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The dragons that have been kept in sanctuaries want their freedom—and their revenge—and the world's only hope is the reformation of the ancient order of Dragonwatch in this *New York Times* bestselling first novel of a new sequel series to Fablehaven from author Brandon Mull.

In the hidden dragon sanctuary of Wyrmoost, Celebrant the Just, King of the Dragons, plots his revenge. He has long seen the sanctuaries as prisons, and he wants nothing more than to overthrow his captors and return the world to the Age of Dragons, when he and his kind ruled and reigned without borders. The time has come to break free and reclaim his power.

No one person is capable of stopping Celebrant and his dragon horde. It will take the ancient order of Dragonwatch to gather again if there is any chance of saving the world from destruction. In ancient times, Dragonwatch was a group of wizards, enchantresses, dragon slayers, and others who originally confined the majority of dragons into sanctuaries. But nearly all of the original Dragonwatch members are gone, and so the wizard Agad reaches out to Grandpa Sorenson for help.

As Kendra and Seth confront this new danger, they must draw upon all their skills, talents, and knowledge as only they have the ability to function together as a powerful dragon tamer. Together they must battle against forces with superior supernatural powers and breathtaking magical abilities.

How will the epic dragon showdown end? Will dragons overthrow humans and change the world as we know it?

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Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

When fans heard there would be another book set in the Fablehaven world, I think they might have gone crazy with excitement. Tears might have been shed and throats might have gone hoarse from screaming in glee.

What can I say about a beloved series?

Another fabulous, wonderful addition, no extra, to the series that fans not only weren't expecting but are over the moon thrilled with. Well done Mister Mull in once again resurrecting a series that many have not forgotten and will live on in their hearts and minds.

ARC copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Taylor says

Please please please don't ruin the fablehaven series. Don't milk the series for all its worth.

Tabby says

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THE REVIEW

Why this book?

I loved the Fablehaven series

What I thought

Like I said I loved the Fablehaven series, so when I saw this was a Fablehaven adventure I couldn't wait to get my hands on it. Luckily it showed up on NetGalley, you should have seen how fast I requested this baby. I gotta say this book didn't disappoint, it had all the elements I loved about Fablehaven plus dragons! I also loved how Seth finally got the spotlight, it was about damn time. Though I did miss some of the characters from the Fablehaven series like Warren and Vanessa I did like the new characters too. I also really liked the plot it kept me wanting more and I just hope there is more Fablehaven adventures to come.

rachel • typed truths says

3.5 stars

it was so good to be back in this world but not *quite* as good as the original series. i need to dwell on it for a bit.

Connor says

I was writing out notes to do a video review of this, and I have a huge list of pros without many cons. I'm a big fan of Mull's books, so this comes as no surprise at all.

Peter Schuenke says

I cannot wait! Fablehaven is my all time favorite series.

Nanci Booher says

Thank you to Edelweiss and Shadow Mountain for advanced access to this title. Fablehaven is hands down one of my all time favorite series and I always use it when talking to kids about reading something new. That being said, I had no idea that a new series was starting.

Dragonwatch happens after book 5 of Fablehaven and in this new series the Dragons are no longer content and threaten to destroy the world. A new caretaker must be appointed to Wymroost, however there is no one to appoint so Grandpa Sorenson is approached and must then ask Kendra and Seth if they wish to become caretakers even though they are still so young. With new found abilities (Seth is a shadow charmer and Kendra has been granted fairykind status) can they save the sanctuary from destruction and ensure that the King of the Dragons, Celebrant, doesn't kill them??? I've been searching to see how many books will be in this series and have yet to find anything but rest assured Fablehaven and Brandon Mull lovers, there is still so much to be done!

Calista says

Yeah, Another Brandon Mull Book! I have to say, I love Fablehaven and it's wonderful to go back to that world. This book does not disappoint. This is all about Dragons and a whole lot of dragons. Kendra and Seth are back for more adventuring and the stakes are higher.

I've never heard of an Alcetaur. Well, they are pretty fantastic. Brandon comes up with such great characters. His imagination seems boundless. I can't believe that I always feel surprised reading his books and he is a master at world building.

The end wrapped up nice and neat. Still this was such a fun read. I hope Fablehaven's base of readers grows.

