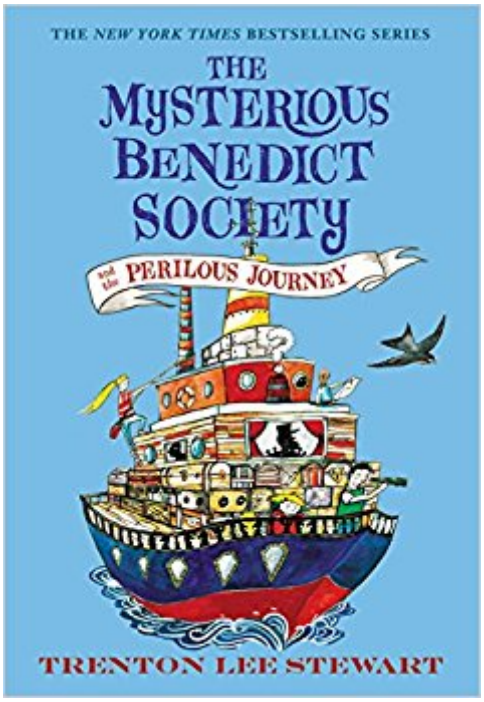
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The Mysterious Benedict Society And The Perilous Journey



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Synopsis

The Mysterious Benedict Society is back with a new mission, significantly closer to home. After reuniting for a celebratory scavenger hunt, Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance are forced to go on an unexpected search--a search to find Mr. Benedict. It seems that while he was preparing the kids' adventure, he stepped right into a trap orchestrated by his evil twin Mr. Curtain. With only one week to find a captured Mr. Benedict, the gifted foursome faces their greatest challenge of all--a challenge that will reinforce the reasons they were brought together in the first place and will require them to fight for the very namesake that united them.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Grade 5Ã¢â ¬â œ7Ã¢â ¬â •What was supposed to have been a reunion with Mr. Benedict turns into trouble for the four young heroes of The Mysterious Benedict Society (Little, Brown, 2007). Mr. Benedict and his assistant Number 2 have been kidnapped by the evil Mr. Curtain while abroad, so Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance set off to rescue him, aided by a set of clues Mr. Benedict left before his abduction. Adventure and danger await the four onboard an

unusual ship, at a castle in Portugal, in the Netherlands, and finally on a mysterious island, where they fall into the hands of Mr. Curtain and his henchmen. It is a combination of courage and their amazing talents that allows the youngsters to squeak out of every predicament. The action takes a while to get going in earnest as more attention is given to the worries and thoughts of the children and to their interactions with the various helpful, eccentric, or nasty adults they meet in their travels. They also learn to understand themselves and one another a little better by the end of their harrowing journey. As a result, this is not just a rip-roaring adventure with plenty of clever twists and hair's-breadth escapes, but also a warm and satisfying tale about friendship.Ã¢â ¬â •Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

The daring foursome from the well-received The Mysterious Benedict Society (2007) returns in a second perilous adventure. As the book opens, the children reunite at Mr. BenedictÃ¢â ¬â„¢s home, where he has arranged a treasure hunt. Alas, they discover that Benedict and his assistant are being held captive somewhere, and dire consequences will result if BenedictÃ¢â ¬â„¢s evil twin doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t receive the information he desires in four days. The children undertake a worldwide journey to save Benedict and find the duskwort that will cure his narcolepsy. Lots of backstory is needed to set up this sequel, which makes for a choppy beginning. In the previous book, the protagonistÃ¢â ¬â„¢s personal stories provided heft, but this is pure adventureÃ¢â ¬â •lots of racing, scheming, fighting. Punches are pulled on the violence front, but the threat is always there, creating page-turning tension. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s this roller coaster, along with the essential goodness of the characters (except, perhaps, for Constance), that will draw kids to this breathless follow-up. Grades 4-7. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

When I first started reading this book, I got a little bored because it's one of those books that I didn't want to get but I had to anyways. But then the plot started thickening, forming little strands that weave into a web (or at least that's how I think of it). The way the words are used is unique, it using words that convey a meaning that may not be directly implied. All in all, I think this book is amazing.

