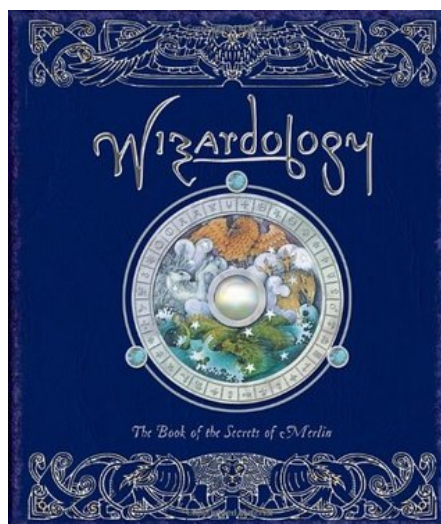




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Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

I loved all the facts and secrets in this book. The illustrations and captions were very detailed, beautiful, and insightful. My son really enjoyed the flaps and hidden secrets scattered throughout the book. Perhaps, the best thing about this book is that focuses on the classic tales/secrets of Merlin and wizardry. Don't get me wrong, I am all for Harry Potter but there is much more to wizardry and magic and this book is a nice introduction to that.

Emily says

Good read for fans of Merlin. The history/legend of how Merlin was born is accurate (though in the book they refer to his dad as a fairy rather than a demon, as the true legend goes) and the book does a great job of explaining the fact that learning magic is difficult. If a parent was worried about exposing their children to the evils of wizards and magic, they shouldn't worry too much with this book because the ingredients listed for "potions" are impossible to find and "Merlin" repeats again and again how magic should a. never be used for evil and b. only used when absolutely necessary. There are a set of Tarot cards embedded in the book, though, that might cause some concern to the more conservative parents. But I was really impressed with the overall interactiveness of the book and the story of Merlin.

MissInformation says

Wizardology claims to be the teacher of the secrets of Merlin, created by Merlin himself from his imprisonment in an oak tree by his disobedient student Vivienne. Merlin uses what little magic he has to "cause the oak tree to be cut down and made into this book." p.30. The purpose of the book is to return the knowledge of true wizardology to the world. The reader is addressed as a candidate for apprenticeship. Topics covered include wizard history, wizard tools, the wizard's workshop, familiars, magical beasts, alchemy, divination, potions and spellcraft.

Produced by four illustrators, the book is rich in sophisticated, illustrative detail. The well organized, consistent layout facilitates digestion of fairly dense text. The cover is embellished with a crystal ball-like "jewel," and silver leaf. There are fold-outs or inserts on almost every spread. One "portfolio" contains a small deck of fortune telling cards, another a "phoenix" feather, and another a book of advice on the future from Merlin's owl familiar. A code of symbols also runs through the pages, with a secret message for the decipherer.

This book creates a beautiful impression, though the "facts" are flights of fancy, with passing references to well known magical legends. The fantasy fan will enjoy the serious treatment of the topics. The tone of the writing is conversational but subdued. This, combined with the density of text and graphics on each page, make it suitable for reading in bits at a time, and not cover-to-cover. A reluctant reader may lose interest after the charm of the foldout gimmicks wears off. As a reference-style work, the lack of a table of contents, index, page numbers and glossary are missed.

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Barbi Faye (The Book Fae) says

Wizardology claims to be the teacher of the secrets of Merlin, created by Merlin himself from his imprisonment in an oak tree by his disobedient scholar Vivienne. He then uses magic to cut down the oak tree and to have it be made into this book. And so, the purpose of the book is to return the knowledge of true wizardology to the world...! You are going to be candidate for apprenticeship; learning: wizard history, tools, the workshop, familiars, magical beasts, alchemy, divination, potions and spellcraft. This Ology is a dazzling compendium of all things wizardly, and who could instruct an apprentice better than the Merlin Man himself??

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Emma Michaels says

Oh my goodness this is SOOOOO CUTE! It has so many side stories in it that are a lot of fun to read including cautionary tales about wizardry, stories about Merlin and fun explanations about mystical creatures, different types of wizards around the world and more. I found it on my fiance's shelf and decided I wanted to read something fun so gave it a go. It was wonderful and now I want to check out the other stories by this author but what I loved most about it was how it was formatted. It was wonderful to look at with unfolding pages on desks, moving images on walls, opening miniature books and more. I LOVE it! I want more. The illustrations are just so gorgeous!!!

Sincerely,
Emma Michaels
<http://EmmaMichaels.Blogspot.com>

Indah Threerz Lestari says

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Lauren Brant says

Wizardology is a very visually appealing book. It is a large book with many things to touch, open and peek into and includes gems and crystals in the front cover. It is written as if it is true and by Merlin the Wizard. This book would be considered informational fantasy because it has the appeal of being "true" and that anyone can follow these steps and concoct these potions to become a real wizard. I think this would be an enjoyable book for children who like the escape of reality and want to use their vivid imaginations to live in a world of wizards and magic.

aaliyah Rafeeq says

This book is amazing i have to admit something bought this as a gift ended up reading it and liking it so much i have kept it!! The illustrations are stunning for kids that love magic/harry potter genre this is perfect Excellent book

Kyla says

Wizardology is written by Merlin, himself, and seeks an apprentice to whom he may pass the responsibility and power of the wizard line. It includes many interactive pop-up features. Be careful with the information given. Many apprentices make huge mistakes with their newly learned magic.

This is the first book in the ologies series I've read, and I love it.

zaria says

it rocked!

Nacho Patiño says

Exquisite

Amethyst Shadow says

This is such a cute book. I'd recommend it to children and adults.

Claudia Loureiro says

This is a gorgeous book. I love the detail, the little hidden treasures and messages.

Katie Holem says

I remember reading these as a kid! Definitely enjoyed it more when I was younger, but it was still really enjoyable and cute. I'll probably end up donating it to the local library.
