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## Legend of the Book Keeper Details

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## Gabriella says

This book started off so well, but about halfway through completely tanked. The addition of an unnecessary romance, girl-on-girl hate, the badly done 'chosen one' subplot, and even more convolutions added to the main plot were too much for me. An action-packed middle grade novel turned into a mess that I couldn't wait to finish just so I could toss it at the wall.

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## Liz says

*A Goodreads Giveaway Book*

Daniel Blackaby's *Legend of the Book Keeper* is like *The Princess Bride* meets *Roswell* meets Disney's *Atlantis* meets the Bible. With typos.

That's not to say it wouldn't be entertaining for middle grade readers; it would be. However, the story is a mash-up of several existing stories with characters who fail to fully develop throughout the story. It also contains not-so-subtle religious overtones and comes across as rather preachy.

Some people may enjoy this book--it's fast-paced and action packed throughout. Hopefully, Blackaby ties up the many loose ends as he continues the series.

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## Ruth says

The Legend of the Book Keeper was very interesting and exciting. Cody and his friend, Jade, find themselves on an adventure of a lifetime after they find a mysterious book at a local book store. I was certainly surprised about halfway through the book when the story took an unexpected turn. This was a great action-packed young adult story and I'm looking forward to the next book in the trilogy. I give this book only three stars because the writing is somewhat elementary and was very poorly edited. For example, the placement of ellipses was rather annoying and there were several misspelled words; perhaps future editions will fix those errors. Overall, I would definitely recommend this book to someone looking for a quick adventure/fantasy read.

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## Sarah Blackaby says

Loved this book! It was such an adventure and the main characters are full of life! Daniel does such a great job bringing you into his world that you find yourself angry when the characters are and crying when they are sad. I can't wait for the next book to come out to see what happens next!!

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## **C.B. Cook says**

Update after finishing the trilogy:

If you like books that punch you in the feels, read this trilogy!

If you like books with awesome magic/superpower type things, read this trilogy!

If you like books with fantasy and Beasts and mysterious strangers, read this trilogy!

If you like books that involve things like a mysterious room in a bookstore and breaking into Area 51 and going into the Bermuda Triangle, read this trilogy!

If you like hilarious, adorkable characters who are absolute idiots but also super awesome, and have friends who are epic, read this trilogy!

If you like books that have elements of old myths (or are they?) in them, like King Arthur and such, read this trilogy!

If you like not knowing who you should trust and wondering what plot twist is going to hit you next, read this trilogy!!!

Basically, this entire trilogy is amazing, and ever single one of you needs to read it. I won't tie you to a chair and force you to read it or anything. Most likely. And that definitely wasn't a threat. ;)

Content (only in spoiler tags to save space):  
(view spoiler)

Original Review:

I absolutely adored this book! I cannot wait to read the rest of this series. It was wonderful, and I definitely recommend. It had wonderful characters. an intriguing plot, and wonderful adventures. A great bang to start the trilogy!

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## **Moneen Hearnden wuthrich says**

Absolutely loved, loved, loved this book! Suspense, mystery, intrigue...it has it all! I truly had trouble putting it down! Well worth the read and anxiously awaiting the next book!

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## **Amy says**

Cody is described as an ordinary boy but something very extraordinary happens to him and his best friend Jade. He accidentally becomes the Book Keeper and in so doing, becomes the target of bad guys and monsters. In his journey, he and Jade must decide who to trust and who to run from. I would recommend this book for kids who like action/adventure series.

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## **Jacquie says**

Set in the most mundane town, strange things arise starting when young Cody and Jade visit their favorite book shop. Without warning, they must flee, leaving behind their old lives. They are not sure who they can trust. They only know that they need to protect the Book.

Overall, the book was alright. Some parts were slow and yet other parts had me reading a page per second. I really like how the author incorporated the history behind the Book and Atlantas instead of leaving it surface deep. However, the beginning felt a little cliché with how the kids had to run away for this big adventure. The book had very defined characters which was nice.

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## **Casey says**

This was a mildly entertaining book. The relationship between Jade and Cody is close, but has a weird feeling too. I am unclear whether the story line is attempting to support some religious ideals or expose them as false. There are moments where it could go either way. The premise is good, however the actions of the characters can be confusing at times and I have to reread sections to figure out what is going on. I'm hoping the second book in this trilogy will be more clear and less muddled. Also, the 'twists' anyone could see coming a mile away, or at least that's how I felt.

