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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 5–8—This historical fantasy, a follow-up to *The Cabinet of Wonders* (Farrar, 2008), brings magic and mystery to life. When British spy John Dee, advisor to Queen Elizabeth, spirits young Petra Kronos away from Prince Rodolfo's monsters in Bohemia, Petra's only concern is returning home to London and rescuing her father. Instead, Dee keeps her captive and trains her as both a magician and a spy. On the other side of the world, Petra's friends Neel and Tomik unwillingly join forces to find not only Petra but also the Celestial Globe. Evil Prince Rodolfo also seeks the Globe, half of a set that reveals mysterious pathways through the world. Petra and the other characters have matured, and romance begins to play a role, but friendship and adventure remain at the forefront. While the multiple narratives dilute the action somewhat, the fantastical journey of Tomik and Neel, and Petra's struggles with her captor, her education, and her love interest will engage fans of the first book and bring new readers to the series. An author's note (cunningly penned by Astrophil, Petra's clockwork spider) explains which characters and events are rooted in historical fact.—*Karen E. Brooks-Reese, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PA*

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In this spirited sequel to *The Cabinet of Wonders* (2008), Petra Kronos escapes Prince Rodolfo's monstrous assassins with the help of British spy John Dee. Dee, an intriguingly amoral benefactor for stubborn, challenging Petra, refuses to return her to Bohemia, instead keeping her busy with lessons in swordplay and magic. As Petra struggles to outmaneuver him, Neel and Tomik search for two globes that enable travel through mysterious Loopholes, but they are not the only ones after this power. With a little romance, a murder mystery, and political intrigue in spades, this historical fantasy crackles with energy. Series fans will be pleased. Grades 5-8. --Krista Hutley

Review

“A fun and creative voyage with unexpected twists and energetic turns . . . Rutkoski's creative imagery and beautifully descriptive thoughts create a world that you could happily get lost inside.” —*Deseret News*

“Rutkoski builds on what worked in the first novel and heightens the stakes. . . . Strong characters and fast-paced plotting let this compelling installment stand independently, but the ending will leave readers eager for the next.” —**Starred**, *Publishers Weekly*

“This book is a wonderful mix of fantasy, action, science fiction, and even a bit of romance. It is a real pleasure to find a book so smooth in its transitions. Though it is incredibly imaginative, the storyline is easy to follow.” —*San Francisco Book Review*

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“[Readers will] be engrossed in a tale that is part mystery and part fantasy, with a reveal at the end so grotesque they’ll be clamoring for the next book’s release date. A true original.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

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