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A Lion To Guard Us



Synopsis

The inspiring story that The New Yorker called "an exciting tale with top-notch writing," about one girl facing harsh conditions and huge responsibility as she brings her family to the American colonies. Featuring a heroine with faith, courage, and a great deal of grit, this acclaimed historical fiction novel portrays the realities faced by three children hoping to find a new home in an unknown land. Amanda Freebold doesn't know what to do. Her father left three years ago for the new colony of Jamestown in America, thousands of miles away. But now that her mother has died, Amanda is left to take care of her younger brother and sister all alone back in England. As the new head of the family, Amanda finally decides to take her brother and sister to America to find Father. The ocean crossing is long and hard, and the children don't know whom to trust. But with her father's little brass lion's head to guard them, Amanda knows that somehow everything will work out.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

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Jamestown, in America, thousands of miles away. All Amanda has to remember him by is a little brass lion's head he gave his family to guard them while he is gone. Now her mother has just died, leaving Amanda to take care of her younger brother and sister. As head of the family, Amanda finally decides to take her brother and sister to America to find Father. The ocean crossing is long and hard, and the children don't know whom to trust. But with the lion's head to guard them, Amanda knows that somehow everything will work out fine.

school report

This book was recommended to us for a history class my kids were taking. I can't say much good about it - as it's been a chore to read. The writing style is not very good and I personally don't enjoy it much. My kids don't seem to mind so much, but they are not advanced readers yet. I would definitely leave this book to the newer reader.

This was a school project. And I must say it was a good book to read. With some conflicts that made the story better. The main characters are Jemmy a adventurous brave little boy. Amanda the oldest hard working sister. And Meg the youngest little sweetie. So I thought the book was good I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventure sadness and kids.

As a homeschool mom, it is always a struggle to find a great book that also reinforces a history lesson. This book is both! After the death of their mother, three children struggle to get to America (Jamestown, VA) in search of their father. If your children are or will be studying this time in history this is a must read. I would recommend this book for 2nd graders through 6th graders depending on the reading level of your child. Or better yet read it together outloud. What a great historical fiction book for children.

I read this book to my six year old daughter. The historical fiction book was interesting to her bc she liked hearing about a time period that was real; and imagining what it would have been like to sail to America. I enjoyed the book too.

I like it a lot it was a short but action packed book I would totally recommend the book. :)

My third graders loved this book. They read it during our Jamestown unit of early American

explorers and it was a perfect accompaniment to a nonfiction book about Jamestown.

REVIEW BY 8 YEAR OLD GIRL.....I thought this book,(A Lion to Guard Us) was a great book.

This exciting book took place before the Revolutionary war.It was a very descriptive. I felt worried at times. Amanda had to overcome many different fears; one was loosing her sister. I think you should read this book.

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