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

New Fablehaven book, on sale as of 3/14/2017! Final review, first posted on Fantasy Literature:

Fans of Brandon Mull's FABLEHAVEN middle grade fantasy series now have a chance to revisit that world with *Dragonwatch* (2017), the first book in his new FABLEHAVEN ADVENTURE series. In the world of FABLEHAVEN, mythical beings like fairies, centaurs, dragons and demons actually exist, living in hidden, protected sanctuaries where most humans are unaware of their existence. Even if you enter a preserve, unless you drink the milk of a magical milch cow, fairies look like dragonflies or butterflies, nipsies seem to be mice, satyrs appear as goats, and so on.

In the original FABLEHAVEN series, Kendra and her younger brother Seth helped protect their grandparents' estate, Fablehaven, and the other sanctuaries against the evil magical forces that threatened them. This battle against evil culminated in the fifth book, *Keys to the Demon Prison*, in which dragons assisted the humans and good magical creatures in fighting demons before returning to their (very spacious) dragon sanctuaries.

Dragonwatch begins a new set of adventures for Seth and Kendra, now ages thirteen and fifteen. The dragons are now getting restive in their preserves and want their freedom ... which would include minor things like, say, terrorizing the world. In the dragon sanctuary of Wyrmoost, Celebrant the Just, king of the Dragons, is on the offensive, trying to break free of the magic that binds him and his dragons to remain in the sanctuary. The binding magic is weakening, and the Dragonwatch organization, a group of wizards, enchantresses, and others devoted to ensuring that dragons never tyrannize the world again, believe it's because the treaty with the dragons requires a human caretaker ? which the current wizard caretaker is not, exactly. The caretaker also needs to be a "dragon tamer," someone who is not paralyzed by fear when conversing with a dragon.

When they are physically touching each other, Seth and Kendra are a dragon tamer. Though they're young, they also have rare magical abilities (gained through their prior adventures) that may make them the best hope for saving the world from destruction by dragons. Of course, the answer to keeping the dragons safely bound is not as simple as everyone hoped, and Kendra and Seth end up going on a quest within Wyrmoost to find the magical item that will restore the spell to its full power.

The FABLEHAVEN universe is a hugely appealing one for young readers who like magical adventures. Kendra is the cautious one who always wants to keep the rules; Seth is more reckless and willing to take a crazy chance, even if it's dangerous, which has often gotten him into trouble in the past. But now the only way to defeat the dragon threat may be to take chances and think outside the box. Seth also has a quick wit; his often funny dialogue supplies most of the humor in *Dragonwatch*.

The plot periodically gives off a whiff of going down a predictable path, the magical quest where the main characters must overcome one obstacle or test, then another, then another, to achieve their goal and find the McGuffin, excuse me, the magic scepter that will solve their dragon problem ... at least for the time being. But there was enough creativity in the setting and in the nature of the obstacles Seth and Kendra encounter that even as an adult reader I didn't get bored, and middle grade readers should find it engaging.

Dragonwatch picks up right where (and when) *Keys to the Demon Prison* left off, and there are many, many references to events and characters from the prior books in the FABLEHAVEN series. Although Brandon Mull fills in much of the backstory, I'd strongly recommend reading the entire set of FABLEHAVEN books

before beginning this one. Speaking from personal experience ? I have three children who were rabid fans and dragged me to more than one FABLEHAVEN book launch party when they were young teens, where there were hundreds of young, screaming fans ? it's a great, imaginative series for middle graders who like magical fantasies with exciting and perilous adventures.

livvy.jane33 says

We have a cover! I repeat: WE HAVE A COVER!!!

To be totally honest, I'm not sure how I feel about this cover...It's certainly very cool, but....IDK I will have to think about it.

Still super excited for this

REVIEW AFTER READING THE BOOK:

DANG.

LIKE.

JUST.

DANG.

4.75 stars!!! This was so good! The plot was awesome as usual, and the characters were amazing and yeah.

Dang.

Though I have to say...

GARRETH. Why. If this turns into a love triangle thing I swear.....

Tammi Moran says

Hey, man. I have to know how Grandma and Grandpa Larsen explained their sudden reappearance to the Uncle Pete, Aunt Zola, Knox, Tess, Uncle Tuck, Aunt Kim, etc. after they had been "dead" for some time, without telling them everything about the magical world.

