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The climactic conclusion of a supernatural romantic trilogy starring a savvy, sharp-tongued heroine who taps into ancient Norse secrets.

After surviving her (shall we say) intense adventure in Iceland, Katla is psyched to be back for a blissfully uneventful senior year of homecoming and fashion explorations. But her hopes of dodging unfinished business are dashed by the arrival of two Icelandic exchange students: Marik, an oddly alluring merman-in-disguise, and Jinky, a tough gypsy girl. It seems Katla not only enraged the Snow Queen by rescuing her boyfriend, Jack, she also was tricked into promising her frail baby sister to the water queen — and Marik has come to collect. What's worse, Katla doesn't dare confide in anyone lest she endanger them, so even her soul mate, Jack, is growing suspicious. And now Katla's stork dreams, her guide for matching babies with mothers, have become strange and menacing as well. Hold on for a thrilling finale as the heroine of Stork and Frost calls on her wits (and her wit) to protect those she loves and face a final mythic disaster.

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Brennyn Small says

I have mixed feelings towards this book. The beginning was not good. The writing style was erratic and too full of commas. It was very distracting. Once you got past the first 50-75 pages the pace picked up and it became one of the books I couldn't put down. BUT the ending was terrible. Everything wrapped up into a nice little bow, but it did so in the least satisfying way imaginable. I don't know how to feel about this book. I think overall I give it a meh.

Shelley says

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Hana says

This was one of the best endings to a book series I have ever read. The Stork Trilogy was a great mixture of fiction, romance, and high school life. Though the end did have an interesting twist, but the two lovers still ended up together, even though they had obstacles in their path to be together. I really do hope that Wendy Delsol continues to create amazing books because I will surely read them.

Mateja says

What to say about the final installment in the Stork series...I kind of have mixed feeling about it. I enjoyed the overall plot, but the way the story was carried out, or should I say written, made me want to scream in frustration.

The first half of the book was great. I loved immersing myself into Katla's world. The addition of two previously met characters more fully into the story was promising and I loved following Jinky and Marik. The plotline was interesting, Katla was faced with several problems that relied on her to be solved and knowing what she was capable of from the previous two books I had high hopes that Flock would turn out to be an exciting read.

Unfortunately, the second half is another story. All the things I loved in the first half of the book, became frustrating and annoying in the second, there was just too much of Katla's inner ramblings and heritage information. A lot of that information was either unnecessary or too complicated to remember for the duration of the book. That coupled with Katla's failure at playing a more proactive role in the predicament that she's found herself in, made reading Flock dull, disappointing and as I've previously said, frustrating. I kept waiting for her to do something toward solving the problem, for the plot to move somewhere but it didn't till the very end. The final showdown with the queens of realms came practically out of nowhere and I still don't know what the heck happened at the end and why was Katla so confident in saying that it's over, the danger has passed and won't come back again.

I did however like the ending, or rather the twist with Katla's abilities as a Stork. Even in the previous books

I found Kat to be careless and not responsible enough about her duty and responsibility as a Stork, so I was pleasantly surprised by that twist.

So even though I struggled with a large part of the book, combining the pleasurable experience of reading the first half and the dullness and confusion of the second half of the book, I give Flock a solid 3 stars.

Jeannette says

4.5 out of 5

I've said this before about this series, it is so original! I love it. The covers are so beautiful; "frosting" on the cake. Yep, I punned it, so what! Once again we have Kat in a messy situation with some Nordic baddies. The modern references, as in the previous books, hit just the right spot to make the book relatable. One thing I really missed was Kat's inner dialogue. She didn't seem to have as much in this book as she did in the others. We don't see as much interaction with Kat & Jack either. This is a bit sad because if you read the first two books you absolutely fall in love with Jack as well as their relationship. I enjoyed Marik and Jinky coming back in this book. Watching Kat & Jinky's relationship evolve was interesting. I desperately wish Kat and Jack didn't need to lose what they did (no I won't say anymore as to avoid spoilers), but I see it had to be. I hope maybe we'll see another series where they might get it back. Over all, I think this was a great end to an amazing series. I want to reiterate...if you are looking for something different in the YA genre read this series!

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Longhairpanda says

Worst ending ever.

