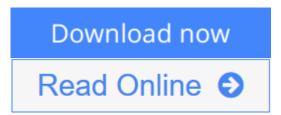


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Editorial Review

From Booklist

Skeptics of books tied to toy lines will have to rethink their doubts when they read Hale's series of Ever After High books, linked to a line of dolls by Mattel. Rollicking and filled with puns—one character refers to her bad schedule as a "major fairy-fail"—and incorporating an imaginative plot that assumes readers are fluent in folklore, this first in a new spin-off series, The Storybook of Legends, is a fun read. Milton Grimm, headmaster, expects students to sign an oath that they will agree to stick to their assigned plotlines. Raven Queen, however, is having doubts. She doesn't want to follow in her evil mother's footsteps and become the nemesis of her generation's Snow White—she deplores being typecast. But if she defies tradition, will her story simply disappear along with herself and her story mates? Unexpected plot twists lead to an ending that, unlike a traditional "happy ever after," promises continued intrigue in new outings. This is a good bet for those who can't get enough of fractured and retold tales. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: The toys are popular; thus, the books should follow suit. Cross promotions with Mattel should keep this in front of all the right eyeballs. Grades 4-7. --Karen Cruze

Review

Praise for Ever After High: Storybook of Legends:

"What's a girl to do when her mother is the fairy-tale world's worst evil queen? Follow in her footsteps? Never!

At the beginning of this series opener, it's the first day of school at Ever After High, where the offspring of famous fairy-tale characters begin their second year. For these students, Legacy Day beckons, at which time each will sign the Storybook of Legends and take the pledge to replay their parents' roles. Once they ink their names, the stories they spring from will be safely preserved, but if one does not, rumors have it that the tale-as well as the student-will vanish in a posthaste "poof." Most are all aflutter to fulfill their requisite destinies, but Raven Queen, the daughter of the exquisitely wicked Evil Queen, doesn't have an evil bone in her body. If she signs, she is duty-bound to poison Apple White (Snow's daughter), but she wants to create her own future. When Raven discovers that two fairy-tale sisters long ago broke their pledge, she enlists the sleuthing skills of her wacky roommate, Madeline (as in Hatter), and Apple herself to unravel the sisters' ultimate fate. Hale has created a delightfully revamped, newly fashioned cast of fairy-tale characters (and in hipper clothes no less-unsurprising, as the book introduces a new line of Mattel dolls) and gives readers a terrific protagonist to root for. Magic and humor abound, and fairy-tale wordplay flies.

Royal good fun."

?Kirkus Reviews

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About the Author

New York Times best-selling author Shannon Hale knew at age ten it was her destiny to become a writer. She has quested deep into fairytales in such enchanting books as *The Goose Girl*, *Book of a Thousand Days*,

Rapunzel's Revenge, and Newbery Honor winner *Princess Academy*. With the princely and valiant writer Dean Hale, Shannon co-authored four charming children, who are free to follow their own destinies. Just so long as they get to bed on time.

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