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The dramatic and satisfying conclusion to the Nightshade Chronicles reveals the secret of the Nightshade rats unique powers and resolves old rivalries and conflicts.

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## From Reader Review Lords of Trillium for online ebook

### Mark Buxton says

My name is Billycan, and I've changed since the effects of lab experiments have slowly weakened. Other creatures should still fear me, since I've killed more rats than I can count. However, I don't like the old me, and the Tuscans have told me about the terror of a former major. I've returned to Nightshade to stop her from destroying the peaceful city and murdering my brother and son. However, something else is happening too. I still have nightmares from my time in the Trillium labs, and it seems events are leading me back there. I've learned the scientists wanted my race of rats due to the effects of living above an extinct volcano. They did unspeakable experiments on us that caused the vicious killings in my past. Memories of the lab incense me, but its secrets may lie below the old library.

I recommend you read the previous books in the series, especially book one, to fully appreciate the transformation of Billycan's character. Seldom do you see a terrifying evil character become a major protagonist. Most of the minor characters found this hard to believe, although Billycan's brother, son, and niece were more supportive. The uncertainty behind his change added suspense to the story, since it was unclear if he might revert back to his violent past. The author does a nice job of describing Billycan's inner turmoil, as battles memories and urges of violence. The issue of experimenting on animals in lab research is a central theme, but it's told from the lab rats' points of view. The scientists are trying to discover a way to reverse human aging, but the side effects of the serum are devastating. This book especially reminds me of Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, since the plot leads to a face-off between the human scientists and the lab animals. I'm not sure where the sequel will lead. The end of this book is rather cryptic with three unidentified lab rats heading out into the world.

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### Teresa Bateman says

Fans of the Brian Jacques "Redwall" fantasy series will find much in "The Nightshade Chronicles" to embrace. Talking animals, battles, intrigues, deception, betrayal--it's all here. In book #3 of "The Nightshade Chronicles" the series ends with a bang. The rats in Nightshade should be safe. After all, they won the battle against their enemies. Things should be settling down. However, all is not as it seems. Death awaits many and betrayal is at hand. Reformed Billycan may be the key to their survival. Ultimately, however, they need to stop the source of the rot--the lab and scientists who created them. A rescue, and sabotage, are in order. This is a complex fantasy series, and it is vital to have read the previous books. Those who have will want this book to finish things off, although they might not be completely happy with the enigmatic ending.

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### Steve says

I won this book in a first reads giveaway, and after hurriedly reading the first two books in the series, I was excited to dive into this one. Great children's fantasy series!

*Lords of Trillium* is almost an "origins" story, but not quite. It explains a lot of the history behind the characters in this series, where they came from, etc. It goes a lot deeper into the relationship between the Trillium humans and the rats and answers a lot of questions I had from the first two books.

The only disappointment for me with this book is that it's the last one in the series. Maybe another will appear? One can only hope.

As I mentioned in my review of *The White Assassin*, redemption is a powerful feature in a novel, and there is an aspect of that in this book as well, although for me it isn't quite as powerful. Still a wonderful story that I enjoyed immensely.

I'm glad I got to read this series, and I'll definitely be watching for more from this author!

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### **R.A. Danger says**

The book has two stories within it, first the Nightshade rats will find out who the traitor is in their mist and second they have to find out why the Hunters have vanish and not return. Woven into the whole book is the character Billycan as he found himself in the beginning of the book as a leader of the Tosca until he finds out the Nightshade rats might need his help.

Throughout the story we learn more of the history of the rats and who is the rest of the family of Billycan. Let's just say that at the end of the book, all the past problems are gone (unless they get out).

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### **Bish Denham says**

This has been on my TBR list for quite some time as I thoroughly enjoyed the first books in the series. Lords of Trillium did not disappoint me! I was happy to follow Juniper and friends as they struggled to find out what was causing the disappearance to teams of hunters. Their terrifying discoveries in the secret labs of the humans in the city Trillium was frightening, indeed. But more powerful than that, was the message of redemption. Nicely done Ms. Wagner!

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### **Medeia Sharif says**

I'm not a huge fan of animal stories, but I enjoy Hilary's writing and this is a wonderful series. It's been awhile since I read book 2, so I became reacquainted with these characters. In this book 3, the community of rodents has to deal with missing rats. The atmosphere is dark and haunting as we follow these missing rats to where many end up—in labs run by humans! Will they be saved? There's a lot of emotion, action, and intrigue in this book.

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### **Animallover1234 says**

This is really the 3rd book in the nightshade cronacles series. Rats have started dissapearing, and the council looks where they have gone. At a wedding, one of the rats, Elvi, was really Hecate, a truly evil rat, who tried to ill a rat, and the children too. Billycan discovered Hecate's secret, and he arived just in time to help defeat Hecate.

Another rat has one missing, and the council discovers that the missing rats were in cages in a secret lab. The

rats helped the rats in the cages escape, and then they all acted dead. Oh, did I tell you that there were bats in the lab as well? So the bats and rats acted crazy and then "died" to trick the humans and escape. Billycan has greeted an old friend, the scientist who has planned the lab. But, unfortunately the lab exploded, and Walter, the scientist, died, and so did Billycan. But, Billycan has been re-born, and he is younger, and he has 2 strange rats following him, as he searched to find his friends...

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### **Ale Brito says**

I really didn't want to finish this book, because it also meant finishing the trilogy. I enjoyed it so much! I loved all the characters. Juniper, Vincent, the earthworms, Clover, and of course Billycan... He was such a great character, and his development felt real and even made you sympathize with him.

The ending was perfect. I will definitely read these books again. Totally recommended.

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### **Patricia Kaniasty says**

Great ending to the series.....or is it the end? Don't know. Lots of action and adventure.

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### **Brenda says**

Lords of Trillium begins with the disappearance of rats from Nightshade City. Juniper and Vincent quickly go Topside in order to search for the missing Hunters, hoping to find clues as to whether the dock rats, Humans of Trillium or even Billycan are behind it. Over the past year, the Council has been searching through the books, journals and research papers that were left behind by the scientists for answers to the rats longevity, strength and intelligence. At the same time, Billycan has made his way to Tosca trying to move away from his past and maybe do some good. While there, Billycan learns that someone he knows closely had an army on Tosca and was instrumental in causing the King to go "mad" and is now secretly plotting revenge against Juniper and all of Nightshade. Will Billycan make it back to Trillium in time to help?

There is so much to love about this series, with characters like Juniper and Victor and Vincent and their loyalty to family and the City of Nightshade, or the settings and dangers that Wagner puts these rats in as they navigate their way through the city and lab of Prince Pharmaceuticals to try to discover what the scientists want from them. There is also the intrigue and plotting of the revenge and an overall plot of good versus evil. And the beautiful messages of redemption, just fantastic. The whole series was wonderful and it really doesn't get the recognition that it deserves. Although Wagner tied up all the threads going on across the series, she left some room for a possible book, which I hope someday she might write because I truly would like to see more of Billycan. Thank you once again to the author for the autographed copy of your book.

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### **Lady says**

I won this book through Good Reads First Reads promotion and just received it today and can not wait to start reading it!!!

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**C G says**

Good. The ending I thought was a bit overmuch.

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