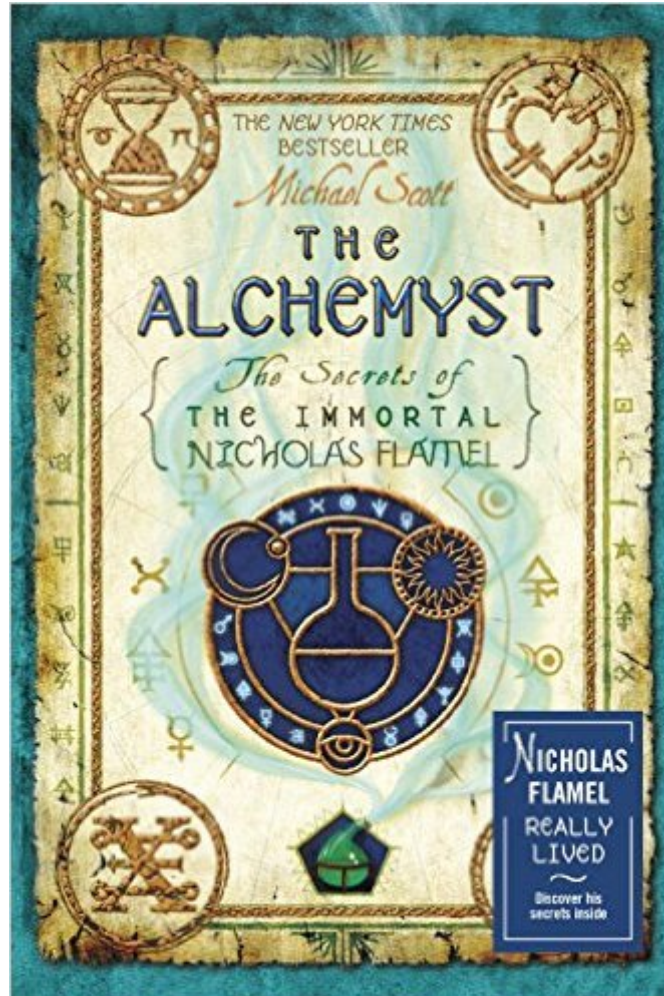


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The Alchemist: The Secrets Of The Immortal Nicholas Flamel



Synopsis

Nicholas Flamel appeared in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter "but did you know he really lived? And he might still be alive today! Discover the truth in Michael Scott's New York Times bestselling series the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel with The Alchemyst, book one. The truth: Nicholas Flamel was born in Paris on September 28, 1330. The legend: Nicholas Flamel discovered the secret of eternal life. The records show that he died in 1418. But his tomb is empty. Nicholas Flamel lives. But only because he has been making the elixir of life for centuries. The secret of eternal life is hidden within the book he protects "the Book of Abraham the Mage. It's the most powerful book that has ever existed. In the wrong hands, it will destroy the world. That's exactly what Dr. John Dee plans to do when he steals it. Humankind won't know what's happening until it's too late. And if the prophecy is right, Sophie and Josh Newman are the only ones with the power to save the world as we know it. Sometimes legends are true. And Sophie and Josh Newman are about to find themselves in the middle of the greatest legend of all time. A riveting fantasy While there is plenty here to send readers rushing to their encyclopedias those who read the book at face value will simply be caught up in the enthralling story. A fabulous read. "SLJ, Starred Read the whole series! The Alchemyst The Magician The Sorceress The Necromancer The Warlock The Enchantress

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Customer Reviews

They say that out of the mouths of babes...etc. In this case, I borrowed a book from a grandson. He was right. This is a terrific story and a great family adventure. I see that some of these reviews, in fact, most were not necessarily written by young adults. It's always clear. And though I kept in mind as I was reading that this was not specifically addressed to my generation, still I fell under the considerable spell of a really good story which transcended age. When I see a review getting very very literal and probing, even "erudite" I must say, I have my doubts as to the reviewers intentions. I was up for a good read, plain and simple and I got it. The ability for young readers to Google every single character except the twins is unparalleled in fiction. My grandson showed me how and what could be more engaging. It lends a life beyond the story. Great!

It seems reviewers always forget a MAJOR aspect when reading a series, especially a YA fiction series..... You will NEVER get all the answers in the first book!!!!!!!!! DUH!!!! If it's a series it's MEANT to be broken in to lots of pieces and make you wonder the obvious. JK Rowling did it with Harry and many other authors have done it with their respective series'. Repetition is also consistent in many FIRST books of a series to make sure you remember WHO your reading about, the role in the story this character portrays, and the importance of remembering details. This series cannot be compared to Harry Potter!!!!!!!! These are two different storylines and two different types of authors! M.T.S. is a REAL historian, while Rowling had a story come to her on napkins in a cafe. Both found inspiration in COMPLETELY different ways!!! find the book to be a breath of fresh air. Historical figures left and right, good introduction for a first part in a series, and true to style in the YA Fiction world (grown ups get over yourselves and your supposed intelligence level). The twins represent a ying and yang (silver and gold) in my opinion being very different but alike at the same time. The guidance provided by Nicholas and his band of friends, mysterious as they all are, keeps it interesting as well. When you start a book, no matter how hard, FINISH IT!! Then, and only then, will your review have any kind of significant weight.

My son picked this up at the bookstore (the cover is quite fetching) and I, his mother, couldn't resist reading it. He is a big Lightning Thief fan, so the possibility of more mythology was a big hit. How funny that both books pick Mount Tamalpais in Marin as an area of god-like importance. The book

hooks you from the start with a suspenseful scene. Later, I thought rough spots were a little too conveniently solved by a suddenly appearing power, so that you never felt they were actually in danger. But I still enjoyed the book and look forward to the sequel.

I have read to my son since he was less than 2 hours old. It's always been my thing. I'm a huge book lover and have been my entire life. I can remember, and actually still have, the very first chapter book I ever read. So imagine my surprise when my son, who is now 11, does not like to read. He's a good reader, he comprehends what he's reading well, and has consistently gotten A's in reading...however he will very rarely pick up a book on his own and actually read it. Over the years I've allowed him to read those gaming guides just to ensure that he was reading something...I checked them over and the words are hard and the books themselves require some extra research so I thought "why not". I've read him the Harry Potter series, my personal favorite, and I've read him other fictional books to no avail. No spark. Until I picked up these books by Michael Scott about Nicholas Flamel...I have this big comfy over stuffed chair in my room and we put on only the reading light...get cozy and he eats them up. They are a wonderful series for older boys who are gamers at heart - little character development (which is all Harry Potter is) and tons of action (the true action in Harry Potter always comes at the end of a book). It has magic, humor, and tons of destruction - a boy's dream. Try them sometime if your boy, like my boy, requires constant and never ending action in his books and games but doesn't want all the reflection and emotion of Harry Potter! What I always loved the most about Harry Potter was how JK seemed to seamlessly mix true historical figures and mythological beasts into this fantasy world she's created. She holds nothing to Scott. His world is not only entirely made of these characters they are amazingly important to the book. My son has begun taking names out of the book and researching them online - additional reading! Just a great book for those kids that love magic, action, and fact!! A wonderful blend.

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