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Once upon a time, in faraway Grimmlandia . . .

Sleeping Beauty -- who just goes by her middle name, Rose -- has always been a daredevil. But according to her fairy tale, after her twelfth birthday Rose must avoid all sharp objects. That isn't easy at Grimm Academy, where enchanted items can also be dangerous. Rose will have to stay wide awake to keep out of trouble--and to find her magic charm!

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Olivia Holt says

i think this book is amazing in all ways.

Sharla Truelove says

I really enjoyed this one, it was a cute spin on Sleeping Beauty. The whole Grimmtastic Girls series is a great one! The stories are cute and creative!

Laura says

I think this was my favorite book in the series so far. I liked Rose a lot, and there was some good plot development for E.V.I.L's plot. I hope Rose stays an integral character as the series progresses.

Tammy says

Rose (Briar Rose/Sleeping Beauty) needs to rewrite the end of her tale to save herself and her friends from the E.V.I.L. at Grimm Academy. That will be hard to do when someone else is also spinning new tales about Grimm Academy residents. Good thing Rose is a bit of a daredevil who can handle a little danger. The Grimmtastic Girls series give a fresh spin on well-known fairy tales. Sleeping Beauty Dreams Big is one of six books in this series. Books are a mix of humor, mystery, girl power and fairy tale. Sure to be popular at school and public libraries. Recommended for ages 8-11.

Alina says

ok

Doni says

This one stood out to me from the rest of the series so far because Rose isn't as limited by female conventionalities as many of the other characters.

Zarina Badirova says

Will Briar Rose win the fight between the E.V.I.L society, and save herself and Grimmlandia from her sleeping curse? *Grimmtastic Girls: Sleeping Beauty Dreams Big*, by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams is about Rose and how she tries to save all of Grimmlandia before the day of her curse came: her birthday. The main character Briar Rose, or Rose wants to be a knight but her parents wouldn't approve because it can be dangerous especially because the day of her curse (pricking her finger and sleeping for a hundred years) was so close, but another character named Knightly supports her with being a knight because he also wants to be something else that his parents would probably not approve. His support for her makes her feel really brave and she believes in herself that she can do anything she wants to before her birthday comes, for example she even thought about jumping over the wall of Terrordoom, where all the bad things were, that could ruin Grimmlandia, just because she was curious. In the end of the book there was a huge plot twist. When Rose was in the action of fighting the Fairy that put the curse on her she pricked her finger with her sword and the whole Grimmlandia was now going to sleep for a hundred years, but she had earlier changed the word from one hundred years to one hundred hours in her fairy tale so now the whole Grimmlandia was safe after 1 hour and 40 minutes. The dialogue in this story is suspenseful. For example when Rose's Scyring teacher Ms. Wicked was talking to the members of the E.V.I.L society was most suspenseful, "once her curse goes into effect on Friday, Grimmlandia will be ours to do with as we like," when Ms. Wicked says this the girls all get scared. In conclusion people that like a little bit of mystery and action would like this book.

Mehsi says

I was delighted when I finally found this book. Now the story can continue, but now not from one of the main characters, but instead by a brand-new character named Rose.

I would also recommend that people read these books in the order as they came out. If you would only read this book you would be very confused. They do tell us what happened in the previous batch of books, but it is quite limited and you would really need to have read the other books. Not only for the story, but also to find out about the 4 girls mentioned in this book.

In this book we have a new character named Rose, also known as Briar Rose and also known as Sleeping Beauty. I really liked the girl. She is a dare-devil, not shying away from anything scary or dangerous. Which is logical. If you have been treated like fragile for most of your life, and have been prepared for a life of not touching anything that might prick you, anyone would turn to do some fun things before that happens. I loved that Rose wanted to be a knight, wanted to do jousting! It doesn't happen often that we have a girl who wants to be knight, who doesn't shy away from doing dangerous stuff.

Of course there is the clichéd finding your prince, fulfilling your destiny stuff, which just made me roll my eyes a bit. Also I found it weird that our 4 from the other book didn't believe Rose at first. They were there when things were changed, yet they didn't believe her about the changes happening to something of hers. It was just a bit weird and I found it stupid that it was added. Way to discredit the characters from the previous book.

