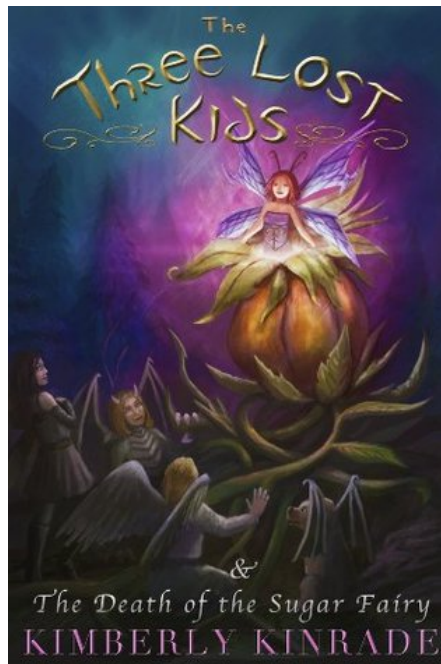




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...I scrunched up my eyes in an attempt to see. "Why do you sound like you're in another room? You're going the wrong way. You have to walk to us."

The darkness was so complete, like a black room with no light. "Okay, on three, we're all going to scream. Someone will hear us. Mom and Dad are for sure caught up by now. One, two, three!"

"Help!" We screamed as loud as we could, over and over. When we couldn't scream anymore, our throats too sore, a flickering of light came back on and the skeleton waved at me.

"Welcome to the haunted house, where guests stay forever and the dead linger on to play."

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Join the Three Lost Kids for another adventure as they're attacked by Sugar Bugs, face their fears in Cavity Cave, and battle giant Gummy Bears, all to save a dying Sugar Fairy who holds the fate of Halloween in her hands.

Can the girls learn to work together, each using their strengths to save the day, or will their fighting trap them in Sugar Land forever?

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### Ian Wood says

This is the complete review as it appears at my blog dedicated to reading, writing (no 'rithmetic!), movies, & TV. Blog reviews often contain links which are not reproduced here, nor will updates or modifications to the blog review be replicated here. Graphic and children's reviews on the blog typically feature two or three images from the book's interior, which are not reproduced here.

Note that I don't really do stars. To me a book is either worth reading or it isn't. I can't rate it three-fifths worth reading! The only reason I've relented and started putting stars up there is to credit the good ones, which were being unfairly uncredited. So, all you'll ever see from me is a five-star or a one-star (since no stars isn't a rating, unfortunately).

I rated this book WORTHY!

WARNING! MAY CONTAIN UNHIDDEN SPOILERS! PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK!

This is a delightful and perfect story for young children for Halloween. It's sugary, just like the candy all the kids are hoping for, but it carries an important message about how badly that candy can harm your teeth and upset your stomach. The story features the author's own kids - at least in name: Maddie, the oldest, and Lexie and Bella, the two younger ones.

When they go out on Halloween, they discover, to their dismay, that very few people are getting into the, er, spirit of the celebration. When they arrive at a strange and deserted house, they're rather intrigued by the

open door and Bella rushes inside. There's a skeleton there which seems way more animated than is healthy for a set of bones!

Maddie and Lexie are rather scared, but Bella has disappeared and they have to find her. Besides, the front door seems to have disappeared, so they're pretty much stuck. Upstairs they find a fairy which is dying. It's the Sugar Fairy and in order to save her, they must once again venture into fairy-tale land, recover her child, and bring her a petal from the birthing flower to restore her health and energy.

The three girls have to brave the cave of cavities, the giant gummy bear guards, the nipping sugar bugs, and the mystery of where in the world is that magic flower with the baby fairy inside. I don't think it's much of a spoiler to relate that they succeed and learn some valuable lessons on the way. Well-written, and beautifully-worded, this is a very short and totally charming story with lots of action and adventure, and a sound moral root. I recommend it whole-heartedly, and healthily toothily!

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## Cats of Ulthar says

Reviewing for Blog Tour Oct. 2-review to follow shortly.

Review of The Three Lost Kids and the Death of the Sugar Fairy

An Innovative Online Book Tours Blog Tour review

Oct. 2 2012

5 Stars

Yet another delightful entry in Kimberly Kinrade's adorable series, "The Three Lost Kids," the delectable stories of young sisters Maddie, Bella, and Lexie, based on Ms. Kinrade's own children. Each child has been privileged to have her own new "magical world," in which along with her sisters, she has experienced many new adventures, as well as dangers, and received new powers. Told in the books "Lexie World," "Bella World," and "Maddie World," the girls have encountered Unicorns, Dragons, and Faeries, and they've also learned many important lessons, including working together, preventing bullying, and negotiating reasonable solutions.