Chelsea says

I have to start by mentioning the cover of Flock. Is it not the most gorgeous cover ever? Does her hair not have the most perfect waves you've ever seen? The colors, the birds in the background... it's all just so stunning. Well done, Candlewick designers, well done.

That's not the only good thing about this book. Flock is a fabulous finish to one of the most surprising trilogies I have come across in the inflated YA paranormal market in recent years. I love that Katla is a Stork, and member of a sisterhood of various birds and deliverers of souls. It's refreshing, interesting, and thought out. The first book, Stork, was brilliant and left me feeling very satisfied at the end. Then there was the second book, Frost, which carried the same interest level, but stray far from the stork ideas presented in the first book. We met new characters and developed Katla's circle of friends in a different but still enjoyable read. Now Flock joins both worlds seamlessly.

Katla truly has a lot at stake in this final book. There is her relationship with Jack, her duties to the Storks, her frail little sister Leira, and on top of it all, the evil presence threatening to take over her small town folks. Through it all she maintains her sense of humor, one of my favorite parts in the writing. I was expecting to

be annoyed with the heightened roles of Marik and Jinx, but they surprised me with their contributions to Kat's life. Even Penny and Kat's Mom turned things around with their smaller roles.

The ending is brilliant, powerful, and perfect. Wendy Delsol has landed a unique, well-written, and well thought out trilogy.

And I want her hair. Best cover ever.

Asenath says

[And the way she tried to create tension between Katla and Jac

Jaime Lester says

It was a 4 star until the end. The end kind of ruined the whole series for me, which stinks because I love the series. Just one certain aspect that happened to Katla and Jack really really messed with my feelings for the story. And it stinks. But overall, what a great series.

Heather says

While this was a fitting end to an excellent series, I felt this story wasn't quite as strong as the other two. I felt like everything was rushed, not enough depth was given to much of anything, and the conclusion of hostilities amongst realms was too fast and not explained well enough for a complete understanding of what happened. At the conclusion of the book, I was happy with the very ending. Happy with how everything worked out, and how the story closes. But I also had a feeling of what-the-heck-just-happened – almost a whiplash or something. I would have liked to see more plot development surrounding the exchange students, and better explanation of Kat's sacrifice.

I still loved Kat's voice and enjoyed reading her story. The series as a whole is fabulous, and I've truly enjoyed the submersion into Norse mythology.

Liza Wiemer says

(I made this statement months ago: I loved the first two novels in this series. In general, time flies by way too fast, but sometimes it goes way too slow. Waiting for a good book like this one to come out qualifies for time at a snail's pace. :-D)

Wow, I loved FLOCK! Thank you so much to Candlewick for the ARC. I seriously couldn't wait. Oh my goodness, Wendy Delsol's writing is so lyrical and brilliant. From page one, I was sucked right back into the story of Katya and Jack and a cast of supernatural Nordic mythological characters. I can barely believe I'm done with the series - (I can only imagine how Wendy must feel!) I want to assure readers that there is nothing quite like this in the YA market. The entire STORK series will appeal to those who thrive on

mythology, love fantasy, love the supernatural, love a good romance, love strong characters set in a believable setting. Norse Falls is such an interesting location that I believe some might be tempted to look it up on Google, just to be certain it's not real. Let me save you the trouble—it's not! :(So, relish in these pages, dive into this mythological world of incredible powers and root for Kat as she's once again put into life and death circumstances.

I confess, for those of you who haven't started this series yet, I'm a little bit envious. Come September, you'll be able to read all three novels, one after the other. So, put ALL the STORK novels on your MUST READ LIST and enjoy this unique world of Icelandic mythology where you can find the Stork Society and a merman and Snow Queen and Water Queen and a shaman in-training. Oh, and of course the hunky, loyal Jack. :-D

A note for TEACHERS: The STORK series would lend itself well to ANY mythology unit. Greek and Roman mythology are often covered in school, but Wendy Delsol's addition with Nordic mythology also will capture students' imaginations.

