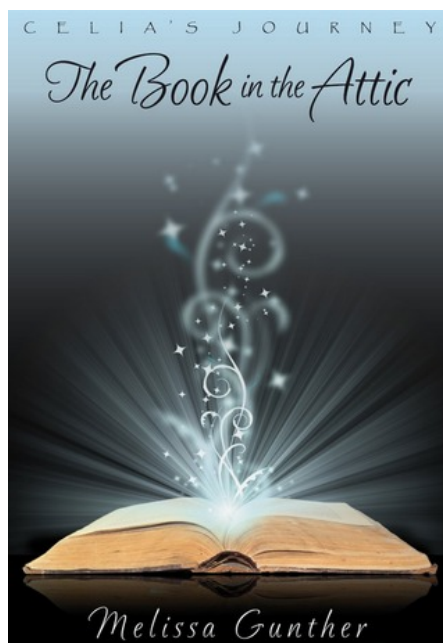




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A mysterious book, unusual abilities, and a school that isn't quite what it seems - Celia Fincastle is about to step into a whole different world, and she has no idea what awaits her. She's got new friends and some big expectations for her future, but someone doesn't want her to stay. Celia must figure out who's behind the plot and stop it - fast - because there's more at stake than she realizes...

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Kate says

Very good book. Celia is a little spoiled in the first few books, you often find yourself yelling at her to do something else, but she grows and matures in later books. Amazingly written, especially for her first book. I would recommend this to anyone as I love Celia's Journey. The later books are my favorite and you can clearly see how Melissa Gunther's writer style grows.

Izzy Lightwood says

This is a great book, and I really love the whole series, but I rated this four stars, because the first chapter or two are a little boring, but overall it's a great book written by my favorite author.

Sydney B says

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Once Celia Fincastle's Aunt Agatha sends her up into the attic to clean, Celia finds a book. The book sends her to Rensai a school for the Gifted. On the way there on the BUS she meets Maddie Hanagan. The school Rensai is located in the Rocky Mountains which is in the Demense, a world mixed with magical and normal people. Celia and Maddie met Josh, Kitt, and Heath in the front Hallway of the school. Her mom and dad were captured by Casimer and she was orphaned. Which left her at her aunt's house to find the book.

There are many themes in the book. The one that I see and understand clearly is that when things seem lost or don't make any sense you have to try to figure them out. Celia goes through many problems and troubles. Just that she has to fight for her right to control the power that she has but it is hard for her because she doesn't why people keep things from her, why people want to see her dead. Celia Fincastle tries to overcome her fears and tries to figure out how she didn't know until the book in the attic.

Michelle Hopkins says

While yes, this book is a lot like the first Harry Potter book, the series is a very good series, I personally have read this and Harry Potter several times and prefer Celia's Journey. The series is great, this book gets off to a slow start and has some seemingly petty stuff going on, but keep going into the next books and it starts to make more sense, I promise.

Jules says

NOTE:

I want to make it clear that I do not hate the author nor do I want to insult her. I bet she is a lovely person who makes a lot of people very happy with her works! I wrote this review because I(!) wasted time reading this book and got disappointed, so I wanted to make something positive out of it by writing a funny review and making people laugh. This review has to be seen purely as satire/entertainment and not as an act of hate.

If you loved the book, I'm very happy about it, since the author put a lot of work in it and that should pay off! So, good for you! =)

This review may contain mild spoilers!

I was honestly looking forward to reading this one. It has a nice cover and it sounded nice. Also it has a lot of good votings (that are surely not done by family and friends of the author!!!111)

Well...

