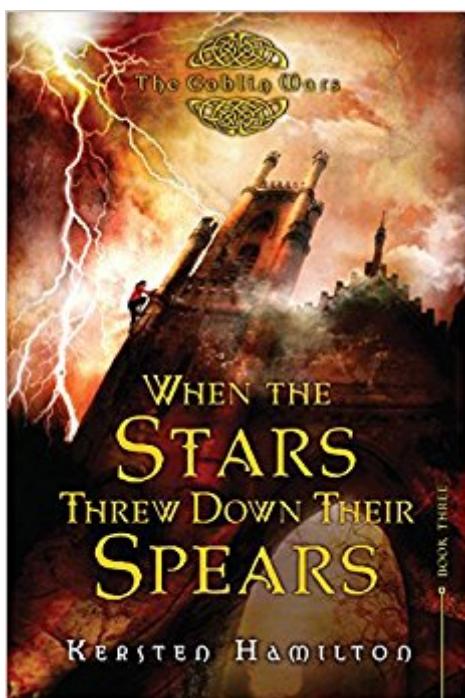


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When The Stars Threw Down Their Spears: The Goblin Wars, Book Three



Synopsis

“[A] spectacular conclusion . . . Kirkus Reviews, starred review Locked doors are opening, and magical creatures are tumbling through portals from Mag Mell, the world-between-worlds, into the streets of Chicago. Meanwhile, the romance between seventeen-year-old Teagan, who is part goblin, and the alluring bad boy Finn Mac Cumhaill is heating up . . . which is awkward, considering he is bound by a family curse to fight goblins his entire life. Celtic mythology, adventure, and paranormal romance fuse in the electrifying finale of the critically acclaimed Goblin Wars trilogy.

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Gr 9 Up • This third entry in the fantasy series finds 17-year-old Teagan Wylltson at the scene of a goblin's demise in the high school cafeteria. The series is set in modern-day Chicago, but the story is based on ancient Irish myths and legends. Tea declares war on the Queen of the Sáfá-dhe and is joined by her cousin/boyfriend, Irish Traveler Finn, and five Italians. There is a host of other characters, some of them otherworldly and whom only she and a few select individuals can see. This battle involves the Mag Mell, a world between worlds. Tea has to find a way to protect her family while destroying the evil that threatens to ruin her world. Endearing characters,

fast-paced action, and an engaging heroine make this conclusion to the trilogy another good read for fans. --Kathy Kirchoefer, Henderson County Public Library, NC --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Like the epic Irish legends used as inspiration, this concluding volume in the Goblin Wars series is brimming with heroism, violence, romance, and tragedy. Maneuvered into a deadly trap by enemies, Teagan, Finn, and their loyal band of misfits make a final effort to wrest control of Mag Mell from Mab and Fear Doirich. Hamilton's cast of oddball charmers are so lovable that the danger they face is truly unsettling, and the author's frequent intertwining of songs and poetry deepen the most dramatic scenes, especially a beloved character's stunning sacrificial death. This will more than satisfy series fans -- it will make them laugh, fill them with wonder, and uplift them in the end. Grades 8-11. --Krista Hutley --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This is it. And I probably would still be sitting on it if the e-arc didn't expire back in June. That's how I am about series that I love. I hate for the last book. I want to know what happens but I don't want it to end. But there was something different with **THE STARS THREW DOWN THEIR SPEARS**. There was so much story left to be told. Not just loose ends to be tied up, but another journey into Mag Mell, a love story to finish, one way or another, and a story to be told. This was no wrap up book. This was a story within itself. And I was so blown away by this book it made me want to start the series all over again. So there are so many characters in this novel I can't even begin to list all the main ones. What I will say is that there is even more depth to the characters than ever before. Secondary characters become primary characters and Abby, Teagan, Aiden and Finn become much more to each other. "People will die" is true and you just have to brace yourself. The first time is shocking and I cried. I've come to love these characters. I know their histories, their life stories and it took a little bit of me every time I lost one of them. But some people had to die and the ones that did made sense. As Teagan and Aiden's mother always said, "The Irish don't have happy endings." The electricity between Finn and Teagan is like lightning. Sparks fly. Mountains move. The world holds its breath. I'm telling you, these two have chemistry! And I might have a slight crush on Finn. He's Irish for one so he's got that accent thing going on. He's never out of his comfort zone no matter where he is. He just kind of always lands on his feet. Oh and he goes nowhere without duct tape. He's pretty sure it can fix anything. Teagan is still focused on her plan after she kills Fear Doirich of course, but she needs to fit Finn in her life now. The world in this one is complicated. The world where Teagan lives with her family is also inhabited with scary creatures and good creatures

