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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—This book has it all: plot, setting, character development. An alternate, steampunk version of 19th-century London is the setting for this first title of a proposed series. Reluctantly at first, Mina Holmes, the teenage niece of Sherlock Holmes, and Evaline Stoker, the teenage sister of Bram Stoker, combine their sleuthing and hand-to-hand combat talents to find out why society girls are turning up dead. As the pair infiltrates opium dens, pubs, society balls, and seedy criminal lairs, they discover that a secret society based on Egyptology is at the heart of the bad business. As the teens get closer to the truth, they get closer to being counted among those killed. Holmes, highly logical and serious, comes across as aloof, even a bit of a snob. However, readers come to discover that she uses her snobbishness as protection. At heart, she is insecure about her looks and worries about what guys think of her. Stoker, a pretty and vivacious vampire hunter, is brave and strong, but she, too, has her vulnerabilities. Throughout their adventure, they have the help (and admiration) of mysterious, possibly criminal, Pix; intelligent Inspector Grayling; and accidental time-traveler Dylan. Sherlock Holmes and Bram Stoker add familiar excitement with their cameo appearances. All in all, the vivid setting and the finely drawn, compelling heroines make this a fine choice for readers who like their stories with steampunk spice and smart, strong women.—Jennifer Prince, Buncombe County Public Libraries, NC©(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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The setup: Mina, niece of Sherlock Holmes, and Evaline Stoker, Bram's sister, are called to the British Museum and told that the princess of Wales wishes them to place their lives and honor at her disposal. That means forming a partnership to discover why young society women are dying. Mina and Evaline are willing, but there are a few catches. One, they don't care for each other. Two, each has personal problems. Evaline, a vampire hunter (though unsuccessful) doesn't like blood; Mina feels deserted by her family and unsure of her looks. But these are trifles compared to the crimes being committed. As the duo learns, an enigmatic character, the Ankh, has formed a secret society to reempower the Egyptian goddess Sekhmet. They must join the cult to solve the case. Set in a steampunk London and told in alternating chapters, *The Clockwork Scarab* is lots of fun. Plenty of action mixes with a hint of romance, and the ancient Egyptian overlay adds atmosphere. The ending doesn't quite satisfy, but it does lead into the next Stoker & Holmes novel, and that's a jolly good thing. Grades 7-10. --Ilene Cooper

Review

"With its fog-shrouded setting, its heart-racing and clever plot and, most of all, its two completely delightful, kick-butt heroines, *The Clockwork Scarab* is pure, delicious fun from beginning to end."-Rachel Hawkins, New York Times Bestselling author of the Hex Hall series

"Charming, addicting, and oh-so-much-fun! I absolutely couldn't put it down!"-Kristi Cook, author of Haven

"Colleen Gleason manages to twine together steampunk, Holmesian mystery, Egyptian mythology, and even time travel into a seamless and fun read."-Leah Cypess, author of *Nightspell*

"Thank you, Colleen Gleason, for giving the world the teenage female equivalent of Sherlock Holmes! Where has she been all these years?"-Sophie Jordan, author of the *Forgotten Princesses* and the *Firelight* series

"The mishmash of popular tropes (steampunk! vampires! Sherlock Holmes!) will bring readers in, but it's the friendship between the two girls that will keep them."-Kirkus Reviews

"Two strong, intelligent heroines who establish themselves as worthy of the legends that surround each of their families, come together to solve a most dangerous mystery. Gleason's writing is witty, humorous, tense, and beautifully Victorian."-Kady Cross, author of The Girl in the Steel Corset

"Victorian-inspired girl-power at its finest. Daring young ladies born of famed literary legacies are beautifully written and artfully woven into a historical past with fascinating futuristic elements."-Leanna Renee Hieber, author of the Magic Most Foul series

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