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The struggle continues in this second installment of The Sons of Masguard. With more swashbuckling magic, greater foes, and even greater twists of Fate, this is one adventure you won't want to miss.

A battle is lost.

A pirate lay dying.

And deep in the caverns of a moving island, a sleeping guardian is about to wake.

With the life of a helpless child and the fate of the Secoran Kingdom hanging in the balance, Captain Marshall and McKinley the Marauder must pit themselves against an ancient force even more terrifying than an army of the dead. Their strength, their morality, and their willingness to sacrifice are put to the test in a pulse-pounding sequence of mysteries as they fight to uncover the truth and escape the malicious island of Mosque Hill with their lives intact. But their troubles have only just begun.

War is coming to the Bannered Shore.

And time is running out.

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Mathew says

Characters I care about. Love that I can feel. Danger that is tactile. The adventure builds and the story deepens in this next volume in a brilliant series.

I cared for Marshall. I felt his nobility and shared his duty. McKinley's flippancy covered a desperation that I understood and held each moment. The yin and the yang of the brothers and the dedication of the crews to their respective leader were chest-poundingly real. Please take the time to avail yourself of this book. It is well worth your time.

Scribblegirl says

I really like this anthropomorphic adventure series. Mathews has done a good job building her world and her characters, and there's plenty of swashbuckling to go with all the subterfuge and personal dilemmas. Both of the first two books in the series are available for free on Nook, and I really feel that's a serious score; Mathews should be getting money from them, as they are written better than most published novels are these days. This second book wraps up the Mosque Hill tale neatly and provides a tease to entice you to read the next book, and I shall. This is a great series.

One note, which is that while this is often compared to *The Wind in the Willows*, I think that is really not an appropriate comparison. It has much more in common with Brian Jacques' *Redwall*. Except that I liked this immensely, and I have never been able to like *Redwall*. Mathews' series has plenty of violence and death in it, so while parents might feel pirate otters will make a good read for their younger readers, I definitely suggest they read it themselves before approving it for their pre-teens. I would let my kids read it if their comprehension level was high enough and they were mature for their ages; otherwise, I would hesitate to recommend this for a kid younger than 12 (and certainly not younger than 10).

Bill Tillman says

Hip, Hip, Hooray! *Guardian's Rise*

Such an adventure, I am not going to tell you much. Except this is a great second book in the Sons of Musguard adventures. Two brothers, night and day so different yet cut from the same cloth. Pirate brother changes his stripes and is even willing to die for it. Upright Captain brother is as unbending as a pole arm, yet time and time again could be bamboo. Do not miss this great tale!

Abigail says

Such a great book. It's sad that the third one never came out though. I would have really liked to finish this series all at once. It doesn't seem like the third one will come out either. However, I could be wrong about

that and I'm hoping I am.

This book had so much action, adventure, and twists. It was such a fun read! I also loved the writing style! It's so amazing and just made this book even better. It's crazy that these books are free because they are really good and very well written. I honestly wasn't expecting to like them as much as I did.

Allison says

This was so good! I really enjoyed it and the end came far too quickly. I'm a sucker for books with animals taking the "human" role anyway and this did not disappoint. I kind of wish I had read it before the other one though, I think I got them out of order, but anyway, really enjoyable read.

Katie Jess says

If you've read book one you most definitely will not hesitate to get this book and will not be disappointed! Another fantastic read--I finished in two days! Can't wait for book three!
