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Editorial Review

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Gr 6-8-Jemma lives in moldering old Agromond Castle with her nasty brother and sister, her evil parents, and her two pet rats. She doesn't share her family's inclination for wickedness and runs away from home when she learns that the Agromonds stole her from her real parents long ago in order to commandeer her innate magical power on her 13th birthday. The remainder of this turgid fantasy follows Jemma as she tries to get away from the murderous Agromonds to her real parents before she loses her magic forever. On her journey, she is thwarted by hostile mist, vile beasts, and brutal villagers. All ends well eventually and the villains get their just deserts, but not before readers must trudge through long, boring episodes interspersed with scenes full of blood and gore. The cuteness of Jemma crooning to her adorable pet rats clashes bizarrely with the revelation that the Agromonds have been murdering children to sustain their dominance. The slow-moving plot feels cobbled together and the setting is as hazy as the magical mist. For recent atmospheric fantasy with sinister characters, introduce patrons to William Alexander's *Goblin Secrets* or Stacy DeKeyser's *Brixen Witch* (both S & S, 2012).-Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Libraryα(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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In a bleak, eerie castle surrounded by a permanently obfuscating fog, Jemma is the outcast in a family driven by dark power and secrecy. On the eve of her thirteenth birthday, while awaiting the arrival of her own powers, she discovers that her parents may not be her parents after all, and so she runs away with her only remaining friends—telepathic rats—in hopes of finding the whole truth of her parentage and escaping the grim fate that will be dealt her once her powers evidence themselves. Wandering in the fog in search of answers and hope, Jemma discovers her true abilities and greatness. Richly atmospheric, this first novel paints a vivid picture of a heroine strong in her convictions and determination in the face of a centuries-old adversarial power. While the plot sometimes meanders through the ever-present fog, fantasy readers will recognize the hero's quest and be satisfied with its resolution. Grades 4-7. --Heather Booth

About the Author

KIT GRINDSTAFF was born near London, England. After a brief brush with pop stardom (under her maiden name of Hain), she moved to New York and became a songwriter. Kit now lives with her husband in Pennsylvania. *The Flame in the Mist* is her first book.

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