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Review of *The Navigator*

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Adult Review: Margaret A. Robbins

The Navigator is Book Two in the acclaimed *Tales of the Wendy* young adult fantasy series by Erin Michelle Sky and Steven Brown. The series is a historical fantasy retelling of the classic Peter Pan story. It takes place in the late 1700s in England and Neverland, yet it gives the characters a modern-day spin. Wendy has always dreamed of being a ship captain, but the options for young women are limited. After working her way up in the British Royal Navy, Wendy is now a Navigator under Captain Hook's command. Yet as the evil Blackbeard's forces become stronger and the stakes get higher, will Wendy be able to keep her head and prove herself to Captain Hook and the men under his command? What will become of her complex relationship with Peter Pan? Wendy must prove her ability to navigate the ship and form the alliances she and her crew need to succeed on their mission to defeat Blackbeard and his crew.

The development of setting is fantastic, and the series will appeal to fans of historical fantasy and contemporary fantasy alike. A character like Wendy makes the reader feel that young adult women can do anything we set our minds to. The novel is a great mix of fantasy and adventure, and Wendy is an inspiring teenage female protagonist for adolescent readers.

The book does not have strong language or sexual content, and the fighting scenes are not graphic. It would be a good choice for younger and older adolescents alike. It is helpful to have read the first

book in the series *The Wendy* prior to reading this second book in the trilogy, but the novel can also serve as a stand-alone read. The third book in the trilogy will be released in Summer 2020, and the companion novella *Tigerlilja* is available on Kindle.

Student Review: Caroline Davis

When I first started to read *The Navigator*, I was so intrigued. I found the concept of carrying on the Peter Pan story amazing. The book reminded me of a fan fiction type book. I thought that Pan played a very important part in the book. I especially loved Pan's background story. Another thing I loved about the book was how much girl power there was. Now you do not find that many books with a female hero.

I believe that this book was mainly made for Disney fans, action fans, and all girls. I love how Erin Michelle Sky and Steven Brown took a classic story and turned it into a modern-day story. I would recommend this book to all girls ages 11-14 years old. I have encouraged a few of my friends to read this book.

One thing that I loved about *The Navigator* is how it is such a silly tale, but they turned it into a mature story. I like how Wendy achieved her goal to sail with the English Navy. I hope that there is another book coming out soon. I will easily get it as soon as it comes out.