In this story, the three sisters have the opportunity to save the Sugar Fairy and her remaining Sugar Baby, and at the same time save and restore Halloween, which is also Maddie's birthday. Through fright and fears and seemingly insurmountable odds, the girls persevere to the finish line, leaving no pebble unturned and no quest unsolved.

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## Alyson LaBarge says

I am in *LOVE* with this book!!! How could I not be when the lead character has her birthday at Halloween just like me?! (*squeeeee!!!*;) Seriously, it is one funny book. So appealing to this mama of three girls and I'd bet to those same three girls as well.;) Here, check this out:

*...They held hands and kissed as we left, and Bella stuck her finger in her throat like she was gagging.*

*I laughed, because Bella always made faces when Mom and Dad kissed, which was all the time. Mom turned and smiled at her. "Better we kiss than fight, don't you think?"...*

How can you not see a kid finding that funny? And Kimberly was on a roll, throughout the entire book.

**The Good:** This is a bad category for me to start because I may never shut up! I have SO much to say about what is good in The Three Lost Kids and The Death of the Sugar Fairy. I shall try to condense it for you. ;) This sounds so like my Paris:

*..."This is the worst Halloween ever. No one's giving out candy. No one decorated. The lady at that house said no one cares anymore."...*

Children would be devastated. How to recover? (Think, think, think...) I know! Keep Trick-or-Treating! Now this is totally my Paige:

*...Lexie frowned. "Lass and chance don't even rhyme properly."  
Leave it to the smartest first grader ever to pick apart a spooky riddle from a skeleton....*

Well enter the Haunted House and find.... Nope, not gonna tell ya. It would ruin the surprise and you wouldn't want that, right?;) Now don't stress, I'm going to tell you *why* I love this book, besides the fact that it totally reminds me of my girls. You see, Kimberly writes what she knows and lives - little girls, fun, silliness, fairies, princesses, and the like. Of course there has to be an occasional dragon, ogre, or troll but that makes the story interesting. You learn exactly who each girl is and watch as a parent would as they have this enormous adventure. This is a page turner folks. The next surprise is just beyond the next page and you cannot stop reading it until you solve the answer to the all important question: *"What happens next?"* That is some writing talent in my opinion.

**The Bad:** I might as well have deleted this category and saved the space for The Good. Not one thing to report to the negative on this story. Well done Kimberly!

**The Snuggly:** Oh come on...did you really think there would be any Snuggly in The Three Lost Kids and The Death of the Sugar Fairy? :giggle: It's a kids book! lol Just move on...nothin' to see here.;

**Final Thoughts:** This book is a chapter book, intended for readers ages 4 to 9 but you could probably stretch it a year or two either way. Even though today is Halloween, I am getting my girls this book for sure! So run (or type), don't walk and pick up a copy TODAY!! Those kids you love? They will think you are ice cream with the cherry on top!

\*Copy provided by the author/publisher for an honest review.\*

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## Phaedra Seabolt says

This is a wonderful continuation of the Three Lost Kids series. Maddie is turning ten on Halloween and she and her sisters, Bella and Lexi, are going trick-or-treating. They get all dressed up only to discover that most of the houses just aren't participating. There aren't any other kids out. The homes are dark. That is they are all dark until them come across one that is completely decked out for the season. The three girls get so excited that they run to the house, abandoning their parents. They knock on the door and it opens. What to do? Well being 10, 8, and 6, they decide to go inside the "haunted house." At this point, the kids enter a new world where they are given the task to save the Sugar Fairy who is on her death bed lest Halloween will be forgotten forever. Of course they accept the mission.

This story is designed to help kids to understand a few things like working together and not to argue with your siblings so much. It teaches a little about the effects of eating too much sugar and a healthy alternative. It's a cute story and fast read.

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## **Bj Gaskill says**

Totally a fun little story....My daughter was on the edge of her seat waiting to see if the girls would make it through the forest to save the Sugar Baby.

The girls at first seem like they'll fight through the entire night and the fate of the Sugar Fairy will be lost. Yet, after the attack of the Sugar Bugs and the nightmares from the Cavity Caves they are thinking twice about their love of each other.

Soon they are working together to save the Sugar Baby and her mother.

I have to admit although they were evil....the thought of giant Gummy Bears was pretty AWESOME!!! I would so love a guardian Gummy Bear with a candy cane sword..No one would mess with me, I think even the mailman would be afraid to visit...LOL

Ingenious story telling, with relate-able characters, younger readers are sure to love. Heck even this older reader loves them.

