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Bobby Pendragon has visited the alternate dimension of Denduron and waded through the endangered underwater territory of Cloral. Now Bobby once again finds himself thrust beyond the boundaries of time and space into a place that seems somewhat familiar: First Earth.

Bobby and the Traveler from Cloral—Spader—have flumed to New York City, 1937, where they must uncover the evil Saint Dane's newest plot. But is Bobby ready for the difficult choices ahead?

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Kat Hooper says

3.5

Readhead says

This is a unique Pendragon book: It takes place on Earth. Even more unique: In the 1930's. I don't want to spoil anything, but Machale did an amazing job with this book, piecing it together and making it sound realistic. I really enjoyed it.

Max says

I think this had to be the most interesting book in the series partly because it took place in 1937 which according to the author is considered "First Earth". There are also a "Second Earth" which takes place in present day Earth, and also a "Third Earth" which takes place in 5010, the future of Earth. I really liked this book because it was in the times of World War II and I've always thought that particular point in history is way interesting! The year was 1937. Through the flume, Bobby Pendragon with his new found friend, Spader, travelled back to First Earth to uncover Saint Dane's diabolical agenda. In this heart-pumping event, they've met with the Gunny, the traveller from this territory; they've also met Jinx Olsen, the amazing lady pilot; and Max Rose, a mafia leader.

Jack von Quilich says

The third installment of the pendragon series was amazing. They travel threw the flume to first earth, the time period before second earth. Saint Dane is continually trying to tear down halla and turn all he territories into his worlds. Bobby is still sad about uncles death. They work threw the events throw at them discover that the Hindenburg is the turning point of first earth and that people are trying to save it. But these events must happen for the sake of halla. No matter how bad they are.

Orion Mullen says

Great twist ending. I kind of feel bad for Spader but he did deserve it. I definitely think he's coming back though. Can't wait for the next one.

Deviki says

Wowafter reading this bookI was like "mindblown baby" I love love love how the author had

cooperate a famous real life event to his fictional adventure story!!! I actually stopped reading the book to watched a documentary on that faithful event, on youtube. Because, I just have to know more! Learn plenty too :)

You got to admit this book is quite different in a way but at the same time its still the same :P I'm really glad the author had decided to change the storytelling concept a lil differently this time because this book had a lot to information and a lot uncover mysteries. Saint Dane's evil plot or motive was quite different. I mean sure he plots to destroy any territories he step foot in but, as always his motive is to cause chaos and destroy the territory ! This time his motive is the same but it's aimed slightly differently at someone else in particular.

Ok, I'm jumping wayyy ahead now!!

The story starts off by tell us (from the Book two's end prologue) that Bobby had lost his ring and he is now writing his journal in a bundle and safe keeping it in a bank's deposit box. Decades later, Mike and Courtney get to read it, its like some kind of treasure hunt secret . The whole idea is SUPER COOL!!

Ok, so we come to understand that Saint Dane had flumed tricked Bobby and Spader into thinking that his next destination is Veelox. But we soon discover that the truth when we're briefly introduced to Aja (her head mostly), Traveler from Veelox. I like that we get to briefly meet other Travelers in this book like they are some kind of famous cameo actors in TV shows.

I'm starting to see a lil pattern in this book, like we get introduced to one Traveler and that Traveler kind of "follows" Bobby until he "exchange" the old one with a new one!?! I don't know if I'm making sense but that's how I feel when I'm reading this book.

In Book 2 we are introduced to Spader, we've seen how Spader's emotions gets out of control and we have also seen the devastation it lead to. I like Spader, really, I do, but that guy needs to keep his emotion in check and "see" the bigger picture. That's the whole point of being a Traveler, for the greater good. So I knew, Spader's emotion is going to go out of control again. Funny though, sometimes the most happy-go-lucky person can also an emotional wreck.

We are acquainted with First Earth Traveler, Gunny, I really like him, I find him to be smart, funny, loyal and totally dependable. You get this feeling that he will have your back no matter what! And it is reveal to be true later! At first I thought Gunny's role was like Press and Osa, that he was an experienced Traveler waiting to pick his Traveler heir, but I was surprised that he is the actually THE Traveler for First Earth! I mean he is an older man, not just by few months but years!!

Honestly, I had to stop reading this book at one point and start looking up pictures of New York and Manhattan from 1937, I had to see pictures of people back then and their lifestyle, just so I get a clear "representation" of what this First Earth is like. I mean really, it was interesting to learn something along the way :)

You know, I don't know how I would have made it in First Earth, because when Bobby was searching for clues, I had this urge to say "just google it Bobby !!" LOL. Because we live in an era where information is at our fingertips, and with Bobby' doing everything "manually" it was seriously "painful" to read LOL. I mean, they don't even have a TV !!

I think I liked that we are reading Bobby's journal continuously because I think it was so full of information

and twisted plots, I would have gotten a bit annoyed if we are forced to take a break from all of that and read about Mike and Courtney's story. No! Don't get me wrong, I like Mike and Courtney but for now I'm more interested in Bobby's adventure.

Am I the only one who was still unclear about Saint Dane's whole plot? As I'm reading Saint Dane's evil plot reveal, I'm still likeso you did ALL all that for THAT...I mean why did you make it so complicated dude?.... But I get it now, why Saint Dane did it the way he did, No, I don't think he was trying to impress Bobby, I think he wants to manipulate Bobby, forcing him to make a mistake by not sacrificing innocent lives. I think he wants Bobby to know that Bobby is still only a human with empathy and can't bring himself to do it when the time comes!!