In a way the book felt like it took place over a few weeks, while in actuality it took place in 4 to 5 days. It was a bit weird, but it also made me happy. I don't think I could stand a few weeks of Rose being on edge because of her curse, the 5 days were long enough for that drama.

As expected, we have the whole E.V.I.L thing going on (not that that is going to stop any time soon I guess). This time they got a new plan, and it was quite interesting to see the plan. I am still a bit confused though, why does the principal let these people work for him in the school? They are known to be bad and all that, but they can still work and thus destroy stuff in the process? Maybe he doesn't know, or maybe he cares more about his gold than about firing teachers that are potentially up to no good.

The ending was a bit predictable, but still fun to read. I won't spoil anything though, so you will have to read it to find out what happens. :)

All in all, I really liked this book and I can't wait until book #6 comes out, I will be sure to read it when I can find it.

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Brianna says

Cette livre a beaucoup de details et ils utilise les meme personnages du belle au bois dormant mais ils l'explique dans un autre facon et elle n'as pas dormis.

Amy Rae says

This book is fucking *baffling*. Not terrible, but baffling.

Okay, so. It's basically a cut-rate version of Ever After High (and the Ever After High series is pretty cut-rate as it is), *sans* dolls and Youtube clips &cet. The premise of Ever After High is pretty head-scratching as it is; if Snow White marries Prince Charming and has a daughter named Apple, who's going to live through the same story, where is *her* Prince Charming coming from, and how creepy is the father-husband stuff going on there? But Grimmtastic Girls blows that out of the water.

The premise of this series is that Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm *created an entire country* called Grimmlandia, where they and the subjects of their stories could live in peace. (It's not clear from this book whether Jacob and Wilhelm are still living, but their ~evil~ brother, Ludwig, exists, so it's clearly possible for the ~good~ Grimms to live among their fairy tales.) Those characters live in Grimmlandia now, peppering the countryside with castles and charming little cottages, and they go to boarding school to learn to be good fairy tale characters...because the plots of their fairy tales haven't happened yet. And yet they're all written down in the library, where the Grimms safeguarded the "original" versions (and there's a bizarre concept in itself, "original" versions of what was originally an oral form). Meanwhile, the characters circumvent, rewrite, and otherwise tromp around on the original stories--who, after all, wants to be cursed to sleep for a hundred years?

This book series is such a mess of author-book-reader relationships, metatextual something-or-others, and predestination whatevers, it's insane. Or, as the characters might say, *grimmzany*. (Other slang in this book includes: grimmazing, grimmorable, grimmtastic, thank grimmness, grimmawesome, grimmbarrassing, grimmyummy. "Thank grimmness" fascinates me especially, since it posits the brothers Grimm as god figures within their world.)

Trying to make sense of the worldbuilding going on here is probably completely missing the point, but I find it so incredibly strange that I can't help but try. And I find it weirdly interesting.

BUT ANYWAY. The book itself. It's a typical school story with the weird fairy tale stuff grafted on--and an ongoing good-versus-evil (or, in this case, E.V.I.L.) fight happening. While the books are designed so you can pick them up anywhere in the series, the fight against villains hoping to change the way the stories are told is clearly a series-length struggle. (And there's another interesting question--why is it okay that Sleeping Beauty doesn't want to be plagued by spindles and curses, but not okay that the thirteenth fairy doesn't want to be portrayed as evil? The answer we're given is essentially "Because the thirteenth fairy is unpleasant," but I'm not entirely satisfied by that.) The writing is nothing special, but it's not terrible, and the books are pretty readable. I could see myself buying them if they'd come out back when I was in the target age group.

And honestly, I'd rather kids eat these ones up than Ever After High. Grimmtastic Girls asks children to buy a book--or borrow it from the library. Ever After High asks them to buy books, dolls, watch YouTube videos that sends more revenue right back to Mattel, &cet. &cet. And the level of consumption within Holub's book is far lower; there are outfit descriptions, but there aren't nearly as many as in Ever After High, and the focus is far less on material goods and pop culture references.

