

THE DAUGHTERS OF Y'S

by M.T. Anderson

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other: Graphic Novel

This graphic novel by M.T. Anderson is based on an ages old Celtic myth, set in the mythical city of Y's. There are dark twists and turns from beginning to end, but despite all the outside influences, the main story lies in the relationship of two sisters. Their mother, the magic-wielding queen and founder of the city, dies inexplicably, leaving the fate of the kingdom to the princesses. However, their paths drift apart, so the question is, will they band together to save the kingdom from the dark magic of the outside, or will their tumultuous relationship mark the ending of the kingdom of Y's?

I personally liked the book, however it can turn quite dark for some readers. It is a good read, it is a well-written book and on top of that it features captivating illustrations. The plot was a bit hard to follow, as we see the perspectives of both sisters, but ultimately it adds a sense of dynamic of the book and it ties well together in the end. The novel follows the story of the city, from its conception by magic, to its founding and rule, along with all the challenges the city faces. The main challenge is that the city of Y's is at risk of perishing to magic from the outside, and the future is in the hands of two very different daughters.

One daughter is fully engulfed in the thrills of young adult life in the palace, and the other is the complete opposite, enthralled by the beauty of nature. The incompetence of the king of the city leaves these two responsible to protect the city from outside threats. I was particularly interested in how completely different the daughters are, and how that dynamic affects the fate of the kingdom. One such threat comes in the form of a lover, a disguised evil spirit. Ultimately the sisters can't settle their differences and the evil spirit takes advantage of that and opens the gates to the city, flooding and destroying the kingdom of Y's. A reader interested in intense drama and mythical stories would be a huge fan of this tale, I personally enjoyed it too.

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