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Evelyn and her friends face ever greater dangers as they navigate tense battles, stunning revelations, and the limits of their own powers in this epic final novel in the These Vicious Masks trilogy.

England, 1883. On the run with the grieving Sebastian Braddock, Evelyn wants two things: to be reunited with her friends, and to get revenge on the evil Captain Goode. Not only has he misused his and Sebastian's powers to rack up a terrible death toll, but he's also completely destroyed any hope of Evelyn or her friends regaining the life they once knew.

Evelyn is determined to make Captain Goode pay for what he's done, but is her revenge worth risking the lives of Sebastian and her friends? Or is it better to flee the city and focus on staying alive? And with the Captain spreading lies about Sebastian in an attempt to flush them out of hiding and turn the populace against them, does she even have a choice at all?

You won't want to miss *These Vengeful Souls*, the thrilling conclusion to the These Vicious Masks trilogy by Tarun Shanker and Kelly Zekas from Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads.

Praise for the These Vicious Masks trilogy:

These Ruthless Deeds:

"Utter brilliance." —*BookCrushin*

"It is a romance, a suspense, a comedy, a fantasy, an adventure." —*thebookcorps*

These Vicious Masks:

"This is a perfect pick for someone who wants a little magic in their Victorian novels, and its combination of historical fiction and mysticism will remind readers of Libba Bray's Gemma Doyle trilogy." —*Booklist*

"This tale has brisk pacing, plenty of action, and a heroine with more than her fair share of girl-power confidence." —*School Library Journal*

These Vengeful Souls Details

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Kelly says

These Ruthless Deeds VERY SPOILERY recap here, for anyone who would like a refresher before These Vengeful Souls!

Amanda says

Actual rating is a 3.5.

I really enjoyed this trilogy, and overall I'm quite happy with how it ended. I did think this particular story was a bit repetitive, and I found some of the character quirks more irritating than in the previous two books. Still, I enjoyed seeing all the different powers, and thought the fight scenes were pretty good. I also appreciated that Evelyn grows out of some of her bad habits by the end of the book. I'm so glad I picked up the first book at the end of last year. It's been a fun journey following this cast of characters on their adventure.

Shelley says

Source Library

Genre Young Adult Fiction / Fantasy / Historical

Rating 3.5

Thoughts

These Vengeful Souls is the third and final installment in co-authors Tarun Shanker & Kelly Zekas These Vicious Masks trilogy. Picking up 3 days after the horrific ending to These Ruthless Deeds, things are looking pretty bleak for Evelyn, & her friends (Sebastian Braddock, Nicholas Kent, Rose Wyndham, Catherine Harding, Miss Chen, Laura Kent, Emily Kane, & Radhika Rao). Evelyn, who made a life or death choice in the previous novel, is now in the fight of her life against Captain Goode & his Society of Aberrations allies.

Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

Caitlyn says

2.5 As I adored THESE VICIOUS MASKS, it saddens me to report that I've four areas of rather large disappointment:

1. **Hasty pacing** detracted from an otherwise tight plot—and lent to **harrid action scenes** heavy on telling.
2. **Too large an ensemble cast** offered little page space for character arcs—and contributed to **one-tone characterization for comedic effect**: broody Sebastien Braddock broods, witty Mr. Kent relishes his witty re-joiners.
3. Humor ill fits what ought to be a *devastatingly teeth-sharp, ruinously ravishing, atmospheric and over-embellished, daisies-on-berets-on-top-hats* final installment.
4. 'Twas far too simple a matter to trounce the villainous Captain Goode—**little room for character growth and taut-less, illusory high stakes**.

Mandy says

This wasn't quite the finale that I was looking for, but it still a pretty good ending to a fantastic series. Even though I wasn't as pleased with this novel, this is still one of my most favorite series. It does everything brilliantly from fantastic characters, witty and ridiculously entertaining writing, and more. I think this book just suffered a bit from a couple of different things, but it still brought so many smiles to my face and still something I couldn't put down.

The first thing that always gets me about these novels is the writing. I don't know how Shanker and Zekas do it, but they do it so seamlessly and brilliantly. It's fun, witty, and so easy to read. You're never confused, you're always entertained, and there's never anything in the novel that doesn't need to be in there. I will forever be reading anything by these two authors - whether it's them being their dynamic duo selves or them going solo. They actually make me laugh out loud, which is so very rare to do.