You Evil Evil Man, Saint Dane

The short trip to Third World was AWESOME !! How I wish I can visit that earth too! I want to know if human race is family living in harmony and in good healthy ! I would love that library!! I mean the stark contrast between the First Earth was appalling. I wonder how Gunny survived the shock!

Ok just like I've predicted, Spader had his bitch fit again, I was so sure he believed Bobby at the gas station but when he ran off with the goon, I knew Spader is a lost cause, He can't see past his revenge, its sad because when Spader is not consumed by his hatred for Saint Dane, he is actually an awesome friend and perfect Traveler buddy.

I was very dissappointed when Spader did not trust Bobby and Gunny. I really did want to choke the living day lights out of him. I mean seriously why did he even doubt them ? Why was he perfectly fine trusting Bobby and Gunny but when he is in his bitch phase, he can't think straight.....it must have hurt Bobby a lot!!

That time when Bobby had to decide if he should sacrifice lives and shoulder the responsibility for the rest of your life or don't do it, and face the desolation for many millennium to come!

I want Bobby to do it but at the same time I don't think I can do it myself. Sure, sacrifice a few to save many.....but that few's death is caused by your own hand!! ?? no wayyy arghhh

I really want to go in detail with this book review but I feel like the whole book is a big puzzle and by revealing the twist here, it will really take away the mystery from the book.

I think I may have mentioned this before, but the whole "Idea" of Bobby coming back to Second Earth to see Mike and Courtney, while it was all great, I always feel like it takes a way the mystery of "unreachable and far away" vibe from the story. Because you get this impression that "Bobby can go back 'home' anytime". But anyway, for this book Bobby's return revealed something storming up in Mike's head. I keep getting this idea that, Mike after reading about Spader and his adventure with Bobby, he wants to be apart of it. I get it, he has always been in the shadow of someone else, even though Bobby is far away, Mike is still somehow absorbing Bobby's aura and desperately hoping he too can be like Bobby. It's interesting to see how Mike's thinking had changes over years.

I'm curious to see Mike's development and his thoughts, I wonder if Mike's need for adventure and excitement will soon turn to jealousy and hate ?

Halley Hopson says

-- Reread 2016 --

This was never a favorite of mine, especially back when I originally read it simply because things like the mafia and gang wars combined with history don't usually interest me. But I feel like I enjoyed it a little bit more this time around and can appreciate how vital it is to the series as a whole.

I love Gunny, who is introduced in this book, and I like that this story keeps you guessing of who exactly Saint Dane is taking the form of to cause the tipping of the territory of First Earth into disaster. I also very much enjoyed the glimpse we get of Third Earth and that it shows just how poignant one moment in history can be in affecting the future.

Christian West says

This is probably my favourite book in this series. It deals a lot with how choices can influence the future, and how a single choice can have very far reaching consequences, even if that choice seems to be right at the time.

Jake says

There are many types of themes and issues that are happening in “pendragon” right now. Here they are: Friendship issues, War vs. peace, Good vs. evil, and a bunch more. The main one for me though is Friendship issues. The main character, Bobby, and his friend, Spader, are having friendship issues.

Spader is mad at an evil guy named St. Dane for killing his father. Spader goes wild with anger when he hears about or sees St. Dane. This doesn't help Bobby stop St. Dane from destroying Halla (Everything basically). Spader wanted to go with Bobby on his next adventure, and Bobby made Spader promise that he would listen to him when he said something and to control his temper. Spader promised and he went ahead, but constantly broke that promise. In the end, Spader almost ended up destroying Halla by not listening to Bobby.

Bobby managed saving everything in the nick of time, but was mad at Spader for not listening to him. He tells Spader to go back to his home world, which is probably not the best for their friendship.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Giselle (Book Nerd Canada) says

Yeppers just as good as before. Loved reading about the Third Earth territory.. what a utopia!

Mackenzie says

My favorite book yet in the series, you can really conected with this territory!!! Bobby must not only save one world he must save three the past the present and the future not to mention Halla which is every thing in all of space...No pressure... wrong Bobby,spader and Gunny,must find the turning point of the teritory First Earth..If something gose wrong not only one territory will be destroyed but three and to make matters worse this is could really hit home for Bobby (literally). Join Mark and Courtney while reading Bobby Pendragon amazing adventure with amazing friends,mystery,suspense and much more this is a must read!!

Mahammad Sadegh says

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Kyle says

My favorite book since it takes place on the First Earth(historic/past Earth). The bombing and Bobby dealing with the gangs makes it very enjoyable.

Victoria says

I think what I love most about this series is the different worlds. Every book, there's a completely new setting to lose yourself in, complete with a new cast of characters. But of course, sometimes the best ones from previous novels come along for the ride.

Bobby Pendragon now finds himself in a very familiar territory indeed; First Earth, his home planet in the 1930's. And he quickly discovers that the "tipping point" here has everything to do with time. Somewhere, someone, helped along by none other than Saint Dane, is going to set something in motion that may become the catalyst for an event that will change history: World War II. And in order to save First Earth, Bobby will have to unravel the web of the past, the present, and the future, as well as make one of the most difficult choices ever.

Accompanied by the complex, vengeful, charismatic Vo Spader from the previous novel, with the addition of First Earth's mellow and wise Traveler Gunny, Bobby has reached a personal tipping point of his own; the