Christie says

In the final book of the Stork series, Katla LeBlanc, a member of a secret society of soul deliverers, must yet again stop the Ice Queen from bringing about the end of the world. Hoping to have a normal senior year, Katla and Jack's world gets turned upside down with the arrival of Marik and Jinky when she learns that she has inadvertently promised her newborn sister to the Water Queen and that Marik is there to collect. Katla is a likeable heroine and this story does a good job of incorporating different Nordic myths and legends into the plot. At times however, the legends seem to run together and the names tend to get confusing. While the plot does flow more smoothly than the previous book in the series, there are a lot of sub-plots that never come to fruition and a lot of loose ends that never get answered. Towards the end of the book, the main conflict seems resolved much too conveniently and readers are left never really knowing what happened. Students in grades 7 and up will definitely enjoy this book if they have read the other two in the series and will be pleased with the final outcome. This book is optional purchase, assuming you have the rest of the series in your collection.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

LORD HAVE MERCY WHAT AN ADVENTURE THIS SERIES HAS BEEN! With that said in yes all shouty caps I have to do a recap of all the books that lead up to this EPIC conclusion. I know I know some people did not like the series but to each his own. I really enjoyed this series because it had a little of everything and when a book uses myths I just adore it. Wendy did a wonderful job of weaving a world that went from the ordinary to the extraordinary. If you are looking for a good series to read this is it.

In Stork we meet Katla who is moving from LA of all places to small town Minnesota. When she gets there she soon finds out that things are not always as they seem and she finds out that she is part of a secret women's society called the Storks. Then to make matters worse she fools around with the schools jock Wade

and he turns out to be such a jerk that she regrets fooling around with him. Then she meets Jack the editor-in-chief of the newspaper and she is excited to have a friend. Being the new girl stinks real bad so she and Jack become quick friends and find themselves liking each other. That is when she finds out she belongs to the Stork society and Jack is a descendant of The Winter People.

Then is Frost Katla and Jack are a couple but being a couple with their secrets is hard. All Katla wants to do is have a good year at school and build on her relationship with Jack and her best friend Penny. She is looking forward to Christmas but as all good books go drama is around the corner in the form of a girl named Bridgid. Jack creates this storm for Katla and when he does it reeks havoc on their relationship. With everything going on in Katla's life she does not need this. To make matters worse after Jack creates the storm he and Bridgid start to get close and Jack starts distancing himself from Katla. Katla soon realizes that Jack has been taken by the Snow Queen and she will do everything in her powers to get her man back. As Katla struggles to get Jack back she will find that somethings are worth sacrificing for.

That brings us to the EPIC ending of the series Flock. Katla has survived so much in just a short period of time that she is looking forward to having some down time with Jack and her BFF Penny. She wants to spend Christmas just hanging out and relaxing and getting some quality time with Jack. But as we all know evil never rests and Katla will see just how evil the new exchange students are. They will stop at nothing to destroy everyone and anything Katla loves or cares about. She will have to fight them with all her powers and she will have to lose some and gain some but in the end she will fight for what is right in order to keep her family and friends safe from evil. Wendy has done a fabulous job wrapping up this series and when you get to the end you will be screaming at the outcome I know I was!

Happy Reading Flock comes out September 11, 2012 on Remembrance Day of all the people lost in The Twin Towers Tragedy.

Laura says

This book was definitely an improvement over Frost, but I still didn't like it quite as much as Stork. Still, it wraps up Katla and Jack's stories in a nice way, it flows much better than the previous book, and it was a quick read. I like how Delsol uses Norse mythology; it's a nice change from a lot of other YA mythology-based books. At times I did want to shake Katla for making some of the decisions she made (ie. not asking for help when she should have), but overall I enjoyed it, and although this does wrap up Katla's story, I like how there is definitely room left for more books set in this world focusing on secondary characters (maybe Jinky and/or Penny??)

Darcy says

This book wrapped up things, but I am not sure how I feel about the ending. I was surprised that there wasn't much with the Storks, something I really liked about this series. What little there was with them left me feeling like they were under utilized and that Kat's role with them was glossed over. I did like how Kat reached out for help when she needed it and that those that were disappointed with Kat helped her.

I hated how Kat felt like she had to hide things from everyone, especially Jack. Those two have been through so much together it that it bothered me. I did like how Jack reacted, loved that he didn't listen to what Kat was saying.

I am not sure what to think of the final results of things for Kat and Jack. Part of me is sad with what they are missing, but the other part of me is happy that they can lead a more normal life.
