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Teenage mages, Emily, Kara, and Adriane have their hands full monitoring the portal at the Ravenswood Preserve. The portal has become the "Grand Central Station" of the Magic Web, with magical creatures and animals stopping by on their way to otherworldly destinations. Matters become really complicated when a new student, a handsome young warlock named Donovan, shows up at Stonehill High.

When monsters start attacking Ravenswood looking for Donovan, the mages realize he may be trouble. However, Donovan holds a fairy map with a portal sequence that could lead the mages right to Avalon, the source of all magic. With the prospect of finally finding Avalon in their grasps, the girls try to work with Donovan towards their common goal, if mage and warlock magic can mix without putting all of Ravenswood in terrible danger!

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Abby says

Avalon was made for a manga series. The art style, the magical girl plot, the talking animals...it's just begging for an anime/manga adaptation.

Just maybe not this one.

Whoever wrote this wasn't Rachel Roberts. I don't care what the cover says. The author of this abomination barely scanned the inner contents of the first few novels and then wrote a manga about it.

The characters don't have any of their original charm. Emily has almost no scenes whatsoever, just a couple lines and some panel filler. Adriane is just kind of there looking angry and trying too hard to be a hero, and Kara is an overly-dramatic, boy-crazy witch. I mean, I know she's like that in the original series, but at least she always had good intentions and was charming and likeable. You're breaking my heart, Kara.

I'd also rant about how much I hated the new token heartthrob male main character, but he's so forgettable I don't even remember what I hated about him.

Also, where exactly does this fit in with the series timeline and canon? There is nowhere this could possibly fit. Not at the beginning, not in the middle, certainly not at the end. It reads more like a bad doujinshi in this regard.

Actually...that's exactly what this is. A terrible doujinshi with art nice enough to earn it an extra star. Glad we cleared that up.

MJ says

I'm not sure if I lost anything on this having never seen the series it's based on. The three heroines were so dull and hard to tell apart, other than their looks. It was just banal, cheesy, and clearly kept super simple for a young age group.

Kerry says

This was just a bit much for me. Does Disney own this? Because it sure felt like was a Disney after-school special. I can see the appeal, but I just can't do it.

Larissa Wroe-Doyle says

this was a good graphic novel to read. can't wait to read number two

Zach Wade says

Geared towards kids, mainly girls but not in that so good adults can enjoy it too sort of way. If I had an 8-11 year old daughter I would recommend this book especially with its themes of love, friendship, and good vs. evil. For everyone else steer clear.

Sam says

This was a pretty cute manga. I've never read the original novel so I was a bit lost. This manga drops you in the middle a bit. But it does explain enough to follow along. I recommend this manga for the young crowd.

Gabby says

A manga spin off of Avalon, it was a pretty good. My one complaint: Kara! She already has a boyfriend and she's pretty much cheating on Lorren when she kisses Donovan.

Avaminn F'nett says

Overall I enjoyed this, but I liked the other books better. I loved the art, but I had a major problem with Kara and Donovan's relationship. Is she cheating on Lorren now or something?

Cassandra Carico says

This was an adorable read. I enjoyed it quite a bit and will be passing it off to my daughter as this is perfect for an 11 year old girl.

Ceejay says

This comic book style trilogy, art gallery, and short story about three mages is aimed at tweens. It's pure American with a lean towards a Disney Channel style presentation. You've got three young female mages and a young male warlock who will answer the ages old question, can warlock and mage magic work together to find Avalon? Accepting that it's aimed at tweens explains a lot of the bad reviews. It really isn't bad, but I think the Japanese do this sort of thing better!

Helia says

Wow, what to say on this. This was bad.

I tried to read this, I really did. But it lacked that sort of feeling that the books did. I feel the idea came in a conversation that went down like this:

"Hey there boss, we need a new idea for a manga. What should we do?"

"Let's redo a book, one that wasn't so popular, so that it gets more attention."

"Okay then, let's review the books, to see what it's like"

"Oh, that's not necessary. Get a brief summary on each of the main characters, but only the girls and animals, then make up a love interest for the blonde."

"Sir, isn't that a bit cliche? Also, what if fans get mad?"

"Nah, it'll sell. The formula always works."

Thus, this was born. And, as this hypothetical conversation said, it did work. I saw a girl reading this, and went over to ask if she liked the book series better than that. She looked at me funny, and said:

"There's a book series of this?"

It kind of makes me sad. But anyway, it's good, if you don't know anything of the original story, plot, or characters.

P.S. That Warlock dude is stupid. He looks like a terrible play on Zach.

P.S. Again, how come Avalon moves like, and they have to jump through portals to get there? I remember from the books for the most part that you had to have crystals, find the gates of Avalon, etc., etc. So they shouldn't have been able to get there anyway.

And lastly, be careful, theories and spoilers ahead, darlings! (Darn, been watching too much Doctor Who again.)(view spoiler)

Theresa says

My first Manga ever!

Marie Clarisse says

A close friend of mine gave me this manga as a gift last Christmas, so truth be told, I tried my hardest to like this book. God, I really *really* did. But did I like it though? Nooooo, not really.

Well the artwork was amazing, I'd at least give it that. But everything else? *Everything else gave me a headache*. The romance? The plot? The characters? Hell no. Nothing else about this book was remarkable but the illustrations. Everything aside from that was so shallow and cliche it was laughable.

Also, you're probably thinking that the reason why I didn't like this book and I found it ridiculous is because

I'm too old to have even read it in the first place. But no, I'm only 12 years old. And if a 12 year old girl didn't like your manga, then there must be something wrong with it.

Samantha Day says

This is the first book like this that I have read and I absolutely loved it. I cannot wait to get more books just like this one.

Jane says

I enjoyed this manga. It was cute and funny, and the drawings are adorable. My favorite character was Frizzle.
