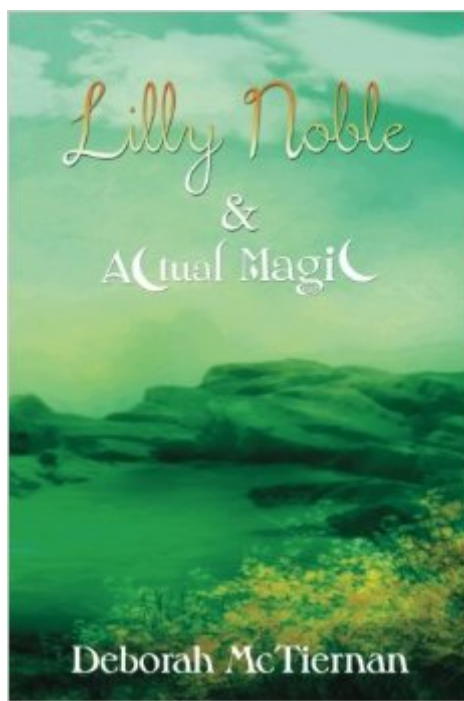


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# Lilly Noble & Actual Magic (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

AGES 9 to 99 LOVE LILLY NOBLE! After the collision claimed her mother's life and left her with a memory full of holes, Lilly Noble is sent away to boarding school on the gloomy island of Raven's Landing, Maine. Though feeling exiled and abandoned by her father, she is determined to fill in the blanks the accident left in her mind. When she meets the hypnotically charming and strangely intense Murosky Skaggs, his unnatural curiosity and careful attentions toward her raise her suspicions. His stories don't add up. Lilly's search for the truth beneath his lies causes her life to take a thrilling and terrifying twist. What she doesn't realize is the closer she gets to revealing his dark secret, the closer she comes to regaining her memory and unmasking her mother's murderer. But something else, something far more sinister is lurking just off the coast. It's been there, waiting for her. Lilly's quest for answers puts her and those around her in mortal danger, and once she starts down that path, there is no turning away from her destiny, if she can survive.

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## Customer Reviews

Deborah McTiernan has brought JK Rowling's Harry to America through Lilly Noble. Dispatched to an unconventional school where students are educated in magic, Lilly's eyes are opened to trust newfound friends as they seek to resolve an interweaving mystery in search of who she was and what she is about to become. Beware the spells, incantations, cauldrons, wands, sea monsters, and a gnarly stepmother in this world of enchantment, but through these entanglements Lilly comes to

discover and understand a message for herself and readers. Believe good things about yourself and others. There's magic everywhere.

Lilly Noble is a character that is still stuck in my heart and mind. The story is beautifully written and moves along like a high speed train. I loved Harry Potter, ( who didn't) but Lilly Noble brings Harry Potter to America with a female character full of compassion and excitement. The setting of the story is vivid and painted beautifully,(I can already imagine it as a movie). I can hardly wait for book 2, I hope it's quickly out there. This book can be enjoyed by all ages, but I can imagine all the wonderful adventures it can paint in the mind of tweens and teenagers. Highly recommend this read if you ever enjoyed a page of Harry Potter or know someone who did.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. The story was so well written that the characters were virtually life-like. It was easy to visualize the story and the characters as if you were seeing it in a movie. There were some surprises along the way and when the book ended, I really wanted to get into the next book and continue the adventure with Lilly Noble.

This was such an exciting read, especially the last few chapters. I almost could not read fast enough to find out what was going to happen next! I also loved the way mythical characters and magic were woven throughout the story-line. I can't wait to read the second book to find out what happens with all the memorable characters.

Was not sure what to think when I received as a gift, but now I cannot wait to share this story with my nieces! Just finished reading "Lilly Noble & Actual Magic" (the debut novel of Deborah McTiernan) and enjoyed it so much that I am craving to learn what happens next.As Lilly Noble arrives for the first time at boarding school on Raven's Island, the reader is introduced to the world of Bonaventure's Academy - a place of magic and secrets. As Madam Saboulia tells her new incantation students on the first day of school, "Words are powerful magic. I'm here to teach you how to choose them wisely." The same is true for McTiernan who proves that the actual magic of this book is in the words that fly off the page, painting vivid pictures in your mind while intertwining the adventurous plot with messages of self-esteem.Positioned as young adult fiction, this book will appeal to anyone who likes stories about myth, magic, and imaginary worlds as well as readers who enjoy complex character development and stories about friendship, growth, and facing challenges - whether of self-doubt OR the sea monster variety! The only question I have is: When is Book 2

coming out?

I hardly (if ever read) YA books so I was happy to become acquainted with Ms. McTiernan on Facebook and learn about this book. Blending fairy tales and mythology this book was truly magical. It is a solidly written book although the second half of the book is really when it becomes one of those "you can't put it down" type of books. A sign of a good author is when you come to know and become invested in the characters. Ms. McTiernan does this quite well and you are able to care about (most of) the characters. In particular I liked the candy eating creature called a varab. And the lessons taught in the book are simple/subtle. The cinematic writing style really makes the book come alive. This is a completely fun and engaging read and I can not wait for more of Lily Noble and her friends (and hopefully the varab!)

Lilly Noble is the kind of character you get yourself wrapped up in. When I finished reading, I wanted to know what she was up to "after the book". The characters mix well together and all have important roles in the story. Even if magic and paranormal stories really aren't your thing, Lilly Noble & Actual Magic has so much fun action and adventure, you'll still be turning pages with excitement! The last page of the story makes me want to get book two in my hands RIGHT NOW.....so I'll be anxiously awaiting the next book in this series!

You do not need to be a Harry Potter fan or a follower of magic to enjoy this book. Deborah McTiernan has created a special world where magic abounds and her characters teach us valuable life lessons in Lilly Noble & Actual Magic. Her writing style and use of imagery makes this book a page turner that you don't want to end. Although the characters seem to be in their early teens, this book will resonate with all ages. I look forward to reading more books by Ms. McTiernan; and hope she brings back Lily Noble and her friends.

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