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Intrepid travelers Fin and Marrill have shared countless thrilling and treacherous adventures on the magical waters of the Pirate Stream. But neither could have expected that their final adventure would force them to team up with their oldest enemy: the evil wizard Serth! With the fate of the Stream and all their friends hanging in the balance, can they challenge the most frightening power they've ever come up against?

## **Iron Tide Rising Details**

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### Chris Jones says

An immensely satisfying conclusion to an imaginative series.

I'm sad that the Map to Everywhere series had to end, but all good things must, I suppose. The stakes are higher than they've ever been in this one, as Fin and Merrill race against not one, not two, but \*three\* apocalyptic terrors that threaten to destroy the Pirate Stream - and all of reality along with it!

The characters continue to be fun and interesting to read about, the action is thrilling, and the series' trademark inventiveness is still present in full force. This book is definitely lighter on the humor and whimsy than the previous entries, but that's understandable given the constant presence of terrible danger and the truly sad fate of those caught by the Iron Tide.

If you've enjoyed the previous books in this series, you'll not be disappointed by this exciting conclusion.

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### Daphne Belderol says

I like serth. He's the most human of them all. Naysayer is the realist. I was surprised by what her parents did. The dawn wizard is tricky but understandable. Good ending, but I wanna know what happened to Fig and Vell.

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### Rachel Meyer says

A really great end to a really great series. Four books always feels a little awkward, but each one in this series worked well and it had a great overarching plot. I just loved it and loved how everything was wrapped up and happy at the end. (No, I don't care if it's unrealistic. I like happy endings. Fight me.)

Some great things were-

- The parallel between Marrill and Ardent. Very clever and with an excellent lesson.
- More Fin!
- How we got back certain characters that died.
- Serth. (Or is it Sereth?) He was so dark and broody and yet funny at the same time.
- The way the whole book was dark and fun.

It was just amazing and I loved it. I totally recommend it for anyone, any age.

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### Suzanne Maley says

Mostly 4 stars for the series as I enjoyed this book until the end. It felt like the ending was too easy after all they had been through. I get that the shard of mirror holds one possibility. It doesn't seem to me that the

shard was the last mirror. It was rather anticlimactic to just have the Master touching the mirror shard and then Ardent is saved and the Iron Tide is vanquished with everything restored. I still really like the characters and the world of the Pirate Stream was well developed. Does anyone else want to know how Coll was saved from the Sheshefesh when that seemed an impossibility? Especially since both Coll and Remy are still tied to the Sheshefesh.

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### **Leah says**

A wonderful ending to the series; just as fun as the previous books.

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### **Bernadette says**

The final chapter of the Map to Everywhere series finishes with everything you would expect from the books: emotional rollercoasters, crying, laughter, anxiety, and satisfaction when everything at last goes RIGHT. After Shadows of the Lost Sun, you become a little convinced that there is no way Ryan and Davis can fix all of the problems they created without weak cliches or deus ex machinas, but they do! Everything that happens makes sense with each character, and everything that happens fits and flows so perfectly into the story. 5/5 stars for Iron Tide Rising! (As usual, vague spoilers in this review).

One of the things I absolutely adored about this book was Serth's character. As the principle villain throughout the past three books, it was a wild ride having him as a good guy. He quickly became lovable because of his seriousness and frightening demeanour that was so contradictory to the flat lines and quirky humor he offered throughout the story. The way it took time for Marrill and Fin to warm up to him was also believable, and made the part he plays in the final chapters that much more emotional and powerful. Ryan and Davis don't just allow Serth a free pass into the hearts of the Enterprising Kraken's crew; he IS the reason for all of the bad things that have happened throughout their trip, and Serth must earn their love and friendship to rectify the wrongs he committed as the Meressian Oracle.

The way Ardent was saved in this book was absolutely beautiful. The masterful way Ryan and Davis twist Marrill's fear of losing Ardent to being her fear of losing her mom was so well done I was crying while reading Fin's comforting dialogue about the issue. It was so real, and could touch the hearts of so many people. To love, regardless of whether you may lose someone or whether they may do wrong, is one of the hardest things to do. And with colour, fun, and adventure, the Map to Everywhere series teaches its readers that pure possibility is scary, but an adventure all the same, just as riding the Pirate Stream has been.

I am a little disappointed that I will never know how Remy rescued Coll, but I screeched in delight when he returned to the crew in the Epilogue. I still don't know how I feel about Remy and Coll being in a relationship, but I think that's only because I love Coll and want him to be mine. Speaking of Remy, what a twist Ryan and Davis pull with her. She was the last one you expected to stay on the Stream, but when she does it feels completely natural and you have a bit of a "of course Remy has to stay" feeling. Like Fin and Marrill, I also was so relieved that "this wasn't goodbye". Moreover, Marrill's parents being brought into the adventures also felt right and gave a sense of completeness. Overall, the story was magical, phenomenal, and one of the best reads I've had in a very long time. Nothing but the highest praise for the Map to Everywhere, and Iron Tide Rising provides the perfect ending to the adventure of a lifetime.

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### **Peri says**

WHOA! 4. 5 stars!!

Oh, and spoilers ahead!

This book was AMAZING. I think this and Shadows of the Lost Sun were my favorite of the series. And Serth as a good guy was....interesting. Actually, it was amazing, once I got used to it. I hadn't read Shadows of the Lost Sun in a while before reading Iron Tide Rising, and I was like, wait what? Serth is....helping them.....and not crying all the time? Then I remembered that....ok actually I'm pretty sure I actually just went with it with a shrug.

But anyway, Serth as a protagonist. He was... actually really funny. Interesting to read about, and completely fascinating the way the tables totally flipped-- from Marril, Fin and Ardent against Serth to Marril, Fin, and Serth against Ardent (Well, not exactly Ardent. The Master. Whatever.) There was lots of fun places where we saw Serth's perspective and that was cool.

It was also interesting to see what it was like to constantly forget someone. After all, Marril never forgot Fin, (Oh wait, except for that time in City of Thirst....oops. I don't remember that book as well.) and things were a little hard to understand in that regard. But then Marril had to deal with Fig, who she forgot all the time, so we got to see how that worked.

As for Coll and Remy-- can't say I didn't see that coming. Cute, though.  
I like the ending too....kind of idealistic but sweet.

Okay, that's all for now!

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### **Jacqueline P. says**

An end to an engaging series. I highly recommend it.

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### **Amanda says**

4.5 stars

Normally I gallop through books and gulp them up whole, but this one I was scared to finish and read ever so slowly. I didn't want to finish it; I didn't want the series to end. What to read now that it has ended?

The tension kept building throughout the entire book; would good/bad guys remain true? Would bad/good guys be saved? Very riveting. And the mistrust/distrust was very believable. Fortunately things were resolved to my heart's content--though I would be happiest of all if I could visit/live on the Pirate Stream and second happiest if many more books would be written about it.

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**Hannah Belyea says**

The Enterprising Kraken has lost a number of friends over their journey, but stopping now will mean leaving the Pirate Stream to fall apart, an no way are Marrill and Fin going to sit by and let evil get away with hurting anybody else they care about! In this adventurous conclusion to the "Map to Everywhere" series, Carry Ryan amps up the danger as the crew races to save the world - the many worlds - from destruction!

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**Neurocomp says**

still dont' like time-traveling in books...so wont rate this 5-stars!!!...but the weird & quirky adventure itself is worth 5-stars.

On-the-whole, the series itself is worth 5-stars cuz its just one epic wacky adventure, that surprised me for how much i liked it.

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