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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4-9-In 1753, Billy Bartram and his naturalist father John, members of the American Philosophical Society, set out to find the lost Kingdom of Madoc, a centuries-old settlement rumored to be on the frontier. They encounter more danger than expected on their journey. Flying across the frontier in the airship di Terzi, they meet a young George Washington, but also a dangerous group of French troops who want to take over their airship. To make matters worse, they also encounter incognitum (mastodons), bear-wolves, and a possible traitor onboard. Will Billy and his father find the Kingdom of Madoc? Will they figure out who the traitor is before it's too late? Narrator Charlie McWade masterfully draws listeners into Kirby's tale (Scholastic, 2013). His unique character voices are skillful, and sound effects and music enhance the story. This one's for fans of steampunk, historical fiction, and adventure as well as Scott Westerfeld's "Leviathan" trilogy.-Jessica Moody, Olympus Junior High School, Holladay, UTα(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journal. LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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In 1753, noted American naturalist John Bartram and his son Billy join an expedition to search the frontier in the di Terzi, a flying ship powered by "vacuum balloons" and wind. Their mission is to find the centuries-old Kingdom of Madoc, a Welsh settlement rumored to be on the frontier. Along the way they encounter the young George Washington, hostile French troops, a herd of enormous incognitum (mastodons), and a terrifying bear-wolf. Though his father mistrusts their guide, who is part Indian, Billy finds himself increasingly convinced that the man is true to his word. This alternate-history story, propelled by scenes of suspense and rousing action, traces Billy's growing independence from his beloved father. As the stakes grow higher, he comes to rely increasingly on his own judgment. Billy's first-person narrative offers insights into varied colonial American views on a number of topics. Inspired by history and legend, this inventive novel takes flight as a grand adventure with elements of fantasy and steampunk. Grades 4-7. --Carolyn Phelan

Review

Praise for ICEFALL

Winner of the 2012 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery

Winner of the 2012 PEN Center Literary Award

A 2012 ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection

A New York Public Library 100 Books for Reading and Sharing Selection

Winner of the Judy Lopez Memorial Award

"[A] taut, compelling mystery and survival story." -BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"[A] claustrophobic, thought-provoking coming-of-age adventure that shows a young woman growing into her own, while demonstrating the power of myth and legend." -PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"Elegant and exciting." -BOOKLIST

"A well-crafted story rich with emotion and intrigue. A thoroughly engaging read!" -Brandon Mull, bestselling author of the Fablehaven and Beyonders series

"Clear, lively, exciting, and unstoppable as the torrent of meltwater from a glacier, ICEFALL confirms Matthew Kirby as one of our finest new writers for young adults. Readers of any age may be enthralled by the bitter Nordic winter setting and the story of a girl who needs a lot of courage to discover who she is." - Ursula K. Le Guin, acclaimed author of the Earthsea Cycle

Praise for THE CLOCKWORK THREE

"In this riveting historical fantasy . . . debut novelist Kirby has assembled all the ingredients for a rousing adventure, which he delivers with rich, transporting prose." -PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review

"[M]emorable characters, hearty action, and palpable atmospherics." -BOOKLIST

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