Meet Celia Fincastle:

woops...I don't know how this happened! Since they don't have ANYTHING in common! Celia is totally different from Harry, ok?! See for yourself:

- She lost her parents when she was a baby
- She lives with her mean aunt who has no interest in her and wants to get rid of her
- At age eleven, she gets contacted by a special school
- the school is set in a world apart from "Our" world
- In the mentioned world, Celia is famous and known by everyone but she has no idea about anything
- Also, she is rich as hell
- The students get to the school by a special train which departs from a special station
- the school she visits divides its students in different "coteries", which have different animals and colors
- Celia is put in the lion-coterie (Which has the colour PURPLE! So it's totally different, OK?! Stop hating!)
- The new world also has its own sport
- The school teaches special abilities
- Celia is a victim of serious mobbing because she is so famous and gifted
- she also gets into a lot of trouble because of the people mobbing her

Also, while in Harry Potter there is lots of magic-stuff going on, there is nothing happening in this book. There are just some childish pranks and boring school stuff but nothing exciting really. So you see, not at all the same!

Not to mention that there is no magic but special abilities like fast-reading and writing, which is much more exciting!

P.S.: Here you can see the mean girl Doxa, who is mobbing her the most

Sorry, couldn't resist.

LeeDonna Sunshine says

The Book in the Attic by Melissa Gunther is a good middle grade reader. As this is book one of a series, the author does a great job of setting up many angles from which to continue the story. Think female Harry Potter for the lead, Celia. She's magically powerful without knowing it. I'd like to see more dialogue and descriptive action instead of being told what Celia is thinking... or what she's guessing. And there is some repetition of names instead of pro-noun use, dialogue not matching what the character is said to be feeling... small things that I don't think would actually bother a middle grade reader as they're not terribly heavy in the book. The author does a good job of defining the character of the people in the story. You get a real feel for who each person is and the story mostly takes place in a school so there are a lot of different personalities at play. This book is what I call good clean fun! If you like easy readers, give it a try! If you have a middle schooler, give them the gift of this book!

Jessica says

LOVE LOVE LOVE IT!!!!

My opinion could be seen as being biased because Melissa's a friend of mine, but even if she wasn't this is still an amazing book.

Janine says

This book definitely follows a Harry Potter pattern. Still, I found it entertaining and intriguing. The writing does not match up to other great hits, I wanted more detail and explanation of the special powers the characters seem to have. But it is very easy to read, which made it a fun book to read for the summer. I was left still curious about her parents background and what evil plots Celia will need to overcome.

Aly says

On this book I am about a 3.5 star, this book and series reminds me a lot of Harry potter but Celia does not go to wizard school. Celia goes to a school for gifted kids that have extra abilities. Celia is the most gifted of the seventh years and maybe the most gifted since her parents. I am on the fence about this book honestly. The characters are ok and I don't like a few because they pick on and bully Celia but I'm not sure how much I will get into the rest of the series. I would read book and decide from there. The book got me to keep reading more.

Bianca says

Oh cool, nice title! Sounds interesting! ...yeah, no! Absolutely not.

Nothing happens in this book. Nothing!

Except some bitch fights (I DIDNT DO IT! - YES YOU DID! - NO DID NOT! - BLABLA), stupid pranks, and super gifted Celia Fincastle, Harry Potters lil sister with cool gifts like...speed writing and reading. Oh yeah and not to forget...the very exciting secret, that is mentioned a thousand times. But hey, why should we find out what is up with Celia? Nananana, we mention it a lot, but we don't actually tell you =D

Glad I am done. I honestly read the last 10% by skipping most of the boring school stuff.

Moira Blanchard says

Amazing

I will never look at lion the same again! Purple paint too! But I have a suspicion that the headmaster is connected to Casmire

Adia says

I read this book a few months ago and loved it, I still do now. But I do see what people mean about how much it relates to Harry Potter. It's still a good book in my opinion, and I think it grows to become slightly more different than Harry's story, but it's true that they aren't that different. Celia's Journey is still a wonderful series, though, and I would gladly recommend it to others.

carl thornton says

Harry potterish...

The similarities were a bit too much to be coincidental, yet try as you might, it couldn't surpass HP, much less duplicate. A good writer, but wish had more originality; maybe in book two.

Julia says

From just reading the first book, I can't tell... how is this not "Harriet Potter"?

Samantha Williams says

I loved this book, like I did the first three times I read it. I can't wait until I'm able to read the others.
