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A river cruise through ancient desert lands will be an adventure in itself, think Philip, Dinah, Lucy-Ann, and Jack. An adventure it certainly is, especially when Bill disappears and the children, along with Kiki the parrot, are trapped beneath a forgotten temple where no one has set foot for 7,000 years.

The River of Adventure Details

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Rachel Slocombe says

While good overall I felt like we were rehashing bits of old plots. Mr Uma was too similar to the evil uncle in Ship, the cave of treasure too similar to Valley.

My children still enjoyed it and continue to find Kiki hilarious but the series has ended up being a bit too formulaic.

Katie Grainger says

The final book in the series and is quite a good one. I think it was probably a good idea to end the series here as I am not sure how many more times Bill could lead his family into trouble! This one of the series is a little shorter than the others which is probably a good thing as the story is a little thin.

The Valley of Adventure remains my favorite and always will be it is definitely the best, I don't think I read the River as a child but I am glad I read this. I am looking forward to sharing these stories with my son.

Karim says

In this series i always love how Enid describes all the delicious meals they have! Don't u all agree?

Tukang Kueh Keren says

Horeeee....diterbitkan ulang oleh GPU

Anne Mouse says

Such an enjoyable series

Can hardly believe I am at the end. This was a fitting end as the gang found themselves battling the roguish Uma. The joy comes not only from the main characters, Oola was a real star.

Kirsti says

A bit of a different sort of adventure for an Enid Blyton book, as she rarely ventures outside of Europe, but there you go. Of course Philip, Jack, Lucy Ann and Dinah solve a mystery, discover a valuable historical treasure, and capture the baddie. All in a days work with help from Kiki and a Bargua snake. Love this

series, but this wasn't the best of them. Still, it's Enid, so five stars!

Jeandana says

This was a great book! even though i did read this out of order, i am really hooked on this series! can't wait to read the rest :) i really like Enid's writing !

Farseer says

Here we have another set of convalescent children who are told by the doctor that they need a couple of weeks more out of school to get strong again (did this really happen in that period? Nowadays people either are ill or healthy, there's none of these extended vacations when they recover. But it is not uncommon in EB's books). Bill again puts his family at risk by taking them in one of his missions, as cover while he spies on a suspect.

Bill and Mrs. Mannering (Mrs. Cunningham now) are captured, and the children have to escape, accompanied by the motor-launch driver Tala and a native boy. They narrowly avoid falling down a waterfall and find an ancient temple full of treasury, while trying to avoid the bad guy. An example of the attitudes of the time is the fact that Tala, despite being an adult, meekly follows the lead of the occidental children.

I found the book quite entertaining, although the bad guy, initially promising, turned out to be rather useless and pathetic. I have to admit that, when reading Enid Blyton's children adventures, I tend to prefer the ones set in the UK (with the exception of The Mountain of Adventure, which is one of Blyton's best). I have the impression that the ones set far away tend to be more far-fetched, less grounded, and in general with less of Enid's enjoyable landscape descriptions.

So it's not bad at all, but for me this is not Blyton at her very best. In my opinion the first half of the Adventure series is superior to the second half.

These are the books of the series, ordered from best to worst (in my opinion., of course):

The Valley of Adventure (1947)

The Castle of Adventure (1946)

The Sea of Adventure (1948)

The Island of Adventure (1944)

The Ship of Adventure (1950)

The Circus of Adventure (1952)

The River of Adventure (1955)

The Mountain of Adventure (1949)

Nina says

Suka. Seru. Senang juga bisa berpesiar keluar negeri selama dua minggu. Saya suka Oola. Kasihan, dia

dipukuli pamannya dan badannya kurus kering. Dia setia sekali pada Phillip yg sudah menyelamatkannya.

Samantha says

Like generations of children I fell in love with reading largely due to Enid Blyton and she hasn't lost the ability to enchant. The eighth and last in the Adventure series and very conveniently after having had a bad bout of influenza Dinah, Philip, Jack, and Lucy-Ann (accompanied by Kiki, the parrot) are sent away on vacation on doctor's orders for convalescence - cue an adventure. They set off to Barira, near the borders of Syria, and board a river launch accompanied by guide Tala and Philip acquires a devoted fan in local boy Oola who proves mighty useful in a tight spot.

Enid Blyton is a master at spinning a fun and exciting yarn at which the children are centre stage very quickly the adults are incapacitated in some way and they are on their own. I love the way she includes the wildlife including a major part for Kiki, the parrot. I hope the current and future generations of children still continue to enjoy Enid Blyton because she is still worthy of attention.

Mahek Walia says

Really really really loved the book. Perfect for kids or young teens, even adults. Once you start reading, you can't keep it down. Have read only two of the series and this was my first one. Inspired me to read them all and also become a writer when I grow up....

Rifa.Rahmah123 says

Philip, Jack, Dinah and Lucy-Ann were on another adventure in Syria. When They got flu, and the doctor recommended they go where there are sunshine and water. Bill was sent to Syria, a perfect holiday destination for the children, to watch Raya Uma, a smart robber. Bill said to stay out of his way. But when Bill and their mother is kidnapped by Raya Uma, they had to do something. The challenge they had to take is to save Bill and their mother. What I don't like about this book is that there is a little bit of child abuse. What I like about this book though, is that the children had a lot of adventure. I'd give it a 9/10.

A.R. Collins says

Reasonably enjoyable, but mostly a rehash of earlier books in the series without being so well realised. The couple of new elements I enjoyed were the snake charming (this must have been the book that first told me the truth about that), and Aunt Allie (or Bill's wife, as her name is now) finally showing some character when she comes to Oola's defence. Kiki scares some men in a dark tunnel with noises yet again, but at least this time the scene was mercifully short. It was annoying that this time it took even more than half the book for the adventure actually to get started, and only then because the characters allowed themselves to get lured into it by being unbelievably stupid. I was also disappointed that Philip didn't bother naming his snake, but apart from that he's a good guest animal and, unlike most, has quite a lot to do with the plot.

Drishika Nadella says

Brought back wonderful childhood memories! It was a nice, easy read apart from the usual complaints that I have for every Enid Blyton book (the children have all the luck in the world; the children are willingly thrown into dangerous situations by parents/guardians)

Jessica Malice says

my favourite quote:

"It was pretty tough at times," said Jack. "The girls were marvellous. Good as boys any day."
This was such an unusual compliment from Jack that both the girls stared in surprise.
