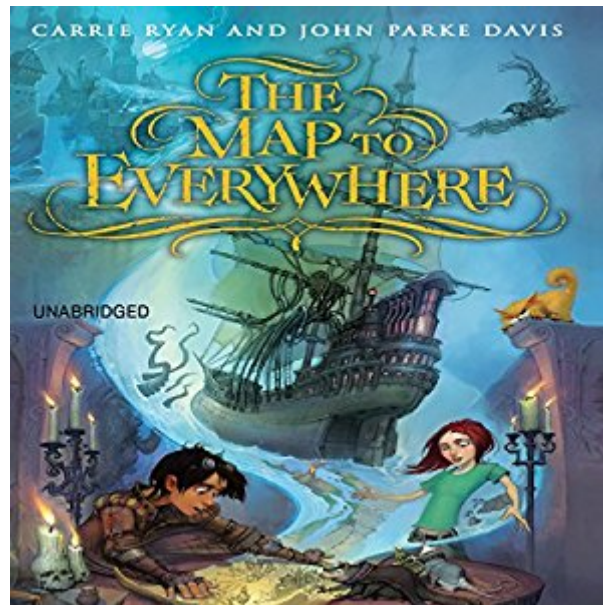


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The Map To Everywhere



Synopsis

Anything you need - The Map to Everywhere can take you there. To Master Thief Fin, an orphan from the murky pirate world of the Khaznot Quay, the Map is the key to finding his mother. To suburban schoolgirl Merrill, it's her only way home after getting stranded on the Pirate Stream, the magical waterway which connects every world in creation (Apparently she shouldn't have climbed aboard the mysterious pirate ship that sailed out of nowhere and into a dry Arizona parking lot. How was she to know?). With the help of a bumbling wizard and his crew, they must scour the many worlds of the Pirate Stream to gather the pieces of the Map to Everywhere, but they aren't the only ones looking. A dark and sinister figure is hot on their tail, and if they can't beat his ghostly ship to find the Map, it could mean the destruction of everything they hold dear-not least of all themselves! In Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis' first installment of a fantastical new series, adventure, magic, and hilarity collide in the treacherous skies and dangerous waters of the Pirate Stream. Heart-pounding escapades and a colorful cast of characters will have readers setting sail through this wholly original and unforgettable tale.

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Customer Reviews

I am 11 years old. This is what I thought of the book:What if you found out that there was a boy, out there somewhere, who everybody forgot? What if when you met him, you also realized that you, and only you, could remember him? In the book The Map to Everywhere, Merrill lives that scenario. And many other oddities. This story will take you from your comfy chair at home, and whirl you away to a ship in a storm at sea, or a bustling cityscape full of half sharks and other hybrids, or a whispering

forest full of secrets. Merrill is a twelve-year-old girl with a love for animals. When she loses her chance to move to the ultimate animal caring facility because her mom is really sick, she gets angry and goes for a walk with her cat. The walk goes wonky, and Merrill ends up on a boat in a parking lot that has turned into a lake, with a kind wizard, and a sailor teenager with a tattoo that tells directions. The two men are searching for a map, a map to everywhere. Merrill gets the idea that maybe the wizard could cure her mother, so she climbs aboard the men's ship. She ends up being whisked away onto the Pirate Stream, where anything and everything is possible. While making a stop on the weirdest quay she'd ever seen, she's flung by the unruly wind into an orphan boy. He is about her age, and everybody literally forgets him after maybe a few seconds or minutes. But Merrill doesn't. Fin is his name and he stows away on the ship, and joins the crew. Together, Fin, Merrill, the wizard, the tattooed teenager, and the cat, defeat evil while trying to keep their wits in a world about to fall apart. To me, *The Map to Everywhere* is one of the greatest books I've ever read. It's clean, there are wonderful descriptions, and awesome illustrations.

****Please note this review DOES NOT contain spoilers**** If you want to know the storyline, read the book! This review is just to give you an idea of whether you WANT to read the book. :-)

THE ILLUSTRATIONS: 5 stars I picked up *The Map to Everywhere* from my local library on a whim because of the illustration on the cover. Had the book been no good I honestly would have kept it for a few days just to look at the pictures. They are **MAGICAL!** They give perfect visuals and really fit the story. They make me think of *Mary Poppins* meets Disney.

THE CHARACTERS: 5 stars The shining light of *TMTE* was the characters. While there were certainly some stock clichés in there (Bull-Face and the Iron Ship's Master), the main cast of Fin, Merrill, Ardent, Coll, and even little Karmelius were fantastic. It took a few chapters for me to get an idea of Fin's personality (It was hard not to pigeonhole him after reading the book's description), but once I did I fell quickly for the twelve-year-old orphaned thief whom no one could remember. In contrast, the personality of the main female character Merrill was clear from the start. Her strength lies in her fierce loyalty and love, particularly for those who haven't been loved unconditionally as she has by her own mother and father. As a feminist, I was very impressed by Merrill's character. She was a refreshing parting from the flat, cold, cliché Katniss Everdeen-type characters which have been infiltrating literature for the past few years. She reminds me somewhat of the character Katara from *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. Merrill sees no shame in feeling deeply, and she does not have some kind of unbreakable bravery that typical female book characters seem to always have. She has weaknesses, and that makes her lovable and relatable.

I got a copy of this book to review through NetGalley. This was an absolutely wonderful middle grade fantasy. It was so creative and full of a lot of adventure and magic. This is the first book in a series. Master Thief Fin is desperate to find his mother and he thinks The Map the Everywhere might be able to help him. No one ever remembers Fin, it is like a strange magical power he has, that is until he meets Marrill. Marrill is a girl from our world who happens upon a strange ship stranded in a parking lot. When she goes on the ship, she is pulled into the Pirate Stream. The Pirate Stream is a magical waterway that connects all worlds ever created. Now Marrill is lost on the Pirate Stream and finding the Map to Everywhere is the only way to find her way home. I loved this magical fantasy. It's very creative, fast-paced, and full of wonderful magic and easy to engage with characters. Fin, with his problem of never being remembered by anyone, was a crazily intriguing character. Imagine never having anyone remember you? Every time you meet them is the first time. Fin has learned how to use this to his advantage but it is a lonely existence. Marrill is just looking for her escaped cat and a way to help her sick mother. She ends up in a crazy world with these crazy people. She actually handles it all pretty well. Strangely she can remember Fin just fine and through her Fin is finally able to become part of something. They travel on a magical ship through a stream of magic. They explore amazing magical lands and have amazing adventures. The whole time they are looking for the parts to the Map to Everywhere. This was a bit abstract but also very creative and intriguing.

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