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Fixer Becker Drane never thought things could get so bad: he's in deep trouble with The Seems for breaking so many rules, he never gets to see his girlfriend, and it looks like his days as a Fixer may be numbered. So when a train carrying a load of Thought destined for The World disappears, Becker reluctantly agrees to join a crew of fixers to solve the mystery--in The Middle of Nowhere. The mission leads Becker into a scenario more terrifying and dangerous than he could have ever prepared for. Getting the Train of Thought back on track is just a temporary Fix. Becker's real mission may prove to be saving The World from ending--forever.

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Samantha Eve Kennedy says

Perhaps the only thing that kept me from giving this book 5 stars is the flow of the plot/setting. There were a few instances in which I stopped to re-read passages thinking that I had missed information somewhere. (And if the Seemsian HR department had returned my inquiries, perhaps I would have the information needed so I would not have been confused?)

Otherwise, this book, in keeping with its predecessors in the trilogy, was fantastic. The Seems still fascinates, the plot had twists and turns, and Becker Drane is still fun to follow. But, OH the ENDING! I both loved it, and hated it, and have HOPES sprung from an ETERNAL SPRING that this book in truth is not the end, but rather the beginning. (This line only makes sense to those who have read the books. So grab the first book immediately and begin reading.)

I have also thought of holding the fifth star hostage until I am contacted about my SAT and invited to become a fixer, but I realize that would make me more like the TIDE. So I have abandoned my plan and await the time when THE PLAN says I should join the team. (To any Seemsians in HR who might be reading this post, I also have interest in working with Figarro Mastrioni and painting The World's sky....)

Live to Fix! Fix to live!

Corin says

Excellent

Christian says

Meh. Not as good as the first two.

More later.

Aurora says

[in A Better Place (hide spoiler)]

Brianna says

I liked it but the end was a let down.

Rachel says

Becker Drane is on another Mission. This time, he's with a whole team of Fixers, because it's a possible emergency: a train transporting SIX MONTHS' worth of Thought has been lost, in The Middle of Nowhere. This isn't the first team of Fixers...the other team isn't responding, for unknown reasons. It could just be the Middle of Nowhere...but some suspicious video footage says otherwise. It's the Middle of Nowhere for a reason, after all, but that's where Becker and the rest of the Fixers are going to have to go. If not, it could be the end of The Wolrd, but that's just a normal day's work for a Fixer.

The Seems is funny. A pinch of suspense, a dash of excitement, stir until thoroughly interesting...it could have been made by one of the greatest chefs in the Seems!

No matter what Seems book, the recommendation remains the same: anyone can read, everyone should, and anyone who does read it will probably enjoy it!

Sonja says

The story has gotten quite a bit darker in tone, and I'm not sure how I feel about that. Becker Drane is in significant trouble because of his affection for Jennifer. Benjamin and Jennifer are subject to unremembering. And, Becker goes to A Better Place at the end. I'm hopeful the next book in the series will return the story to its goofy, cheerful, witty balance.

J.A. says

The third book in this fun series comes out in paperback today, yet it **seems** it hasn't been discovered by many goodreaders. Like F. Becker Drane, I'm on a mission to fix that!

John says

The thick plottens considerably after a train carrying the world's entire supply of upcoming Thought vanishes (making the Unthinkable almost certain to happen in our world), Fixer Becker Drane is sentenced to forget all about his heartthrob Jennifer Kaley, and the Tide makes its move to take over the Seems. Basically, almost nothing here turns out to be what it....Seems, though.

The author's ingenuity in riffing on the "Phantom Tollbooth" conceit is still in high gear, and the series shows no signs yet of series fatigue. Rah!

Michael Ross says

This book was very good, but I was saddened by the ending. If Becker hadn't died in the end, it would have made the book one more star better. It was really depressing. Alas, the rest of the book was very good, and the plot was exciting. I really enjoyed reading it. I hope the author continues the series and writes about him in "A Better Place"

Robin says

This is the third installment of "The Seems," about a kid named Becker Drane who gets a job as a Fixer in the world that made the World, troubleshooting problems with the supply of sleep, time, and (this time) thought itself. A train full of the precious ore, mined in an obscure part of the Seems, has disappeared en route to the transshipment hub from where it was to travel to Earth. Unless the train and its contents are recovered pronto, the Unthinkable will happen - possibly costing millions of lives - and the only other way to stop it would be to take the World offline and risk being unable to get it started again.

Meantime, Becker is facing disciplinary action for mixing work with personal business. He could end up being suspended from his job, having his brother and his girlfriend "unremembered" (so they have no memory of what he let slip to them about the seems), and even seeing the girl of his dreams forget they ever met. But before his sentence kicks in, he gets called in as part of a second team of four fixers, sent out to the Middle of Nowhere to find out what became of the train of thought, after the first team loses contact. Then, while Becker, the Octogenarian, and two other fixers are out of the way, there's a prison break in Seemsberia. The Tide, a rebel group within the Seems, chooses that moment to strike, taking over everything and threatening the stability of the World.

I'd like to keep spoilers to a minimum, even though this book has been out since 2009, but that's an awful long time after the third book for a series that, up to then, brought out a new installment every year, not to have a fourth book yet. That throws a certain light of finality upon the ambiguous, possibly cliffhanger ending - though, to be exact, it isn't quite the ending of the book. It's followed by a glossary and several helpful appendices. But there also seems (no pun intended) to be good reason to expect another story, at least, to resolve some of the issues left up in the air at the end of this story. So, I hope I'm not quite finished with it, though I seem to be caught up for the moment.

The Seems is a fun universe, full of action, surprises, and goofball humor, combining puns on everyday phrases with a magical concept of how the world works and the wild ways it could go wrong. Becker is an imperfect hero who, nevertheless, steps up and delivers the stuff. Perhaps the authors will think of a way to bring him back. Hope springs, well, in a place in the Seems that we visit in this book. So the authors should know all about that.

Matt says

Brilliant book, best in the series. It's got action, romance, and moral dilemmas. A thought-provoking and wonderful read.

Carlotta says

I thought a long time about giving 5 stars. I totally love the whole seems series and this novel continues to be as lovely and wonderful as the other two. I settle with 4 stars then, because I sometimes missed the lighthearted and humorous tone the other two novels contained. still, this is only partly and only really high pointed being sad, so this rating is more a 4,5 or something. I kind of loved the end of the novel, that is so sad and so great in the same time, but I don't want to spoiler Anything. furthermore I just adore the whole idea and tone and all of the novel and desperately wait for another novel. what's left to say: please, write another novel I can't wait to read it and If there is any free job in the seems I'd love to work there!!!!

Joseph Anonymous says

[they had hidden the fact that the Time Thieves had escaped from Seemsburia (hide spoiler)]

Adrian says

the third installment in this series is just as good as the first two by expanding on the world he created which creates the world is fascinating and makes humorous connections and reason behind things that happen in the world everyday. It is a very unique concept and plays on the idea of what if we had complete control of the world. A theme I picked up on especially in this book is the question of what you should do with power over the world. Every character presented are likable and the relationships built between them can be felt and makes you attached to them like Becker and Jennifer or Becker and blaue. Before every chapter it has an image that helps the reader picture scenes with the help of imagery presented in the chapter. It is one of the only series that I was hooked on enough that I read and bought all three books. I just hope for a fourth or a spinoff of this series to see more of this world.
