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King Arthur: Excalibur Unsheathed [An English Legend] (Graphic Myths And Legends)



Synopsis

Young Arthur spends his days toiling as a squire--feeding the horses and hauling his big brother's armor. Around him, England is in turmoil, left without a king. But all that changes in one day, with one pull on the mysterious sword in the stone. Guided by Merlin the Magician, Arthur takes his place as the rightful heir to England's throne. He receives the sword Excalibur and wins the loyalty of the Knights of the Round Table. But can the young king win peace and freedom for England?

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Customer Reviews

While perusing the .com website one day, I was surprised to discover this graphic novel and immediately thought...Huh? Thomas Yeates, the talented comic artist who took on the challenge and the privilege of illustrating the "Prince Valiant" comic strip in 2012, drew a comic retelling of the tale of King Arthur in 2007? As a long time fan of the Valiant newspaper strip, and someone who always enjoyed Mr. Yeates' work...this was something I had to see!"King Arthur: Excalibur Unsheathed" is a 48 paged graphic novel published for young readers by the Lerner Publishing Group and Millbrook Press, Inc. It is part of a line of illustrated books called "Graphic Universe" which features "Graphic Myths and Legends" from around the world retold using the sequential art medium. As written by

Jeff Limke, "King Arthur" relates the story of how the young Arthur first takes the enchanted sword Excalibur from the stone and begins his mythic life to become the King of all England. During the quickly paced comic novel, Arthur is guided by the mysterious magician Merlin in the ways of knighthood and leadership, and as he matures into a young man, he learns how to be a king. "King Arthur" is an admirable introduction to the early years of the boy who would become king, especially for the graphic novel's intended audience, young people. For older readers more familiar with the classic tale of Arthur, like myself, they may find the story a bit too condensed for their tastes. Still, Mr. Limke does imbue the story with a good sense of its characters, notably in the young boy Arthur, and the loving bond he shares with his older brother Kay, and their father, Lord Ector.

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