that only those with the sight can see. So her dad can't see them and talks to walls when he thinks he's talking to a cat like creature. Mamieo isn't exactly tolerant of these creatures since a goblin killed her husband who was The MacCumhaill. But Mag Mell, which is very hard to describe, is filled with creatures, good and bad and sometimes humans. Mag Mell itself isn't evil, it was just overrun with evil creatures. And Teagan can "hear" the trees of Mag Mell calling to her asking for help because they are dying. The story is simple but complex. Easy- kill Fear Doirich. Hard- get back into Mag Mell which is sealed. Sneak in so that no one knows they are there. Getting into the heart of the city without being detected and then killing Fear Doirich, not an easy thing to do even if they get that far. And above all, Teagan wants to save Mag Mell. My thoughts- This was way more than what I expected! I was not expecting an even better novel than the last two. I wasn't expecting to be completely floored by the losses. The story didn't go exactly as I thought it would. Actually, I had no clue how it would work out. Fear Doirich can be anywhere at any time and anybody can work for him so being caught in Mag Mell is a constant danger. So I commend Kersten Hamilton for figuring out this complicated plot. I wouldn't know how to save my favorite characters! The story is complete. No loose endings. There is a little humor as the book wraps up. Even though it sounds dark and the story does have some dark parts, there are some lighter moments, a couple of romances and possibly a happy ending for some of the Irish. I absolutely recommend this complete series but if you've read the first two and were thinking of not finishing the series, don't do it. This book is easily the best in the series even though I've loved them all. I think Kersten Hamilton put her heart into this one and it shows. It's absolutely a worthy finale to a fabulous fantasy series!

WHEN THE STARS THREW DOWN THEIR SPEARS was an amazing conclusion to an outstanding epic fantasy trilogy. It had it all: great danger, epic battles, humor, romance, and characters so real that you'd swear you knew them. I was a little concerned when I began this book because I had read the second late in 2011. I've read a lot of books since then. But by Chapter 2, I was back in the story and pulling for my favorite characters to survive and make the world right again. The characters in this story are so wonderful. Teagan Wylltson is smart, beautiful, serious and caring. She is a goblin who has chosen to be a healer. Her little brother Aiden is a bard and a typical six-year-old. Tea will do anything to protect him from the evil creatures that want to keep him from saving Mag Mell. Tea's boyfriend is Finn Mac Cumhaill who is this generation's goblin killer and who lived on the streets before being placed with Tea's family. Then there is Abby who is Tea's best friend, a mafia princess, and who adds a lot of humor to the story. The adults in this story are wonderful characters too. John Paul Wylltson is a librarian and bard and, although he is completely

human, he knows the stories and the poems and the songs that his children need when dealing with the creatures and worlds that are real to them. Mamieo is a wise old woman who adopted Tea's mother and who has been a mentor to Finn. Zoñfæñ is Aiden's dance therapist and friend and seems completely at home in Mag Mell despite the fact that humans can't go there. A new character is introduced in this story. Seamus McGillahee appears first as a lawyer sent to get Tea out of jail after an incident at her high school. He is young, brash, and, as Mr. Wylltson says, as smart as he thinks he is. He also hates goblins and is in denial about his father's Irish Traveler heritage. He is one of the characters who changes greatly during this story. He moves from a smart guy with no real purpose in life to a man who has a destiny. There are many non-human characters too. Sprites like Lucy who hides in Aiden's hair, a Phooka named Gil, an angel named Raynor Schein, a tree named Joe, and all sorts of cat-sidhe. Like all epic fantasy, the characters are tested to the limits of their souls. There are heart-breaking losses and triumphs too. Shining through it all is love of all kinds - love of family, romantic love, love for all humanity. This book is made of awesome. I think this whole series is vastly underrated and under-publicized. But, don't take my word for it, visit your local library or bookstore and find Tyger, Tyger and In the Forests of the Night and see for yourself. I don't think you will be disappointed. I can hardly wait until school begins again to share this trilogy with my students. I know that this whole series has been added to my keeper shelves and my Kindle.

This conclusion to The Goblin Wars was everything I could have hoped for and gracefully ends the main conflict amidst sacrifice and struggle while maintaining the core theme of hope and love.

Great story. Loved the writer's style and fearlessness in bringing up some issues. Fun read.

Wow. I don't even know if I can come up with the words to tell you how amazing this series is. The Irish mythology, the fantastical characters, the poetry and literature scattered throughout the book make the whole picture so beautiful it's heartbreakingly beautiful.

A really wonderful job by Kersten Hamilton bringing her trilogy to its conclusion. The story-teller, uses a bard-like feel to the way the words dance through the story, pulling the reader into it. I definitely will read Ms Hamilton's words with her next story, whatever she chooses to share with us.

This is the last book in the series, and what a conclusion. It has great life lessons and a deeply satisfying closure. There is sadness, but also happiness. This series has been the best!

I loved the first book, then the second, and the 3rd did not disappoint. My only sadness is that there wasn't a 4th to dive right into! (hint, hint Ms. Hamilton!)

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