having to stay on track because he is mage and doesn't want to screw anything up. While his brother Aaron is plotting against Alex and is trying to get Artime with a secret creature that only he knows about. This story doesn't seem very realistic to me in most ways. There is magic and supernatural creatures but the humans are pretty real as long as they aren't doing spells. In Quill the setting is more realistic than in Artime because there is water and food shortages plus they don't have creatures or magic. The only thing that strikes me as weird in Quill is that only professors and the High Priest can write or draw anything. In my opinion Alex is the main character because he is head mage of Artime so he is almost always involved in something. Or he is getting into situations and such or having to deal with his twin brother Aaron that is the High Priest of Quill. “I think it sounds good” Alex said. “I'll check with Simber to see if he has

any concerns. If he feels good about it , we'll do it." Pg 440 This quote is significant because it shows that Alex likes to know other people's opinions before charging out into the unknown and risking people's lives.

Spoiler Alert:In the story Lani and Henry notice that the pirates look like them so Sky comes up with an ingenious plan to sneak them in looking like pirates. But before they sneak in Sky and Alex go into Pirate Island and get swimsuit like clothes to wear over their pirate outfits so they aren't wet and stand out. So Alex agrees with it showing his leadership and bravery risking his own life even being head age instead of having someone else do it.

This book was very enjoyable and all of the previous ones as well. I liked the book because there was mystery, suspense, and action fantasy. Plus it was like there was never any uninteresting or boring parts.

Spoiler Alert:The theme of this book is perseverance. It is perseverance because in the book there were many obstacles and discouragement. An example of this is when Alex and the people he chose for his journey to save Sky and Crow's mom were attacked by a giant eel that nearly capsized their ship. In the end Florence sacrificed herself to save the ship and everyone on it. This shows an obstacle and discouragement because without Florence it makes a lot of things hard.

Hailey Herman says

I thought this book was a good book, but in my opinion this was one of the more boring of the books. It kind of dragged throughout the whole book and took a while to pick up speed. After spending time learning magic as a mage Alex decides he wants to make something come to life. He makes a beautiful whale named Spike. Time has come to rescue Sky and Crows mom. Him and a few others travel to pirates island to save her. This book was really good. At one point I was supposed to stop reading and there was a really suspenseful part so I had to finish the chapter. I thought this was a good book but not as good as the other ones.

IAmTheReadingPug says

Island of Legends is the forth book of the The Unwanteds series

So basically to sum the novel up. Aaron is impersonating Alex, **again**, Alex and friends made a plan to rescue Crow and Sky's mum, Warbler attacks Arttime, etc.

I feel like the first and second book were real good but now the series is dragging along and Lisa McMann is writing the series to make money. *Though I'm still going to continue reading the series either way Its Interesting and Original.*

Rylee S. says

SPOILER ALERT

Ok, so I'm just gonna review this book here and maybe be super picky, because I'm a total bookworm. This book was fantastic, except for two things. And those two things are...

1. Cliffhanger. Total cliffhanger. I'm usually a sucker for a good cliffhanger if there's another book in the series/trilogy/etc. that's already out. My problem is, they leave Sky knocked out, Artimé needing help, Alex possibly injured (again!), and Kitten being the only one to have seen the seek spell. And where is Simber, who translates for her? Nobody knows.

1a. For crying out loud, Alex, stop getting hurt! You're the mage of Artimé! Mr. Today wasn't constantly getting injured while he was alive, was he?

2. Sky and Alex breaking up. T-T But I liked that pairing! I was already upset when Lani and Alex weren't together anymore, but now this? If they don't get back together in book 5, I will be extremely upset. Because Sky and Alex are awesome.

Tl;dr: SOMEBODY GET SKY AND ALEX BACK TOGETHER!

Kenny says

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~Great book wonderful writing and of course this wonderful world everyone should read this!

Valerie says

My favorite book in the series so far!!

Aidan D says

This book of the series is about Alex and his friends going on the adventure to rescue Sky's mother. Along the adventure, they find a new island, The Island of Legends. But they also learn that not all the underwater creatures are friendly. Meanwhile, Aaron has stumbled upon a secret jungle, with creatures that might give him the power he needs to destroy Artimé. I really liked this book because it was well written. It made me feel awesome because of how much stuff is going on, but also made me feel suspenseful, because who knows what Aaron's planning? I recommend this book for anyone who likes *The Unwanteds* series book 1-3. This series is a mix of *Harry Potter* And *The Hunger Games* . This book is really good for people who like magic and creativity.

