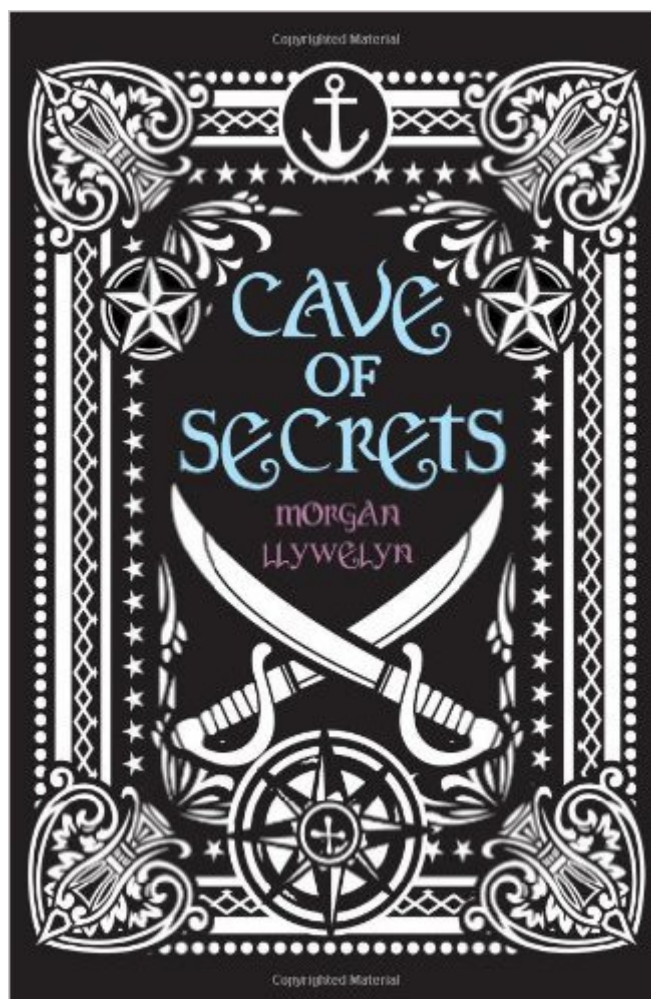


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I've enjoyed most all of Morgan Llywelyn's books. This one however, was some insightful history surrounded by a thin story. Pleasant enough to keep me reading to the end, but it just didn't pack the emotional excitement of the other volumes produced by this author. The story of a young boy's circumstantial meeting with smuggler's, the discovery of family relations (oops- close to a spoiler, there!) and the father's tenous financial situation all seemed a contrived way of spoon feeding the reader various historical tid-bits about life at the time. Not bad, but I've read better.

What I have loved about Morgan's books over the 25 years I have been reading them is that her research into the history AND daily lives is impeccable. You see our people less as how we want them to be and MORE as they were. You come to understand that is is not as simple as neat little labels, and easy to understand phyla. Morgan helps one to understand culture and not stereotypes.

Since this was written by a favorite author, I decided to give it a try. It is a good book and I enjoyed it but it is really written for a young boy's entertainment. I will pass it along to my grandson when he comes of age.

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I chose this rating because I enjoy so much the story telling of Morgan LLYWELYN. She is a master story teller of Irish lore. A good easy read for wintry nights.

Ms Llywelyn has a wonderful insight into making Irish History come to life in her novels. While reading I picture in my mind scenes from her books. I'm instantly engrossed.

This book was ok, but lacked the depth of other works from this author. While interesting, it did not engage me to the level I expected.

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