

Title: *Legendborn*  
Author: Tracy Deonn  
Genre: Fantasy fiction

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Alex Z., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: April 7, 2021**

The book *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn is about a girl named Bree Mathews. She begins attending the college her mother attended before she died, witnesses a magic attack and she finds herself in a secret society and a world that is somehow connected to her mother's death. A teenage mage called "Merlin" tries to wipe her memory but fails to, and accidentally unlocks Bree's magic and hidden memories. There's magic, and with Bree's friends Nick and Selwyn, she uncovers and learns things about her heritage that had been hidden. They learn that the members of the society are descendants of King Arthur's knights and that Bree's mother's death was more than what she heard. They hear that there is going to be a magic war, and Bree has to decide if she wants to help the society or not.

*Did the plot (for fiction) or presentation of information (for nonfiction) keep you interested?*

Yes. The plot of this book kept me interested all the way through.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of this book was ok, and wasn't too slow.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?*

This book is appropriate for grade levels 8 and up.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?*

I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys fantasy and books with magic.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?*

This book talks about the legacies, prophecies and inheritance.

*4 stars: I enjoyed this book and found it worthwhile reading.*

I enjoyed reading this book. It was interesting to see Bree learn more about herself as the story progressed. There was action and training and more, and I just think this is a good book overall.

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Danil P., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date: May 10, 2021**

The main character of *Legendborn* is Bree Matthews, a sixteen year-old whose mother just died in a mysterious car accident. The loss of her mother was very hard on Bree, and led to her becoming mildly depressed. To get away from her old family memories, Bree decides to attend the University of Carolina. On the first day on Campus, it is seen that Bree does not take her

opportunity seriously, since she risks her whole scholarship and goes to a party with a bunch of older students. However, during the party is when strange things begin to happen. The party is attacked by a demon, or what is called a “Shadowborn.” A group of people called the “Legendborn” arrive and hunt down the demon and kill it. The Legendborn try to erase the memories of everyone who witnessed the demon attack, but they were not successful at erasing Bree’s memories. However, this makes Bree remember that the day her mother died, there was a Legendborn at the hospital. This makes Bree realize that there might have been more to the death of her mother that she does not know, and she might have been involved somehow with the Legendborn. To learn more about the death of her mother, Bree decides to try to join the Legendborn to try to find out if they had anything to do with the car accident. She locates their base, and meets Nick, the son of the leader of the Legendborn, and a former member who left the group several years before, and he agrees to help her join the Legendborn. As she discovers more and more about the society of the Legendborn, Bree also discovers more about the accident that caused her mother’s death, and the involvement that the society had in the event.

*Did the plot (for fiction) or presentation of information (for nonfiction) keep you interested?* One issue with the book was that the book did not manage to keep me interested, since most of the time, the story was dull and uninteresting, and much of the action was also not interesting.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?* I feel like the pace of the book was too slow for me, and did not help in keeping me interested.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?* Since the book is considered Young Adult, I would say that the book is appropriate for grade levels 7-9.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?* I would recommend this book to someone who enjoys reading fantasy novels in a modern setting. The book also deals with the theme of racism, so I would also recommend it to anyone who wants to read about racism.

*Rating: 3 stars. It was okay; I had hoped for better.*

Out of 5, I would give the book a rating of 3, since I do not believe that it is a bad book, but I did not enjoy it as much as I thought I would. The book did have some creative ideas that had much potential, but the book did not manage to keep me interested.