Tabitha Reyes says

I have never, never ever been more excited for a book to come out...!!!! I CANNOT WAIT FOR THIS BOOK.

Fablehaven is my childhood, and I read it whenever I need a major pick me up and exit from reality. Its such a safe haven for me. Do not ruin Kendra, Seth, ect. They are too precious.

Niki Hawkes - The Obsessive Bookseller says

I am a HUGE Fablehaven fan, considering it my all-time favorite middle grade series (aside from Harry Potter – the untouchable). I loved it for its fun storyline, boundless surprises, and sense of wonder. If you'd asked me which element of Fablehaven I'd wanted to read more about, the dragon sanctuary would have been my pick, hands down. Not only was it a magical place to visit, but I thought Mull had only scratched the surface of what it had to offer. I was thrilled when Dragonwatch was announced!

Before diving in, I'd been under the impression that Dragonwatch was going to be a true spinoff with new characters and everything. But it isn't a spinoff... IT'S A CONTINUATION!!! Taking place right where Kendra and Seth left off their adventures in Keys to the Demon Prison (Book #5). Reading about these characters again felt like coming home. I remembered how sad I was when the original series ended, so Dragonwatch was a special treat for sure – and there's more to come!

The best part of this novel for me were the dragons – I loved the different varieties and personalities, and think we'll only get more detail as the series continues. There was also a fun adventure that included lots of creative obstacles for the characters to figure out and overcome. The plot was well constructed, but I don't think that was completely evident from the beginning. The first third of the book, while immersed in Fablehaven awesomeness, took a long time to get to the selling point of the novel – the dragon sanctuary. While I enjoyed every moment, I can't help but wonder if I would have enjoyed it a mite more had it moved along a bit quicker.

Overall, I'm excited for more adventures in this world and can't wait for the next book!

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Other books you might like:

The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan
The Field Guide - Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
The Merchant of Death - DJ MacHale
The Inventor's Secret - Chad Morris
Redwall - Brian Jacques

Via The Obsessive Bookseller at www.nikihawkes.com

Susannah Grace says

I HAVE BEEN WAITING SEVEN FREAKING YEARS FOR THIS YOU BET UR BUTT IM
PREORDERING THIS AND AM GOING TO REREAD THE ORIGINAL SERIES IN PREPARATION
The tears will be real, make no mistake.

Fiona says

Let me tell you a little story.

It was the summer that I was 14 and I was going to Zambia with my parents for three weeks. It's the sort of a once in a lifetime opportunity that most people would die for. My mother was going to help train teachers and my father and I were going to tag along.

It was the most incredible trip and definitely life-changing in ways that I cannot describe. However, at the end of it all, after staying in camps and being accepted into other people's homes, my parents decided to take

two days to stay at a luxury resort near Victoria Falls. Before leaving Europe, I knew that this was going to be the most boring part of the trip for me, I hate being idle and just lazing around. So I put out an appeal to all my friends to give me good books that I could download onto my kindle and take with me. One of my American friends replied and gave me her childhood series, Fablehaven.

So I started reading it the afternoon we arrived, I'd finished the first book by dinner and I was halfway through the second book before I realised it was two in the morning and maybe it was in my best interest to sleep.

The next two days, I lived inside this vivid fantasy world that Brandon Mull had created. I read during meal, I read while my parents took advantage of the pool, I read way past when I was supposed to be asleep.

I just did the maths, I read about 2420 pages in just 48 hours (24 if you subtract eating/forced socialising/sleeping time). Assuming there's an average of 250 words per page I read 605 000 words in 24 hours. I'm usually a fast reader but even for me that's a phenomenal amount. I didn't even end up giving all the books five stars (probably because I felt like my favourite character of all time, Seth Sorenson, was treated unfairly) and I have never been able to recreate such a marathon with any other series since. So I keep asking myself, what is it about Fablehaven?

I don't know, but I do know that since those 48 hours, I've been utterly and unfailingly in love with these books. Am I excited for Dragonwatch? Absolutely. Do I hope that it can match the pure addictiveness and magic of the original series? I really, really do, but I'm not going to raise my hopes too high because the last thing I want to be is disappointed by this book.

All that I know is that I'm not doing anything important March 14th, I'm just going to sit down and read this book from cover to cover.