All I can say is keep the adventures coming.....They are AMAZING!

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## **Patricia Kemp Blackmon says**

Maddie is so excited about Halloween not just because her and her sisters get to go trick-or-treating today is her birthday. The girls were arguing about everything while getting their costumes on.

They head out with their parents going door to door but for some reason it isn't as festive this year. Not many people seem to be handing out candy or decorating for this Halloween. Maddie feels as if her birthday is spoiled.

That is until they see a haunted house and leaving their parents behind Bella enters the house. While Maddie holds Lexie's hand she hollers at Bella to come back and wait for their parents. But Bella sounds further away so she must scream for help yet no one hears. Then she hears Bella upstairs and with Lexie in hand she heads upstairs. She is so afraid! She hears Bella speaking to someone. When they enter the room where Bella is there is a real live fairy and she looks very pale, like she is ill. She tells the girls she is the Sugar Fairy and she is dying. She sends them on a quest for a flower that holds her Sugar Baby and they must find her and bring her back to this house to her mother or her baby will die too.

The author had the girls go through some real scary things like Sugar Bugs and the Cavity Cave that is impossible to find your way out of. Will the girls work together to find Sugar Baby and bring her safely to her mother the Sugar Fairy? Are they too afraid to complete this quest?

The fantasy adventures and quest the girls go on build character in the girls and always has a lesson of some sort to learn. The lesson in this quest was don't stray away from your parents. Don't eat too many sweets. Working together is much better than against each other it accomplishes so much more.

I highly recommend this book.

I rated this book a 5 out of 5.

#### Disclosure

I received a copy of this book from the author/I.O. Book Tours for review. I was in no way compensated for this review. It is my own opinion.

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### Jessica says

Released just in time for Halloween, Kimberly Kinrade's *The Three Lost Kids and the Death of the Sugar Fairy* is a tale that will delight any younger elementary school-aged child.

*The Death of the Sugar Fairy* continues the *Three Lost Kids* series with sisters Maddie, Lexie, and Bella. But, instead of focusing on a specific child, the story revolves around Maddie's birthday and Halloween. As the trio goes trick or treating, they notice a general lack of enthusiasm in decorations and fellow trick or treaters. When they reach a house that really looks haunted, they find out why fewer people are celebrating this year: the Sugar Fairy is dying and her daughter is trapped in Sugar Land and dying as well. She entrusts Maddie, Bella, and Lexie (plus the family dog) with the job of saving her daughter and the entire holiday.

There are a lot of fun, fantasy elements to the story that kids will love, such as a dog's ability to talk and riddles whispered by the wind. Each girl has her own special type of magic that meshes with an aspect of her personality and the Cavity Caves reply each child's worse nightmares over and over for eternity.

The story is not all fun and games, however. Anyone with siblings knows how hard it can be to listen to each other and work together and this is a problem the sisters face, as well. There is also real danger to the girls in the form of Sugar Bugs that attack them to drink the sugar in their blood and giant warrior gummy bears.

Even with all of the magic and fantasy, the characters are true to life. The sisters alternately care for, scare, admire, and annoy each other with whining, complaining, and insecurities. They love their adventure and two seconds later miss their parents like crazy. I also liked that some of their magical abilities had consequences, so everything couldn't be wrapped up too easily. When the girls use their ability to fly, for example, they cannot fly too high and the wings use their back muscles which tire quickly because they are not used to flying long distances.

With action, candy, and sisters that act like real children, *Three Lost Kids and the Death of the Sugar Fairy* is a great choice for both boys and girls.

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### Barbara Ann says

Maddie is turning thirteen on Halloween. She is dressing in her dark fairy costume as she waits for her two younger sisters Bella, dressed as a dragon, and Lexie, as an angel, to accompany their parents on their annual trick or treating expedition. At the beginning of the journey, they are disappointed to notice that many houses are not decorated in the Halloween spirit. Then they arrive at one house that looks like the coolest haunted

house they had ever seen. Ignoring their parents' call to wait, the three sisters enter, only to find that they are trapped inside with no escape route.

The creepy house will lead them to the Sugar Fairy who is dying because her Sugar Baby is trapped and the Halloween line will soon die out. She enlists their support to go on an adventure to retrieve the child. They will have to face attacks of the Sugar Bugs, the terrors of the Cavity Cave, the Gummy creatures, and find the answer to the Sugar riddle, if they are to be successful. Will the three sisters succeed in their mission to save Halloween or will they be doomed to failure.

