

Black Water

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Synopsis

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Just when 15-year-old Bobby Pendragon thinks he understands his purpose as a Traveler - to protect the territories of Halla from the evil Saint Dane - he is faced with an impossible choice. The inhabitants of Eelong are in danger of being wiped out by a mysterious plague. Only Bobby knows how to stop it, but it means bringing the antidote from another territory - Cloral. Since moving items between territories is forbidden by the Traveler rules, if Bobby chooses to save Eelong he could endanger himself, his friends, and the future of every other being in Halla.

Reader's comments

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D. J. MacHale's 'Black Water' is a thrilling installment in the Pendragon series that captivates the reader from the very first page. This book takes us deep into the mysterious and perilous world of Eelong, where the rules of survival are rewritten. MacHale masterfully crafts a narrative that is as much about the internal struggles of its protagonist, Bobby Pendragon, as it is about the external threats he faces. The lush, imaginative setting is vividly described, immersing the reader in a jungle world where danger lurks at every turn. What stands out in 'Black Water' is the author's ability to balance high-stakes adventure with themes of friendship, loyalty, and self-discovery. The characters are well-developed, each with their own unique challenges and growth arcs, making them relatable and compelling. MacHale's writing is crisp and engaging, with a pace that keeps the reader on the edge of their seat. Overall, 'Black Water' is not just a fantastic continuation of the Pendragon saga, but also a standalone story that tackles complex moral dilemmas and the courage needed to confront them. Fans of the series and new readers alike will find much to enjoy in this enthralling adventure.

â€” Alexandra Bennett (2026-05-30 15:15:23)