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## **TB says**

When I first began reading the book I thought it was suited for children. I work in a library so I read and enjoy works from all age groups however, I was very excited when things started picking up and it crossed from children to young adult! No spoilers here, but the characters are engaging and real. One review didn't think their escapes were realistic enough, but I disagree I thought they flowed well with the story line. I love the author's imagination! The little things like his use of Area 51 were great. There's plenty of action and adventure, coming of age, and a tinge of romance. There are underlying currents of religion. One reviewer compared Daniel's style to that of C.S. Lewis and Ted Dekker, I can definitely see those tendencies in this book. I enjoyed it so much I had to make other books I had started wait, and will be reading the sneak peak online! Outstanding job for the first in a trilogy, and the most exciting part is anticipating the future writings of this young author, after all we only improve as we go along!

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## **Benjamin says**

I thought that the legend of the book keeper was amazingly written and thoughtfully compiled. I would recommend it to anyone looking for a "Good Read". So, if you like adventure, action, fantasy, and a splash of romance, I strongly suggest picking up "The Legend Of The Book Keeper".

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## **Victor Gentile says**

Daniel Blackaby in his new book, “Legend of the Book Keeper” Book One in the Lost City Chronicles Series published by Russell Media introduces us to Cody Clemenson.

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I liked Tolkien’s, “Lord of the Rings” trilogy and I liked C. S. Lewis’ Narnia novels as well. Therefore it should go without saying that I liked “Legend of the Book Keeper” as well. It used to be that I did not like allegory but when an author knows how to write as well as Mr. Blackaby it is not so difficult to follow. There is the Quest, no fantasy series should be exempt from the quest and this is done wonderfully. “Legend of the Book Keeper” is a fantasy adventure where the battle for good and evil has never been so important. This is a page turning thriller as Cody and Jade battle to stay alive and save the world so they can return home. I liked “Legend of the Book Keeper” and am impatiently waiting for the next book in this series.

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## **SB Morales says**

A great adventure!! Cody an average teenager who loves reading finds himself inside his favorite bookstore after hours. While looking around at the books the owner is found dying and tells Cody he has been chose to become the book keeper. He is chased by bloodthirsty monsters and finds help in some not so ordinary places. With his friend Jade by his side he discovers a mythical world that depends on him for their safety. This was such a fun adventure and young children will love this one. I can't wait to read the next book.

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## **Sarah Miles says**

I liked the story itself. Two high school students that are bookworms get drawn into an ancient conflict. There's magic, adventure, good vs evil, all that good stuff. I just had an issue with the writing. I couldn't get sucked in at the beginning with all the wordiness. More adjectives were thrown out than necessary. Kind of felt like a student trying to meet a minimum page requirement in a school writing assignment. Or like being forced to reread *The Grapes of Wrath*. There were a lot of silly mistakes like spaces missing between words (probably at least one a chapter). And then there were statements that made me laugh and facepalm. At one point, we're told that a character is petrified "as though turned to stone." Dunno how else you'd interpret petrified. Turned to plastic? And at another point, not far after that line, we're told that a 'sexton' is a navigational tool. It's a sextant. I'm a speed reader, and every time I run into one of these mistakes, I slow down. If they're too frequent, I have to have short reading periods. I get so frustrated seeing these kinds of mistakes. Some are *\*really\** easy to catch just by using a normal word processing software. Others, I can't get why someone wouldn't just look up a word to make sure it's the right one if it's not something they've seen a lot.

I do try to keep the 'writing' separate from the 'storytelling' when forming an opinion, because these books are by authors. The story is what's important. But in this case, they really detracted from my enjoyment of the tale.

That being said, I'm still going on to read the sequel :) So far, it seems to be a bit cleaner. The story really is interesting, and this book is worth reading if for no other reason than to know the backstory for book 2. But be warned that if you're a bit nitpicky like me, it'll be a slow read.

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## **Mel says**

If I could give 1/2 ratings, I think this book ranks as more of a 3.5. The beginning of this book was a little difficult to get into, mainly due to the writing style. There was a lot of seemingly unnecessary metaphorical descriptions that really weighed down the first 30 pages or so. But I'm glad I stuck it out, because once the story really got going, those weird descriptions stopped popping up so much. "Legend of the Book Keeper" is a solid adventure story with an interesting take on the "chosen one" trope. Cody is an ordinary person who stumbles into a power he was not born for or destined for, just a wrong place-wrong time moment. He's a typical teenager with mood swings and he makes mistakes, lets power go to his head, and his best friend Jade is the one who needs to keep him grounded.

I enjoyed this book, and I am curious to find out what happens next, but in the end it is sequel I will pick up if I stumble across it, not one I will seek out.

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