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Two boys and two girls find themselves lost in a cave where they discover strange creatures, unexplained magic, and a handful of colorful stones that glow when held. When one of them becomes trapped in a deep, inescapable pit, a pact with an angry, arrogant snake leads to the discovery of the Dragon's Blood amulet and the creation of a rainbow portal which will carry the children into a world of dragons, if they survive! This is book one in the Denicalis Dragon Chronicles series, written for young adults (upper elementary to middle grade) as well as adults. If you like dragons, magic and adventure, then this series is for you! For more information, visit www.denicalisdragonchronicles.com and be sure to friend MJ on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mj.allaire>)!

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H.C. Paye says

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Denicalis Dragon Chronicles

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Reviewed by Heather Paye

When Tonia, Diam, Nicho, and Micah discover a cave near the village of Uncava they decide to go exploring and see what secrets such a strange cave might hold. Upon entering, they find creatures unknown and known—some life threatening! They even discover some kind of strange stones, they aren't normal, but what do they do?

Muscala, a huge cave snake... a loyal cave snake... wants something, and is determined to get it. Will his conniving words, violent ways, and murderous thoughts get him what he wants?

Dragon's Blood is definitely a great read! I recommend this to the middle grade readers. It's a clean book, but not to the point of sacrificing the high-adrenaline scenes. It's one of those books you read, you put down, contemplate getting up and taking care of the basic human needs, then pick the book back up and continue reading. It's quite addicting. The letters are larger than most paperback books making it an easy read for those new novel readers. The length is perfect, and I can't wait to read the next installment. Readers, if you're a fan of adventure, unknown, and magical creatures – grab a copy of Dragon's Blood today!

Tabitha Tomala says

Not too bad of a book. You can definitely tell the author is new but overall the storyline was decent. It reminded me a lot of a campaign in Dungeons and Dragons with the cave they went through and the encounters, but that's probably just because I am an avid gamer. I am looking forward to reading the next one :)

M.J. Allaire says

I'm the author of this book...

It's the first book in a series of books called the Denicalis Dragon Chronicles, and was initially written for ages 8-15 (YA Fantasy) but I've heard is also enjoyable for readers of all ages. If you'd like to contact me about it, please email me at mjallaire@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit my website at www.mjallaire.com or my MySpace page, www.myspace.com/mjallaire...

Payton Cooke says

While I'm usually pretty adoring of fantasy books in general, I wasn't psyched in reading *Dragon's Blood*. The writing style was just a little juvenile for me. Granted, the book is written for a younger age group than I am in. However, I on occasion I do read "young" books and this one was just lower than I imagined.

For one: The subtleties and foreshadowing weren't as subtle as I would want them. Early in the story the foreshadowing is something along the lines of:

"They were all unaware of how realistic this statement would turn out to be." (Allaire 29).

What? Now I'm waiting for Nicho to be in a life-threatening situation, instead of being surprised or shocked when he actually is (a part I will not spoil), which was a scene I genuinely liked and thought was well written. There is also several allusions to the past year. Almost too many allusions. Where one part told too much, this one said too little, too much. The past year, shouldn't be a foremost thought in my mind, especially since that doesn't get resolved in this book and isn't a huge issue for the plot right now (I understand that this is a series, and I have high hopes for the continuations).

For another: The dialogue was a little... "oh man." It seemed a little fake (but how old are the characters anyway?). But again I don't want to rip into the book, because I did like it more as it went on.

But the plot, while I kind of rolled my eyes at the "oh look, another glowing stone" theme, I still have hopes for it, remembering Miyuki Miyabe's *Brave Story* which had the same kind of step-by-step, find the next gem--oh there it is kind of plot and still was a great dark fantasy.

So basically, just a little younger than I would have expected. I do want to say though, that I liked the book especially after Ransa and Kaileen and that whole darker plot thing where it became less of a "let's go exploring!" kind of adventure and turned into a more "we're probably not going home anytime soon" kind of thing (but I'm still not going to spoil anything), and while I'm not surfing Bibliomation and comparing mileages to find the next addition to the series, I do want to continue this adventure. So... until next time.

Marie says

I would recommend this book to both young and old readers alike. The characters may be young but the fantasy of dragons appeals to a wide range of ages. I began this series with my nephew and found we shared the idea that dragons are cool!
