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Editorial Review

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Three time Newbery honor author Nancy Farmer's epic fantasy, *The Sea of Trolls*, is gigantic in every way. There are big Vikings and bigger trolls. There are big themes--hope, despair, life and death. At a substantial 450+ pages, the sheer size of this hefty tome is impressive. But, like all of Farmer's fine work, the large scale has room for enormous quantities of heart and humor. At the center of this massive adventure is a small Saxon boy named Jack, who's never been much good at anything until the Bard of his medieval village makes him an apprentice. Then, just as Jack is learning to tap into and control his power, he is kidnapped (along with his little sister, Lucy) and taken to the court of King Ivar the Boneless and his half troll queen Frith. When one of Jack's amateur spells causes the evil queen's beautiful hair to fall out, he is forced to undertake a dangerous quest across the Sea of Trolls to make things right, or suffer the consequences--the sacrifice of his beloved sister to Frith's patron goddess, Freya. Along the way Jack faces everything from giant golden troll-bears to man-eating spiders, yet each frightening encounter brings wisdom and understanding to the budding young Bard. No quester who enters these pages with Jack will go away unsatisfied. Farmer's skillful melding of history, mythology, and humor, is reminiscent of both Tamora Pierce and Terry Pratchett's medieval fantasies, and will no doubt be HUGELY enjoyed by fantasy readers of all ages. --*Jennifer Hubert*

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Gr. 6-9. In Farmer's latest, a battle-ax-size fantasy-adventure, rampaging Northmen (the polite term for Vikings) pass through a Saxon village and enslave two of its residents: an 11-year-old apprentice mage and his 5-year-old sister. When Jack offends the Northmen's touchy queen, she threatens to kill his sister unless he reverses a misfired spell--a task that requires a journey deep into icy troll country. The subsequent bouts with troll-bears, giant spiders, and dragons are thrilling, and boys in particular will delight in Farmer's portrayal of the initially terrifying Northmen as tellers of fart jokes and singers of rowdy songs. Lighthearted moments notwithstanding, Jack's archetypal quest is a dense one, heavily draped in Norse mythology, Old English lore, and ponderings about the differences between Christian and pagan cosmologies. In addition, many readers may find it difficult to accept Jack's deepening affection for his frequently barbaric kidnappers, not to mention the oft-repeated message, "All beautiful things attract destruction"--a worldview that comes to Jack straight from the bloody saga of Beowulf. Readers captivated by slash-'em-up Viking culture will happily plunge into this celebrated author's sixth novel, but many members of Farmer's traditional audience will emerge from the experience feeling alternately dazzled and dazed. *Jennifer Mattson*

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Review

"Heroic."

-- "USA Today"

Richie Partington www.richiespicks.com "The Sea of Trolls" nearly defies categorization, there are so many sides to it...the latest success in the career of one of the great storytellers of our time.

Scott Meyer Merritt Bookstore (Millbrook, NY) ...What Nancy Farmer does best -- show us that appearances do deceive. Or as the publishers say "She has never told a richer, funnier tale, nor offered more timeless

encouragement to young seekers than 'Just say no to pillaging'."

Mary Brown Books, Bytes, and Beyond (Glen Rock, NJ) A new Nancy Farmer novel is always cause for celebrating because you know it will be something incredibly inventive and wholly absorbing. Nancy Farmer spins such complete stories that we don't need a sequel or even a prequel -- we just need another Nancy Farmer novel!

Susan Hirschman former longtime publisher of Greenwillow Books I think "The Sea of Trolls" is magnificent. Absolutely the best I've read. I read it in a gulp and was crushed when I had finished it. I wasn't ready to give up any of the characters. It is truly splendid.

Kathy Larkin Children In Paradise (Chicago, IL) The Norse stories are so full of buckle and swash, I am glad that the door to the land of the North has been opened again. Farmer's tale has dragons, swords, and brave hearts, what else does one need for a great read?

Rene Kirkpatrick All for Kids Books & Music (Seattle, WA) ...A fast-paced, very funny, adventure story, perfect for both boys and girls.

Sarah Todd Hannah Schwartz's Children's Book World (Haverford, PA) Bringing her wit, high style, and flair for dramatic storytelling to "The Sea of Trolls, " Farmer makes Norse mythology and Saxon history both intriguing and enthralling. Dragons and trolls, wise women and bards, runes and lunatics...these are the makings of this great tale, and one deserving of fame.

Zach (11 years old) "Sea of Trolls" is one of the best books ever. It's sorta like "Harry Potter" meets "Lord of the Rings" and they both meet Eragon. It rocks. It's a puzzling mystery but at the same time a comedy with tons of pulse pounding, adrenilene racing, page flipping things going on. It's awesome that Nancy Farmer can get you so excited about what you think is going to happen next, and then bam she swerves and has something completely unexpected happen that's even better than what you even hoped would happen. When will the next one be ready?

Jamie (9 years old) This is the next "Harry Potter" and I loved it. I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Walker (8 years old) Every night I wanted my Mom or Dad to read more. It was really exciting. It had Vikings, dragons, spiders, a boy who has lots of adventures, a magical land, a Queen who has her hair fall off and a crow. It made me laugh too.

"Heroic."

-- "USA Today"

"Nancy Farmer goes a-viking and returns with magic."

-- "Associated Press"

"A hugely entertaining story sure to appeal to fans of "The Lord of the Rings.""

-- "Kirkus, " starred review

"Readers will want to sail through these nearly 500 pages to find out what happens to young Jack and his sister, Lucy...."

-- "Publishers Weekly, " starred review

"This exciting and original fantasy will capture the hearts and imaginations of readers."

-- "School Library Journal, " starred review

"Heroic."

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