Amanda says

I really had to force myself to finish this one. It seems as if the author is just reaching for anything to make the story last longer. There are too many characters to keep up with. This one just wasn't written very well. Maybe the next one will be better. I have an idea from the reviews what will happen. I'm not sure I want to waste time reading the books. They are so drawn out. It is almost as if the author was getting paid by the word so she added nonsense and extra mini adventures. I'm just not very impressed by this one.

Lesya BlackBird says

Ok by now the characters are being more and more childish and simplified. The world of Artime is not as satisfying as Hogwarts. The adults don't act like adults and instead let some little kids boss everyone around. It was all fine while Mr. Tomorrow was around. Now it's all stupid. These teens act almost adult one minute, then like puppets the next. I mean, hormones don't come up once in this book! Liking someone is an indefinable thing in their heads. Bigger then they can explain and yet, a poor imitation of what it's really like.

Alex likes Sky but is being ridiculously over dramatic about it. He's not blind to it like Ron was with Hermione, instead he's creating over emotional dramatic reasons for not simply liking her and being partners in things. Instead it all, "I'm a mage, too much responsibility, I can't have a relationship!"

I don't like books that so full of emotions and so little common sense or realistic human reactions.

Karissa says

This is the 4th book in the Unwanted series by McMann. There are seven books planned in this series, with the fifth book "Island of Shipwrecks" scheduled for a February 2015 release. This was a good book in this series, my seven year old son really enjoys this series a lot.

I listened to this on audiobook on a roadtrip with my family. The audiobook was very well done. The narrator did an excellent job distinguishing between the different character voices. There are a lot of characters in this book so that's not an easy thing to do.

Alex is gaining confidence as a mage and makes his first try at bringing a magical creature to life. Him and his friends journey back to the volcanic island in an effort to rescue Sky's mother. On the way they encounter many fantastical creatures. Meanwhile Aaron is struggling to maintain rule in Quill, but things are looking more intriguing for him when he discovers some secret creature deep in the forest. Gondoleery continues to work on her magic and Eva continues to plot Aaron's overthrow.

There are a lot of characters in this book and a lot happening. I definitely enjoy Alex's parts of the book much more than Aaron's. Aaron is just so unlikable and hard to read about. I also enjoyed that Simber was in the story so much.

Alex struggles with some large issues in this book. He has a budding romance with Sky but is worried that she distracts him too much from his job of ruling Arttime. He also has some struggles with bringing a magical creature to life and second guesses himself a lot. However, Alex is growing and learning and becoming a better leader.

It was nice to have the group of friends back together in this book. We meet a lot of fascinating new creatures and journey to interesting new places. I go love this world and enjoy how it has been gradually getting bigger and bigger.

As mentioned above my seven year old son loves these books (he says 5 stars). ..me and my husband think they are okay (3.5 stars)...so we settled on 4 stars. There are a lot of characters in here and the story jumps around a lot; so I feel like it's hard to get really engaged with the story or characters. I honestly find the books to be a bit boring and had some trouble with falling asleep while listening to them in the car. I have felt like this about all the books in this series, so I think if you are a long time fan of The Unwanteds series you will enjoy this book. If you haven't enjoyed previous books you probably won't enjoy this one.

The book ends on an absolutely horrible cliffhanger which everyone in my family hated. So...you have been warned.

Overall a good continuation of this series. Great for all ages. The world is really interesting and I love the magical creatures. There are a lot of characters to follow and I never found any of them to be all that engaging. I also thought the plot was a bit all over the place. All that being said my son loves this series, so I guess I would recommend for middle grade readers.

Cate H. says

I was very excited when I picked up this book to read. I loved the first three books and was eager to read the next one. But I must say I was slightly disappointed. At some sections of the book I was confused about why the characters were exploring other islands when their home is in possible danger. Wouldn't it be safer if they wait for the conflict with Quill to end before they continue to explore the islands? Other than this small detail, I loved the fourth Unwanted book. I liked how the characters relationships continued to develop throughout the book and I am excited to continue reading the series.