Mr. Kent was just absolutely brilliant in this novel as well. He will forever go down as one of my favorite characters ever. He's right up there with my absolute love, Carswell Thorne. He is honestly everything that Oscar Wilde would ever want with a character, and CAN SOMEONE JUST GIVE HIM HIS OWN BOOK SO I CAN CRY AND FANGIRL OVER HIM FOR ETERNITY? pleaseeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.

I felt some of the other characters were a bit contrasting for me in this one. Evelyn has been one of my favorite heroines that I've ever read, but I felt like she was so consumed in this novel about revenge and murder that I lost a lot of the characteristics that I loved about her. She seemed so unlike the girl that I had read about in the prior two books, and she acted so rash and impulsively that I just sat there going, GIRL, CHILL. I felt she redeemed herself in quite a few instances, but I just felt a bit of a disconnect from her in this one. I felt the same issue with Mr. Braddock as well.

The cast of characters continued to grow in this one, and while I loved a lot of them, I felt like since the cast was SO large, a lot of the deeper characterization got a bit lost. I mean, I knew who a lot of them were and really enjoyed them, I felt that I just felt swarmed by cool characters and I was just really overwhelmed by them. However, I really liked the more in-depth characterization we got with Catherine and A-Person-That-Can't-Be-Named-For-Spoilers, and I absolutely adored the romance that was brought between them. I also really enjoyed that person a lot more than I did in the prior book. Shanker and Zekas can create a fantastic side character, though, and there are so many people that I absolutely loved like the addition of Mr. Adeoti

and the Tuffins, and Miss Chen, Emily, and Laura were fantastic as well.

I also felt a bit confused about Goode's motivations. Like, I know he was bad and we had to stop him, but I was confused about why he was doing what he was doing. I just felt a bit lost, and I just wanted more from this villain.

The plot was interesting as well for the most part. I was totally enraptured in some parts, but some times, I was a bit unclear what was going on. I mean, they were kind of just sitting around and going in circles. It thought there were just things happening, and I couldn't figure out what was the big end game besides murder?? The ending didn't feel as concrete as I wished it would be. I was pleased mostly with it, but I guess I wanted something a bit more from it.

To be honest, there wasn't too much romance in this one besides the official ending of the love triangle, and I was surprisingly okay with it. There was a lot of characterization and wrapping things up that they were handling that romance wasn't really a factor. I was pleased with the choice that was made because I did think it made the most sense and did feel organic; however, my heart did feel a bit jipped with the one side of the love triangle - which I knew was going to happen anyway since I loved both of the love interests dearly.

Overall, I think it was a good ending to a fantastic series, but I just wanted a bit more from it. There were a few issues it, but it was still the fun and witty writing, characters, and plot twists that made me love this series in the first place. I honestly am so sad that this series is ending, because I just desperately want more from these characters, writing, and the plot. CAN THERE BE A SPIN-OFF SERIES PRETTY PLEASE WITH MR KENT JUST DOING MR KENT THINGS????? OR THE NEW GENERATION OF POWERED PEOPLE? PLEASE. I AM CRYING OVER HERE. Such a fantastic series, but three crowns and a Belle rating for this one!

Rachel Strolle says

This is like the first book in a few weeks where I haven't put it down at all and just continuously read until the end.

GAHHHHHHH SO GOOD

I WAS VERY STRESSED WHILE READING THIS

Destiny Soria says

(I received an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

I'm not sure how to properly convey how much I adore this trilogy. The characters are smart and sweet and flawed and relatable. The plot is engaging and timely. The relationships are real and heart-wrenching.

As a conclusion to the trilogy, These Vengeful Souls is right on the money. Shanker and Zekas tie up most loose ends while teasing out some new threads so that the characters can live on in your heart. Evelyn is such a compelling heroine, both courageous and selfish, and I loved watching her grapple with her flaws in this book. The supporting cast is just as compelling, with all the brooding from Braddock and all the wit from

Kent that you've come to expect and love. The budding romance between Catherine and Rose is also so unbearably sweet, my heart could barely take it.