This chapter book is perfect for children aged seven through ten. While the morals of the story are obvious, the plot is sophisticated enough and filled with enough suspense and adventure to satisfy young readers. A series of discussion questions following the story can be used by parents or teachers to reinforce understanding and comprehension. A good choice for a read aloud as a prequel to the Halloween holiday.

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### **Andrea Guy says**

Kimberly Kinrade's Three Lost Kids series continues with The Three Lost Kids & The Death Of The Sugar Fairy.

This is an absolutely great Halloween story that parents and kids will love.

Halloween is Maddie's birthday, but this year isn't turning out quite the way she expected.

The book hints at some of the stuff in the past 3 books of The Lost Kids series when the girls end up in the Haunted House, but it nothing that will put young readers off, if this is the first book from the series that they

grab. In fact, it will likely make them want to read the rest of the books.

Lexie, Bella and Maddie are fun kids and their quest to find the Sugar Baby and the Sugar Flower is a fun adventure. Plus in saving the Sugar Fairy, they also save Halloween! And a world without Halloween is just not a fun place at all!

Ms. Kinrade also delivers the story with a moral. The usual one associated with Halloween. But she doesn't do it in a way that makes you feel that candy is bad and we must not eat any of it.

Definitely a fun book and a fun series for anyone turning the pages.

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### **M.E. Belle says**

Much like the other books in this short series, this one contains a lesson to be learned and a great deal of bravery from three young girls. In this short story, the lesson is that sugar (as with all things) is best in moderation. I loved this short read and I honestly can't wait to share it with my niece.

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### **moxieBK says**

I read this in one setting, and had great fun reading it.

As I am an older reader, I enjoy reading middle school-YA stories from time to time. They are a great change of pace, and the best ones are the ones that keep my interest.

This one did, although I was chagrined to see some Christianity references in the story. (I think a good story is one that does not align with one religion or another, thereby making other faiths and religions uncomfortable.) Religion should be only used if it truly advances the story. In this case, it did not, and was not needed. I was disappointed when I read it in this story; it took the shine off an otherwise very fun adventure.

Evidently, this is a book in the middle of the series, as it referenced earlier books on a few occasions. I did not know this, or probably would not have read it. Only so often does a "middle" book read without want of the earlier books. I wasn't lost, and this can be read out of order, but I still felt discombobulated at times.

I really enjoyed this book; I think most children would, especially those in Christian households.

Four stars for how fun this story was; two stars for religious references...two stars overall, because no matter how fun of a ride it was, the religious aspect (which was not mentioned in blurb, if I recall,) really knocked the shine off of it for me.

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### **M.M. Hudson says**

I have read children's books from this author before and one other from this series. This particular book is based around the holiday of Halloween, which appeals to the kid in me.

I love how the author weaves fantasy, myth, and real life into a tale that pops out perfect. As with the author's other books, she has a moral to tell and one hopefully kids will learn well. In this book the moral is if you eat too much sugar and do not take care of your teeth, you will not only be sick but your teeth will rot. Eat things that are healthy for you and naturally sweet!

The other idea children can pull from this book is that sometimes, we need to take care of others as well as ourselves even if that means facing fears to accomplish the goal. Being kind and generous is a plus and rewards come in the form of different ways that is not necessarily money or praise.

The other thing I love about this author is that she uses her own children and canine as the characters in her stories. I am sure they delight in seeing themselves in her books as I know that I delighted in reading about them and their awesome adventures.

This book and series is a winner for me. 5 stars!

Disclosure: I purchased a Kindle copy of this book. The views expressed here are 100% my own and may differ from yours. ~Naila Moon

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## **Book Chatter-Cath says**

I love reading children's books, especially if its a book I can read with one of my own daughters :)

This book was a lovely, well written story, with adorable characters and great imagery. I especially enjoyed the portrayal of the Mom and Dad with their hand holding and kissing. It's so refreshing to see lovey-dovey parents :)

I really enjoyed reading this with my daughter, it was light and fun, but encourages kids to make healthy choices too.

The Death of the Sugar Fairy was a very sweet (pun intended!) story indeed, and gets 4 out of 5 stars from me ;]

Here's what my Miss 10 had to say about the book...

This book was really fun to read, I really liked when the girls scoffed the candy in their mouths when their parents weren't looking, thats something I would do! All the sweets and candy make me want to eat it all for myself.

The haunted house that they visited was pretty spooky, and I would be really scared to go there. But Bella, Maddie, and Lexie got pretty cool powers when they went to Sugarland, that part was really cool.

I can't wait to read the rest of this series, I really like them (The Three Lost Kids), I give this book 4 Stars ;]

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