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The Lyon's Roar (Lyon Saga)



Synopsis

First is a series of five books of historical fiction called, The Lyon Saga. Told from the point of view of a 14-year-old girl, Jessabel Archarde, this little-known time period in American history comes vividly alive. The Lyon Saga books cover the years 1587 to 1613, and deal with the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island and what may have happened to them. The Lyon's Roar, the first book, tells of the Atlantic crossing, the establishment of the colony on Roanoke Island in North Carolina, and their efforts to survive.

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Customer Reviews

As a Social Studies teacher, I'm always concerned with getting my poor readers to want to read more about history. This is the perfect book, and the series promises even more. The mystery of the Lost Colony is an intriguing one and I find my students turning pages and devouring the story. A remarkable accomplishment! I would recommend all the books to any teacher who wishes to motivate his or her students.

Highly palatable presentation of a reasonable explanation for the disappearance of the first colonists in America, on Roanoke Island off Virginia. They were stranded there in 1587 (a year before the Spanish Armada distracted Queen Elizabeth's attention from exploration and colonization of the New World). Related in the first person by 14-year-old Jess, this book reads swiftly, thanks to many short chapters and extensive dialogue. The author includes non-judgmental references to

native religion and medicine, while offering a viable alternative to the theory that the entire colony was brutally wiped out by hostile Indians. But this is no boring history book; rather it is more a coming-of-age tale with some gentle romance. Jess confides her dreams and fears, her doubts and plans, as her family emigrates to the Chesapeake Bay--to found a city called Raleigh. We suffer with her on the ghastly ocean voyage; we observe life in that island colony which has since disappeared into the misty myth of time. Jess shares the gradual dawning of her womanhood--both physical and emotional--as she writes in her diary. This young protagonist is torn between George, her first crush, and the allure of the forbidden "savage"--the son of one of the camp's two native guides. Being blond was something special even back then, as this daring girl matures from selfish child to compassionate young woman, pursuing her private quest for love, while remaining steadfast in her family loyalty. Excellent for middle school, particularly girls; it will stimulate discussion about the fate of the Roanoke colonists. Well-researched, the LYON Saga will entertain and hold the interest of young readers. History made Human!

M. L. Stainer is a wonderful writer. The Lyon's Roar tells the story of Jessabel Archarde and her family, who travel to the New World in 1587 and get stranded on Roanoke Island. The characters are believable and there's a lot of action. Everyone should read this book!

More people need to learn about this book. It's a really great story, full of adventure, first love and coming of age. The time period is America's early colonial history, with few people realizing the Lost Colony was here long before the Pilgrims. Only they vanished without a trace. As a new teacher, I would recommend this book to all literature and history classes in the middle schools.

"I will take care of you," he says quietly. 'This..I promise...For does not the Great Spirit love us both?' It's then that I know I'll be safe....for surely I believe, in my heart of hearts, that what he has spoken is true." Or as so the Lyon's Roar says. This excellent work of historical fiction captivates its readers almost instantly with a likeable character Jessabel Archade. Jess, a 14 year old girl makes the history of the ill-fated colony come to life. Jess witnesses some of the horrible grieves, such as the lost of the only other girl child in the colony, besides little baby Virginia Dare. She witnesses other historic moments. You must read this book. I can't wait to read the other books that will complete the saga. As I said READ IT!

Excellent historical novel, ages 10 up, about The Lost Colony of Roanoke Island abandoned in 1587,

who disappeared without a trace. What happened to them? Author, Stainer, answers this 400-year-old question mark in American colonial history with an intriguing possibility, that they joined the friendly Croatoan Indians on their nearby island. An accurate, fast-paced account told through the eyes of 14-year-old Jessabel Archarde. Middle school readers will be swept up in the fascinating story of these brave colonists who were in the New World 33 years before the Pilgrims. A must read!

Although the author was clearly writing for an audience in their teens, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is a quick read for an adult. The text is large and the sentence structure simple. The plot is easy to follow. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the story of Roanoke Island and the mystery of the vanishing villagers who made friends with the Croatoan Indians off the Outer Banks. I would not, however, assume that this author is a historical expert on the subject. Nor would I assume that her perspective is necessarily the only possible explanation for the disappearance of these settlers. The book is an excellent tale! I recommend it highly!

Every now and then, a book comes along that touches the heart of the dedicated historian and teacher of children. This first of a series of books based on the unsuccessful attempt of Sir Walter Raleigh to colonize the new-found Americas is just one such book. The refreshing thing is that M. L. Stainer has incorporated the true history of John White's and Simon Fernandes' battles which had the utmost effect on the ultimate fate of this - "The Lost Colony." The interaction between the colonists and the Native-Americans are just as reported in the official records of that period. We eagerly await her future books on the fate of her leading character Jessabel Archarde and her struggles in a new land as a youthful 14 year old girl/woman. In all probability, the ultimate fate of the colony will be a refreshing theory to the old presentation of Paul Green's.

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