Get ready for a twisting, turning ride full of squees and sighs and book-flinging and maybe some tears. I was so thrilled to get an early copy of this book, but now I'm just envious of everyone who still gets to experience it for the first time.

Nastassja says

Oh well, another anticipated release and series finale that did not live up to my expectations. Mr. Braddock, divorce!

RTC when I have free time again (maybe never *inserts sad face*)

mith says

Not a bad ending! I liked this more than *These Ruthless Deeds* and I really liked how murdery and revengey Evelyn was! This series was definitely darker than I initially expected it to be tbh.

arissa says

Mr. Kent deserves his own book.

Lauren Stoolfire says

Fantastic ending to a great series.

More to come...

Alicia (A Kernel of Nonsense) says

These Vengeful Souls, the final book in Tarun Shanker and Kelly Zekas's historical fantasy series, These Vicious Masks, is packed with action as Evelyn and company make one last stand against the nefarious Captain Goode. There's an added wrinkle in this final book where the public has become aware of individuals with these amazing and dangerous abilities. Goode uses people's fears to turn them against Sebastian in particular and the handful of allies he has left. Both Evelyn and Sebastian carry loads of guilt; Sebastian because his power was manipulated, resulting in ballroom full of dead people and Evelyn because she had a chance to stop it, but chose to save her sister. Evelyn wants to put an end to the war between Goode and those who no longer wish to be his pawns. Unfortunately, Evelyn is prone to rash decisions, driven by love and a need to protect those around. She often chooses to go in alone rather than put her

friends in danger. Despite mistakes Evelyn makes in this one, I loved that she eventually got to a place where she learned to trust those around her to help her in taking down Goode. Seeing Evelyn and minor characters like Rose, Mr. Kent, Miss Chen, etc, come together and work as a team was really rewarding. It's a testament to their development as characters. I feel like Sebastian never really got a moment to breath throughout this series and I really wanted this for him. It's hard to blame him for brooding all the time when he never really had much to celebrate. I really wanted to see him get a handle of his powers and in general, I wanted to see more happy moments for all the characters, but that probably says more about my attachment to them than anything else. Overall, this has been a really enjoyable historical fantasy series that I'd recommend to fans of the genre.

Lona says

2.5/ 5 stars

I don't think my cold, dark heart has ever felt such disappointment. It actually physically pains me that this was not a five star read for me. I don't know if I just hyped myself up too much for this one or if it really was just that lackluster...

Mercifully, this final installment has some solid humor as the previous books to make up for the precarious plot and lack of character development. I really wish this hadn't been just a run away vs. revenge plot, and I really wish we hadn't thrown in a million new characters who took away from getting to know some of the original cast better. And I really really wish there had been more romance and tension between Sebastian and Evelyn. There were such great humorous and heartwarming scenes between the two in the previous books and I feel that there were only maybe two short ones in this finale.

However, there were several moments that had me laughing out loud. Bless Evelyn's sassy stubbornness, Kent's witty retorts, and Braddock's ever-broodingness. My heart nearly burst when he recited She Walks in Beauty??

Overall, I had expected more. I love love loved the first two books and still hold them very dearly, but wish I could say I had the same level of passion and affection for this one...

Initial Reaction:

THERE IS A COVER! THERE IS A RELEASE DATE! I AM SO EXCITED PEOPLE!!

Haadiya // Hiatus says

Ohmygod???

THE TITLE?!?!? IM- WHAT EVEN WILL HAPPEN IN THIS BOOK

THE COVER?!?!

Please give me this book rn.

Gillian Berry says

AHHHH. I love this series so much, and I'm so sad it's over, because I'll miss Evelyn and Sebastian and Mr. Kent (him especially, pretty sure we're meant to be). But that was a WILD, BRUTAL RIDE, and I enjoyed it so much I read it all in one go. I couldn't stop. This installment isn't as funny as the other two (how could it be after *THE WAY BOOK 2 ENDED, I'M STILL SCREAMING*) but there was excellent squad goals and shippyyyy shippyyyyyyyy. I also love how intense this Kelly and Tarun take things, and I LOVE the inventive ways they use the characters' X Men powers. This series is just such a treat, and I want to hug the whole thing to my heart.
