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Von Kate Elliott : Cold Magic: Spiritwalker: Book One before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cold Magic: Spiritwalker: Book One:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great heroine, a captivating adventure and all that in a believable alternate realityVon MinaSynopsis [by Goodreads]It is the dawn of a new age... The Industrial Revolution has begun, factories are springing up across the country, and new

technologies are transforming in the cities. But the old ways do not die easy. [...] Young Cat Barahal thinks she understands the world she lives in and her place in it, but in fact she is merely poised, unaware, on the brink of shattering events. Drawn into a labyrinth of politics involving blood, betrayal and old feuds, she will be forced to make an unexpected and perilous journey in order to discover the truth, not just about her own family but about an ancient secret lying at the heart of her world. Cat and her cousin Bee are part of this revolution. Young women at college, learning of the science that will shape their future and ignorant of the magics that rule their families. But all of that will change when the Cold Mages come for Cat. New dangers lurk around every corner and hidden threats menace her every move. If blood can't be trusted, who can you trust? [...] Review: I wanted to read this trilogy for a long time - only I did not want to wait for the sequels, so I waited until all three books were out, so I could get them all at once. And since there is no catching breath between the adventures young Cat Barahal stumbles into, I'm glad I can continue reading the next installment. This is the story of Catherine Barahal, a young orphaned woman raised by her aunt and uncle, who one night gets virtually thrown into the adventure of her life. From the beginning the reader gets clues that Cat is not really an ordinary woman and although there is magic in the alternate 19th century Europe, her abilities are strange and unusual. So unusual that she remembers her mother having told her as a very young child to never tell anyone about what she can do. The mystery of Cat's true nature is part of the story's attraction and although not all the secrets about her are revealed at the end, a huge part of it gets clarified in the course of the story. But Cat and her cousin Bee are not only interesting because of hidden abilities, but are well fleshed out and relatable characters that I liked instantly. All the more because none of the two is above making mistakes [in their decision making as well as their behavior], but they both learn from their slips and tend not to repeat them. Besides Cat and Bee, there are a lot of secondary characters that are equally well described and, even more important, none of the characters is an uber-villain or an uber-saint: each of them has their reasons and sometimes you just have to choose between a rock and a hard place and it just isn't possible to remain a thoroughly good person doing only good deeds. I liked that very much about the characters, they just aren't black and white. It is hard to put a label on the story, because it's kind of high fantasy in a steam-punkish way, as it takes place in an alternate 19th century that is totally different from our reality: the Roman empire lasted about six hundred years longer and had a hell of an influence on Europe and Carthago as the arch-enemy wasn't defeated by the Romans but by a plague that drove them out of Africa; Europe is still suffering the never ending ice age, Great Britain is not an island but a peninsula that does have a lot of issues with a pampered elite ruling a lot of poor and unfree people, and last not least there are cold magic and fire magic and an alternate plane/world that only a few can enter, the Wild Hunt, Trolls and many more... and this intriguing world at the same time is the reason why I can't give five stars. It's just a lot to take in from time to time. And since the story is told by Cat's POV, I was sometimes overwhelmed as I just knew too little to not be confused. But that does not mean, I was not riveted - I was. Once I got immersed in this world and Cat's journey, I couldn't lay the book aside. If you like complex world building, mysteries and old school-adventure and well described characters, then Cold Magic definitely is for you. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Steampunk-Fantasy Von Merle Eine spannende Fantasie-Trilogie mit Steampunk-Touch, in der die herrschende Gesellschaftsschicht der Kalt-Magier und der Adligen um die Vorherrschaft kmpfen, bedrngt durch das verarmten Proletariat. Die fast 20-jhrige Vollwaise Catherine Barahal wird im Haus ihres verarmten Onkels aufgezogen, ihre geringen magischen Fhigkeiten muss sie verstecken. Als sie gegen ihren Willen und ohne Erklrung mit einem unbekanntem und unheimlichen Magier verheiratet wird, bricht die Welt fr sie auseinander. Sie wird in eine gefhrliche Gesellschaft hineingezogen, aus der es fr sie kaum ein Entrinnen gibt. Die Geschichte wird behutsam aufgebaut, die liebevolle Familie, die Schule, das Leben in der Heimatstadt, die menschliche und die magische Gesellschaft, die Geist-Welt. Zusammen mit der Hauptprotagonistin erfahren wir mehr ber die magische Welt und die Gefahren, die berall lauern. Der Aufbau der Charaktere ist berzeugend und differenziert. Die Steigerung der Spannung erfolgt bis zum Schluss. Ich bin gespannt auf die Fortsetzung.

Kurzbeschreibung The Wild Hunt is stirring and the dragons are finally waking from their long sleep ... Cat Barahal was the only survivor of the flood that took her parents. Raised by her extended family, she and her cousin, Bee, are unaware of the dangers that threaten them both. And although they are poised on the brink of an Industrial Age - magic - and the power of the Cold Mages, still holds sway. Now, betrayed by her family and forced to marry a powerful Cold Mage, Cat will be drawn into a labyrinth of politics. There she will learn the full ruthlessness of the Cold Mage rule. What do they want from her? And who will help Cat in her struggle against their powerful magic? **Pressestimmen** It's a definite hands-down great read ... the characters, the mysteries, the background history, the cultural complexity, were all so intriguing I couldn't stop reading (Elizabeth Moon) An exuberant narrative with great energy and inventive world building ... I utterly loved it (FantasyBookCritic) An entertaining read (SFFWorld.com) **Pressestimmen** It's a definite hands-down great read ... the characters, the mysteries, the background history, the cultural complexity, were all so intriguing I couldn't stop reading Elizabeth Moon An exuberant narrative with great energy and inventive world building ... I utterly loved it FantasyBookCritic An entertaining read

