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Dark Fairy Tales. Waking Legends. A Magical Battle for the Heart of Christmas.

Krampus Night is coming and even though Gabrielle Greene has only been staying in her Uncle's strange alpine city a few weeks, she's already earned the reputation of the worst girl who ever lived. She doesn't know it yet, but she's also leapt to the top of Krampus's list.

Krampus, the sinister Winter King, the anti-Father Christmas who comes calling once a year seeking wicked children to haul back to his realm.

When Gabrielle's younger brother goes missing, she sets out in search of him but soon finds herself hurtling into a shadowy otherworld. A place of terrible trolls, murky forests, coal-black mountains, Christmas charms and fearsome beasts.

Can Gabrielle save her brother from the fiendish Krampus? Will she become The Thief of Christmas? The clock is ticking as Gabrielle discovers her decisions have created terrible consequences, consequences that must be faced if Christmas is to survive.

Krampus & The Thief of Christmas is a magical adventure of yuletide thrills, dark comedy and festive delights.

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Alyssa (Books Take You Places) says

"He's the nice one." Krampus nodded to Father Christmas

This was such a fun and quick novel! I love Krampus and loved Eldritch Black's other books so I had to pick this one up and I am so happy that I did! There are a lot of wonderful things going on in this novel such as the love between family, coming of age, light vs. dark (or snow vs. coal) and many lessons learned. Krampus was actually very likable and I loved how he and Santa worked together after remembering that to have light you must also have dark. The balance between the two was excellent and I loved the realness Black showed in both getting a little tired of their own duties. Sometimes even if you love your job, work still feels like work!

Overall Krampus and The Thief of Christmas was a sweet, fun and quick novel that I definitely recommend to fans of middle grade or for anyone looking for a fun Christmas story!

daffystjob says

This was quite an enjoyable festive read, it feels a little like a children's book but that didn't stop me gobbling it up. Some fantastical storytelling, I might have to see if I can find some more of this authors books. "Santa" isn't wholly innocent in this read and neither should he be, great use of characters throughout the book, if my son would still have been young enough, I would consider this book for a nightly read before bed.

Dawn Braz says

A great story for Christmas time!

A really good holiday story that kept me turning pages long after I should have been sleeping. I definitely recommend giving this a read!

Cat Tutt says

I came across this one on Amazon while looking for Krampus books, and decided I wanted to give it a try. I'm ever so glad I did! It was a much more lighthearted Krampus story than the others I've read, but a little bit of feel-good isn't a bad thing in a Christmas book in my opinion. It was a fun, quick read that I finished in a day.

If you like darker fairy tales and more lighthearted Krampus stories, I highly recommend this one!

*5 Stars

Amanda says

What a great and vivid story! It felt very familiar yet brand new all at the same time. Would make a wonderful movie. And I loved the end... Krampus really isn't so very bad afterall.

Izabella (Pages Full of Stars) says

"I suppose one cannot exist without the other. Just as there cannot be day without night."

I already read a children's and adult books for my little Christmas marathon, so as the third and final one I decided to pick something from middle grade/YA genre. I admit that I don't know much about Krampus night or the celebrations around it, because we don't have such holiday here, so I was really curious to pick up this book.

And it was a great surprise! A fantastic, holiday themed adventure story, focusing on a fight between light and dark (or snow and coals here :)). Father Christmas and Krampus have fallen out with each other and now fight over Christmas. In the middle of it are Gabrielle and her younger brother Percival. When Percival goes missing, Gabrielle goes on a journey to the otherworld to find him.

I didn't expect it but I had so much fun reading this story! It's engaging and well paced, with dark-ish atmosphere, humour and amazing writing. The mood in the novel was Christmas-like and very gothic at the same time, and I think it would make a fantastic movie. The characters are well developed and I could hardly put the book down.

I would definitely recommend it if you like fantasy, as I think it could be enjoyed by both younger and older readers.

Kathy Worrell ? says

A well written Christmas Fairytale adorned with a beautiful black bow on top.

Jennifer DeCuir says

You know those books that aren't like the ones you normally read? But something draws you to them and you just have to give them a chance? And then you are so glad you did!

That's Krampus and the Thief of Christmas for me. I LOVED the juxtaposition - the crisp white snow with the trails of coal dust. The smell of cinnamon and that of burning cinders. The secondary characters, the elves and the trolls, the Christmas Cat and the snowmen. So much fun! Krampus and Father Christmas are

both described with such depth, neither taking on their definitive 'good guy/bad guy' roles. This is an adventure probably best suited for young adults, but what is Christmas if not a call to remember your own childhood? I embraced that and thoroughly enjoyed this book. I'd recommend it to anyone who's open to a little dark fun with a festive holiday. If Tim Burton were to have had a hand in *The Polar Express*, it might have looked a little something like this.

Dan Wheeler says

Detailed and intriguing

Found this story to be very detailed and compelling. Lots of imagination and surprising. Could be a bit shorter I think!

Megan (ReadingRover) says

I love this dark Christmas tale. It's about a girl who is enlisted by Krampus to steal the key to Christmas in order to save her brother. It's somewhat dark, very magical and full of adventure. It's got the makings of a live action Christmas movie written all over it. What a nice surprise read for the holidays!

Melissa says

Looking for something to read during the Christmas Holiday? Grab this book, it's fun, fast paced and a great read.

Alexa says

3.5 Stars

I rounded up because it was an interesting concept. This was a rollicking little adventure and as much as I enjoyed it, I was painfully aware that it was a middle grade novel.

TL says

2.5 stars

Zaz says

A good book for the Christmas holidays, with adventures, snow, mischief and presents.

Gabrielle and her young brother live temporarily at their uncle's house. To collect money for a gift, Gabrielle accepts to bear the fault for other kids' mischiefs, so Krampus would like very much to bring this wicked girl to his territory. Because of this, Gabrielle discovers the joys and terrors of Christmas.

I'm glad I picked this book for Christmas, it was perfect for this time of the year and I learned things about Krampus who was new to me. The book was well paced and the writing was pleasant, with a gothic atmosphere at some points and a good involvement of trolls, Santa, Krampus and elves. I enjoyed to discover the land and to follow Gabrielle's adventures, even if I found them a little too easy. Nonetheless, they'll be satisfying for kids tip-toeing on the myth edge and the believers will have fun with some of the magical stuff.
