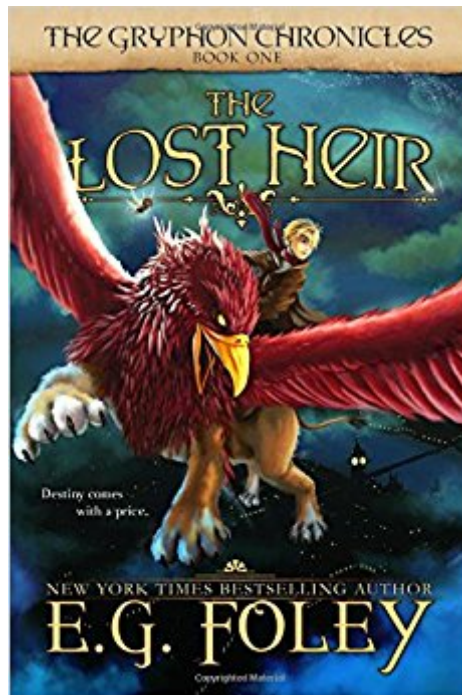




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The Lost Heir (The Gryphon Chronicles, Book 1)



Synopsis

NY Times & USA Today bestselling author E.G. Foley presents The Gryphon Chronicles, a new series of historical fantasy adventures that's as much fun for grownups as it is for kids! Strange new talents... Jake is a scrappy orphaned pickpocket living by his wits on the streets of Victorian London. Lately he's started seeing ghosts, and discovers he can move solid objects with his mind! He has no idea why. Next thing he knows, a Sinister Gentleman and his minions come hunting him. On the run for his life, Jake is plunged headlong into a mysterious world full of magic and deadly peril. A world that holds the secret to who he really is: the long-lost heir of an aristocratic family--with magical powers! But with treacherous enemies closing in, it will take all of his wily street instincts and the help of his friends--both human and magical--to solve the mystery of what happened to his parents, and defeat the foes who never wanted the Lost Heir of Griffon to be found..."A wonderful novel in the same vein as Harry Potter, full of nonstop action, magical creatures, and the reality that was Queen Victoria's England." ~The Reading Café©

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Customer Reviews

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E.G. FOLEY is the pen name for a husband-and-wife writing team who live in Pennsylvania. They've been finishing each other's sentences since they were teens, so it was only a matter of time till they were writing together, too. Like his kid readers, "E" (Eric) can't sit still for too long! A bit of a renaissance man, he's picked up hobbies from kenpo to carpentry to classical guitar over the years, and holds multiple degrees in math, science, and education. He treated patients as a chiropractor for nearly a decade, then switched careers to venture into the wild-and-woolly world of teaching middle school, where he was often voted favorite teacher. His students helped inspire him to start dreaming up great stories for kids, until he recently switched gears again and left teaching to become a full-time writer and author entrepreneur. By contrast, "G" (Gael, aka Gaelen Foley) has had one dream all her life and has pursued it with maniacal intensity since the age of seventeen: writing fiction! After earning her Lit degree at SUNY Fredonia, she waited tables at night for nearly six years as a "starving artist" to keep her days free for honing her craft, until she finally got The Call in 1997. Today, with millions of her twenty-plus romances from Ballantine and HarperCollins sold in many languages worldwide, she's been hitting bestseller lists regularly since 2001. Although she loves all her readers, young and old, she admits there's just something magical about writing for children. You can find the Foleys on Facebook/EGFoleyAuthor or visit their website at EGFoley.com. They are hard at work on their next book.

I read this book in less than a day. It is very easy reading with none of the proofreading errors that I run in to so often. The hero is 12 years old and is just coming in to his magic powers and finding out about his evil uncle. He also uncovers some more palatable relatives, and all's well that ends well. There are just enough loose ends to lead in to another part of the story, but this one could easily stand alone. Characters are well-drawn and the situations are believable.

This book is really a great read. Without revealing too much, it's about a orphan boy who's family has been searching for him, eventually find him and his introduction into their magical world. There are some interesting twist involving an evil family member, magic and of course magical creatures. I love the main character Jake. He is kind of witty and sarcastic at times. I think that all the characters could use a little more development which would give the book a more unique feel. All in all it is well written and really a fun read. I can't wait to see where the story goes next.

This is a great book. Although it seems slightly reminiscent of the Harry Potter series, it has a different twist to it that is very refreshing. I like the characters and how the books are set in old England and move to different countries. The only downside is that they aren't in hardcover.

I loved, loved, loved this book. I found it totally engaging even for an adult. It is one of those great stories that makes you feel like you know the characters personally. It is definitely non stop reading. Even though you might be able to figure out the ending before you get there, it is the great fun, twists, and turns you take to get there. I, of course, had to follow up this episode with the next one, book two, and now that I have finished that one as well, I am painfully awaiting book three which has not been released yet. Any adventurous soul from 10 to 70 will surely love this story!. This is a great story to get your children to read, since it is a series of books, as one must keep reading!

I only downloaded this book because it was free. Well, after reading the first one, my son and I are hooked. This book kept my 7 yr olds attention like no other. I have already purchased the others in this series. I was just as entertained as my son. We are on book 2 now and I bought that one through audible. The book is even better with the guy reading to us. It's amazing all the different voices he uses for the characters. We close our eyes and imagine we're at a play. This book is excellent for adults and kids who love adventure.

The Lost Heir by E. G. Foley is a fast paced fantasy set in Victorian England during Queen Victoria's 50th year. Jake, an orphan, thief, and scalawag discovers he has several magical talents: he can see ghosts and perform telekinesis. His best friend, Dani, discourages him from using these powers. Hard-headed Jake won't refuse to listen. And then a purloined mince-pie tosses him head-first into an unexpected series of adventures that will change their lives forever.

I was bored. To be honest I didn't even finish it even though I got more than half way through. Just

didn't feel the urge to keep up with the story. I didn't care about the characters and I know the main character is a kid, but the writing made him so just so juvenile. I guess that's fine because it's a children's book, but Harry Potter didn't bug me like that.

I enjoyed reading this book, but it took concentration to figure out the occasional word in the Queen's English that did not mean the same in American English. But the story proceeded well, the characters were sympathetic and the writing was mostly well done.

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