This was the best book I've EVER read by a lot and I am about to read the sequel. The beginning of the book had a bunch of cool and creepy tests and the end was more anxious. It actually made me want to read longer. I know this might be kind of strange, but I drove to North Carolina to see my cousins and the car was really loud, so I listened to the song Humanity In Motion by Nathan Lanier.

It is not on iTunes. It honestly made me read a lot faster. This book was so amazing and I have a feeling that the sequels are just as good!

The novel was recommended to me by a friend as one that is extremely clever and an excellent read, and I must say that I agree on most accounts. On one end I find a bit of the storyline difficult to believe, such as the fact that a mysterious man luring children would actually turn out to be a brilliant agent working to save the world, among other things. On the other, more positive hand, I enjoyed solving the puzzles (although some were a bit rudimentary) and I deeply enjoyed the plot line. Over all I would strongly recommend the novel as a good read for 3rd through 5th (maybe 6th) graders.

After reading through the Harry Potter Books One through Seven this summer with my children, a magical experience, I wondered how we would follow up on such a great family experience. To my great surprise, The Mysterious Benedict Society seems to be an adequate, if not equal, follow-up. Similar to our reading of Harry Potter, the girls can't wait until the end of the day when I get home so we can get back to the book. They wonder aloud at the breakfast table what's going to happen next, and they always want to read more when we turn off the iPad at bedtime. It's nice to have another series that seems to capture their imaginations and to which they look forward to each evening.

I was told to read the Mysterious Benedict Society book number one for a gifted project. I loved it. When I found the second, I was deeply regard with Trenton Lee Stewart's ability to write tough and hard-to-read book for the middle school group. I reason that because a few of my friends would never understand the book. It's not that they're dumb, just that they don't read and write as well as others. I suggest whomever from the age 9 - 15 will love this book. Read!

I stumbled upon this novel while I was wondering through the children's section of my local bookstore looking for a gift for my nephew. Since he's only two, I couldn't justified buying it for him (yet), but it seemed intriguing enough to add to my pile. I'm really glad I made that decision because The Mysterious Benedict Society has the makings of another Potter-esque series for young adult readers and grown-ups alike.Reynie Muldoon is a genius. At 11-years-old he's completed all of the required courses through the high school level and he's constantly on the lookout for new challenges. It's because of this that he answers a classified ad in the newspaper advertising special opportunities for gifted children. From there, he goes on to meet three other extraordinary young

people and a back-up cast of talented adults, all dedicated to tracking down and stopping the source of "The Emergency".This is a really thought-provoking story that doesn't take the intelligence of children for granted. In fact, it allows that intelligence to blossom through the insertion of subtle riddles and tests for the reader as you go along.For adults, there are times when the answers to these riddles may seem obvious - When that happens, be sure to remind yourself that you are reading a children's book! It's easy to forget sometimes because the writing style pulls no punches and never "dumbs down" to accomodate a younger audience. Personally, I think this is great because I'm a complete advocate for challenging young minds.The set-up of this story does take some time (the first 150 pages or so) and sometimes seems a little tedious when reading. It's because of this that I only awarded 4 stars, as opposed to 5. However, push through and you won't be sorry. I did and now I'm really looking forward to seeing what adventures lie in store for Reynie and the rest of the Mysterious Benedict Society.

My 10 year old Grand-daughter loved this series and read them all. I only read the first one and thought it was terrific.

Romance novels, heart touching true stories, well that is NOTHING like The Mysterious Benedict Society. I think The Mysterious Benedict Society is a book that will keep you guessing about the mysterious characters. Constance, one of the main characters, will keep you thinking, "Why is she here?" She is a grumpy little person. When you meet Mr. Benedict's helper, Rhonda, for the second time it keeps you wondering, "Was this all a trick?" When you first meet her she looks like a kid! When you meet her next she looks so different and like a grown up. Mr. Curtain is an odd guy and you think he looks familiar. He is kind of a mysterious genius. So if you like mysterious geniuses, an odd assistant, and a grumpy little kid then you should read The Mysterious Benedict Society!Mia - age 11

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