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One False Note (The 39 Clues, Book 2)



Synopsis

The highly-anticipated Book 2 of the #1 bestselling The 39 Clues series. THIS JUST IN! Amy and Dan Cahill were spotted on a train, hot on the trail of one of 39 Clues hidden around the world. BUT WAIT! Police report a break-in at an elite hotel, and the suspects ALSO sound suspiciously like Amy and Dan. UPDATE! Amy and Dan have been seen in a car . . . no, in a speedboat chase . . . and HOLD EVERYTHING! They're being chased by an angry mob?!? When there's a Clue on the line, anything can happen.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7 • Following Rick Riordan's first book in the projected 10-title series, *The Maze of Bones* (SLJ, Feb. 2009, p. 58), Gordon Korman has written the second installment (Scholastic, 2008) about Amy and Dan Cahill's quest for the 39 clues left by their deceased wealthy and eccentric grandmother who has promised to reward the winner with unimaginable riches. Those unfamiliar with the first book will miss out on some of the past history, but there is enough background given here to ensure that listeners will enjoy the mystery and adventure. Dan, 11, is impetuous and resourceful, while Amy, 14, is pedantic but brilliant. Narrator David Pittu, with only

slight voice and accent variations, brings to life their constant squabbles as well as the threats by their nefarious relatives, such as a scheming rock star and his father, a former KGB agent, an entire family of enemies, and an elderly "gentleman" with evil intentions. The orphans, on the run from the Massachusetts Child Protection Program, are supported by their patient and resourceful companion Nellie and their grandmother's cat, Saladin. Pittu is almost breathless as he describes vehicle races on the road and along the canals of Venice. A lot of historical information is presented about Venice, Mozart, Marie Antoinette, and more. A fun listen. --Edith Ching, Washington Latin Public Charter School, DC Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

The multipronged attack (books, playing cards, online games, prize sweepstakes) of the 39 Clues extravaganza dashes onward in this second book. Korman takes the reins from Rick Riordan, responsible for series opener *The Maze of Bones* (2008), with barely a hitch as Amy and Dan Cahill continue their quest to solve the mystery of their wide-ranging and powerful extended family (a tree that branches from Mozart to Picasso to Snoop Dogg). The siblings' bickering increases as they hunt down the next clue, but so do their successes as they manage to be always one step ahead of their various cutthroat cousins. Korman dutifully moves the plot from point B to point C but only advances the wider story a smidge, which is hewing closer to the TV reality show *The Amazing Race* than the puzzle-studded mystery that sleuths may be anticipating. But, if the creators have bet correctly, it matters little that the story is already threatening to become repetitive and only mildly satisfying in itself, as kids will already have too much attention invested in the whole conglomerate to consider bailing. Grades 4-8. --Ian Chipman

The idea behind the 39 Clues is original and sounds like a great theme, but gets a little hard to swallow as the series goes on. Reader beware, if you take this journey and you want to see it to the end, you will be spending a big chunk of change. Each of the books in the series is written by a different author, so once you get used to the flow from one, the story continues with another author and the flow and pace change dramatically. Also, if you plan to go to the end of the clues, be warned that the Cahills don't ever REALLY find anything substantial. It's all rainbows and lolly pops and be the best you, you can be and that's the greatest gift you can give the world kind of stuff. My 10 year old was very dissappointed! Book2 of this series, IMO, is the best and easiest to read. All about Mozart and his contribution to the world.

First, I'll say that the book I received was in great condition. However, The 39 Clues series include very important "Clue Cards" on the inside cover to use with the online club and gaming associated with the story. The used book listing I purchased stated that the condition of the book was "Very Good", and gave no indication that the cards were missing. The book arrived without the cards inside. I have contacted the seller, but I've received no response. If an item is listed as "Very Good", that would imply that it is fully intact. Selling this book without the cards is basically equivalent to ripping out the last chapter but stating that the rest of the book is in excellent condition. Disappointed.

My 9-year-old son and I are reading the first book in this series, "The Maze of Bones", and really enjoying it. I bought this one to continue reading about all the clues. These books are very good, but I wouldn't recommend them for under age 9. It can be a little confusing when purchasing, so just know that different authors have written books in this series.

Bought for grandchildren, they love it!

As I mentioned in my last post, I am buying this series for my grandson for Christmas. Now I'm on to book three, and I'm hooked. It's like reading Harry Potter but with different characters. I'll have the books read before Jackson even opens up his set on Christmas morning.

I ordered the box set with the poster and it came in brown shipping box and no collectors set and no poster. Totally false!

I thought this was totally awesome because it had a whole bunch of action. There were so many parts that I just felt as if I was in the book with Amy and Dan. The only part I didn't like was when the Kabras stole Dan and Amy's boarding passes. I don't think that was a very good way to end a book but it was a good idea for the most part. I highly recommend this book for 10 year olds and up. I think that if you wanted a 7 year old to read this book they wouldn't really get it. So, yeah. That's my opinion.

I loved this book and my son did to this book is very exiting. I highly recommend this book. I was thinking about it for a long time and think it was a great choice

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