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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 6 Up—The traditional fairy tale of Rapunzel gets a new treatment in the land of Tyme, a mythical continent on the Tranquil Sea. Readers meet Rapunzel as a happy girl, delighted with her home and the woman she calls Witch, who tends to her every need. Princes have come and gone, vowing their love for her, but since "ground people are liars," she rebukes them and lives contentedly in her tower. That situation quickly changes with the arrival of Jack, a young boy who ascends the tower seeking a cure for a badly injured fairy. Remembering nothing of his previous visit, Rapunzel casts him out of the tower, but he returns the next day with more stories about fairies and their powerful magic that will bring harm to Witch. Concerned for Witch's safety, Rapunzel climbs out of the tower and hence becomes "grounded" with only Jack to guide her through foreign lands. The fairies capture Rapunzel and agree to spare her life only if she follows Jack on a journey to locate the Woodmother and learns the truth about her sheltered life. The story line moves swiftly as Jack and Rapunzel face evil Stalkers, thieving bandits, biting cold, and an uncertain food supply. The relationship between the characters develops in a predictable but realistic way and is woven into a story that has plenty of suspense and intrigue. The conclusion neatly ties up the major plotlines, while leaving sufficient room for a sequel. VERDICT Fans of traditional and fractured fairy tales will thoroughly enjoy this new twist on an old story.—Anne Jung-Mathews, Plymouth State University, NH

Review

Praise for *Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel*:

* "The novel does not miss a beat in creating Tyme, a beautifully described world with a seamless fusion of magical and nonmagical beings, scenery and objects.... The characters are refreshingly three-dimensional, helping readers empathize with Rapunzel as she wrestles with universal feelings of love and betrayal.... Readers will be eager for more episodes of the intrepid team of Rapunzel and Jack." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Morrison has a deft hand with both world-building and pacing, carefully constructing the geography and various politics of the fairy-tale world of Tyme in between chase scenes, bridge collapses, narrow escapes, and bargains with all sorts of devious beings. Rapunzel and Jack have an easy, witty banter going as they quest, adding a much appreciated dollop of humor to their tale." -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

"Those expecting a Disneyesque Rapunzel in Morrison's debut, first in the Tyme series, will be pleasantly surprised by the novel's emotional depth and inventiveness.... A full-bodied world worth revisiting." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"Think you know Rapunzel's story? Think again, because the tower was only the beginning... With a lovable heroine who finds her courage, a somewhat reluctant guide, and an adventure worth following, *Grounded* is one of my favorite reads this year!" -- Jennifer Nielsen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The False Prince*

"What makes *Grounded* so much fun is its ability to combine biting satire with the innocence of fairy tales. It's a sprightly, imaginative romp that keeps unraveling tales as quickly as it spins them, with a spunky

heroine and charismatic thief guiding our way." -- Soman Chainani, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The School for Good and Evil*

"The last time I read a book this funny, this smart, and this charming, it was written by J.K. Rowling. *Grounded* reveals a wonderful new world begging to be explored, full of the kind of magical detail that turns casual readers into lifelong fans. The Tyme fandom begins here!" -- Melissa Anelli, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Harry, A History* and webmistress of the Leaky Cauldron

From the Inside Flap

**You know the tower, the hair, and the witch.
But in the land of Tyme, that's just the start of the story....**

Rapunzel has never visited a fairy court, or won a jacks tournament, or slept under the stars. She hasn't outwitted a Stalking beast, or made a friend, or adopted a very opinionated frog. She knows only her enchanted tower, which obeys her every command, and her wonderful Witch, who guards her against evil princes far below. Beautiful, beloved, and innocent, Rapunzel can't imagine a happier life.

But when a thief named Jack climbs into her tower, that happy life breaks open forever. Because Rapunzel learns then that Witch is in terrible danger -- and to keep her safe, she must leave her tower and journey with Jack on a quest far across Tyme. There she finds a world filled with even more peril than Witch promised... and even more magic, wonder, and excitement than she ever dreamed.

Much more than just a retelling of the story of Rapunzel, *Grounded* is a marvelous adventure, a moving family drama, and a captivating introduction to the world of Tyme -- with many tales to come.

Users Review

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