That said, there are certainly things to be frustrated by in Grimmtastic Girls--things beyond the concept. If you take a look at the covers of Rapunzel Cuts Loose and Red Riding Hood Gets Lost, you'll see that Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood (or Red, as she prefers) are depicted as girls of colour, while Cinderella's love interest, Prince Awesome, is depicted as African-American on the cover of Cinderella Stays Late. The text doesn't bear this out, though. Rapunzel is described only as "goth" in *Sleeping Beauty Dreams Big*, and I don't recall any physical descriptions of Red or Prince Awesome at all. (Admittedly, Prince Awesome is only briefly mentioned in this book, but Red is one of Rose's best friends. We should have gotten some indication of her appearance.) It's an unfortunate absence; if you haven't seen the covers with the characters in question, you'll have no idea that you're reading about diverse characters.

Because of its lessened focus on consumption, it gets a star more than The Storybook of Legends--but it's not so well-written that I can give it more than three stars.

Grace says

This book makes the Sleeping beauty character cool and adventurous. She's daring and confident and friendly. I loved reading this book and it was one of my favourites from the series. This book is full of twists and magic. I loved it!

Hannah says

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I actually really liked Rose's personality in this; she is rather a daredevil princess!

Sascha Broich says

I found the story too rushed. The other four stories were much more elaborated, but this one seemed to be drafted in those five days Rose had before her curse kicked in.

It had its moments but the overall flow was not really there. The sleepwalking looked like a cheap plot device, the shop episode too. And for Rose wanting to be a knight these lessons should have got more room. Overall it was a little disappointing, for I like the series a lot. Not enough of the witty wordplay and character interaction that makes it fun to read.

I hope the next installment (with Goldilocks) will be back to the previous level.

?Jinglemarco? ??????? - ??????? (Nursery rhymes enthusiast)* says

This is so delightful! Although a bit cheesy (in the slightest), it was a pleasure to read! I just right love the nursery rhymes references! :D

zapkode says

{My Thoughts} – Rose, which is short for Briar Rose is the newest student to be attending Grimm Academy. This book is about her overcoming her curse while helping to save Grmmlandia to the best of her ability.

Rose is the newest student at the Academy and she has a secret. She is also the princess in which the Sleeping Beauty tale had been written for and or about. She is eleven year-old right now and is suppose to turn twelve in a week, at that point she has to be on the look out for all things dangerous. Her parents decided to send her to the Academy as a means of trying to protect her from the curse that had been bestowed upon her when she was born.

Her first night at the Academy she ends up sleep walking and then wakes up in the Grimm Brothers special room within the library. While she is there she discovers a lot of strange things are taking place. Once she leaves there and makes her way to her classes even stranger things start happening like one of her teachers bringing up her fairytale in class and causing to get her upset and her outing herself as Sleeping Beauty which is something she didn't want to happen.

After everyone learned she was Sleeping Beauty some of the students began treating her differently because they didn't know if they could trust her or not. It appears that somehow the members of E.V.I.L. are at it again and are truly trying to destroy Grmmlandia. This time though the plan is to take the place down by using Rose's curse. They seemingly found a way to rewrite her fairytale and make her seem evil and used her fairytale to also try and make all the individuals that are not a member of E.V.I.L. to fall asleep for 100 years. In that time they figured they could rule and destroy as they pleased.

Rose and a few of her friends come to find out that as they are reading her tale it is changing and then they believe that she isn't as evil as her tale would suggest so then they have to come up with a way to foil E.V.I.L.'s plan. The question is however, can they foil the plan that is currently in motion?

This book is well written like the rest in the series and I have truly enjoyed reading it. I look forward to reading the next book in the series as soon as I am able. I truly enjoy reading all sorts of fairytale rewrites and this is one of the most brilliant ones I have come across in modern day!

I highly recommend this series for children that love fairytales and want to get a different spin on them. I am certain that all children can learn a thing or two from these books about friendship, teamwork and just being children.
