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Some friendships are worth risking your life for.

In a sleepy English seaside town, Sophie Watson isn't expecting much excitement. But when she befriends a strange and charismatic girl called Sienna, she is drawn into a thrilling adventure where the future security of the world may be under threat.

To find out the truth, they must go to Kestrel Island. The plot they uncover is more dastardly than they could possibly have imagined.

What evil menace lurks on Kestrel Island? Will Sophie find the courage she needs to survive? Or will the secret the girls uncover put them in mortal danger? One thing is certain: Sophie's life is about to change forever.

If you like fast-paced thrillers, witty heroes, and evil villains, then you'll love following Sophie and Sienna as they fight against the odds to save the world from certain disaster.

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Interview with the author.

## **Why did you decide to write Kestrel Island?**

I wanted to write a good old-fashioned adventure story, with heroes and villains and a thrilling climax. Kestrel Island is the story of 12 year old Sophie's journey from cautious and risk-averse schoolgirl to courageous hero who saves the world. It's also the story of an unlikely friendship that develops between Sophie and 16 year old Sienna and the close bond they form as they fight to survive.

## **Who would be most likely to enjoy the book?**

The book was written for boys and girls aged 9 – 14, but I hope it's a book that anyone could read and enjoy. It is intended to be a thrilling adventure, with twists and turns, dastardly villains and desperate escapes, as our heroes try to save humanity from the menace that is brewing on Kestrel Island.

### **What are you working on at the moment?**

I'm currently writing the second book in the Sophie Watson Adventure Mystery Series. It's late October and Sophie is back home in Hampton Spa, looking forward to Halloween. But a strange and terrifying creature has been sighted in the woods on the outskirts of the town, and when Sophie decides to investigate it leads her into another thrilling adventure.

### **Kestrel Island (Sophie Watson #1) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Kestrel Island (Sophie Watson #1) for online ebook**

### **Sarah Cole says**

I was given a free copy of this book for an honest review.

I really enjoy this book even though it is for a younger audience. I managed to read it in a few hours. The main characters were very likeable and I will pass the story on to my daughter.

Highly recommended for adventure loving readers.

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### **Amanda Beaulieu says**

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author via Voracious Readers Only. This is a great middle grades book that I think would be perfect for young girls still trying to find their confidence. The misadventures of the main character show that things can most definitely go wrong but it's the attitude you take that is the difference maker.

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### **Josie Acland says**

When I started reading this I realised how long it's been since I've read a book set in England, and the beginning of this one reminded me of my own family holidays to beach towns in the UK, without all the exciting adventure! This book is for younger readers (although Sophie seems rather grown up for a 12 year old), I still really enjoyed it and will be looking for the next one in the series! Thanks to A.B. Martin and VRO for a copy of this wonderful book.

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### **Lisa Pineau says**

#### **Delightful Mystery Sci-Fi**

Bored with yet another political crisis I read this small book for a lark. Delightful, well-written story had just enough reality to be fun, absorbing.

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### **Vicky Quenault says**

A very simple and easy read. The story lacks depth and flow and the plot is sketchy at best.

I received a complimentary copy from VRO in return for an honest review.

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### **Alexander Marinov says**

I found the structure of the book dissatisfying. Elements of the plot appear and disappear without any organic connection between them; or they seem to have just been put there so that 'there's that too' included (the the conservationists struggle, for example). The dialogue is also not very convincing, with surprising decisions for the characters' lines both in terms of moment and of content. The relationships between the characters are too superficial, there's no depth to them, and in order to justify a young timid girl's decision to follow her new friend to a distant island, they need to be more convincing. Also, even though this is a part of series, the 'denouement' is too shallow and leaves the reader dissatisfied.

To finish on a somewhat lighter note, the book is indeed light-paced and reads easily and quickly, with some suspense. However, due to the above reasons these qualities leave the afore-mentioned dissatisfaction. I guess it would go well with the targeted audience but I see no harm in putting more effort into creating convincing, more elaborate literature to the younger generation; I'd even say we, as authors, translators, editors, have the obligation to do so.

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### **Bethanie says**

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This was a really interesting idea but needed more development.

Everything happened very quickly with no real link between events or development of the characters.

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### **Heather Nelson says**

A great book for middle school aged kids, particularly girls as it has young females that are taking a stand and taking the reader on an adventure.

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### **Karen says**

This book is suitable for children. It's straightforward and not complicated.

Some parts are funny. e.g. "The show was over. It was time to look at some of the other amusements."

I like the simplicity in the names, like Jessica and Sophie. They are easy to remember. The name doesn't have to be complicated to make a good story. Finding something extraordinary within the ordinary makes a good story.

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### **Hanadi says**

4 stars because I think it's an action packed adventure that will be enjoyed by its target audience.

I liked the developing relationship between the 2 protagonists and how one challenges the other, I think younger readers will find that relatable.

As an adult reading it, I thought the fantastical theme was too quickly explained and accepted, and they became bff too quickly (again I think this works for the younger target audience).

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I received a free copy through Voracious Readers Only.

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### **Christina Westbrooks says**

I received this book for free in a giveaway. It's a fairly easy read, but leaves a lot to be desired. While I enjoyed the setting and the setting descriptions, I still believe the book lacked depth and was a little far fetched(even for me as a fantasy lover). Sophie and her mom are on vacation at her uncles hotel..... okay, tell me more, but then the most unbelievable plot twist occurs. The whole situation with Sienna wasn't explained with as much depth as I thought it should have been, in fact the whole story was kind of bland in terms of writing style. Even though the book has a crazy plot twist with sienna and the orb and they go on this crazy adventure, the writing reminded me of those easy reader books for children. The ones where they say "Bob has a dog." "Bob's dog ran away". "Bob ran after his dog". Overall, I believe the writing style needs to be changed. The reader needs waaaay more details\explanations and the book also lacks flow. I think if revisions were made and 100 pages were added to the book(lengthen the storyline and give us a better grasp of what is going on and why) then the book wouldn't be bad.

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### **Alley says**

Quick read. Good book for young adult readers. I teach middle school and can see some of my students really enjoying this book.

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### **Christie says**

I was given a complimentary copy of this book from Voracious Readers Only and the author. I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

This is a great story for young readers. It will grab and keep their attention. The first half of the book has great descriptions of the characters and the setting. There is lots of action in the last half of the book and I could not put the book down.

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