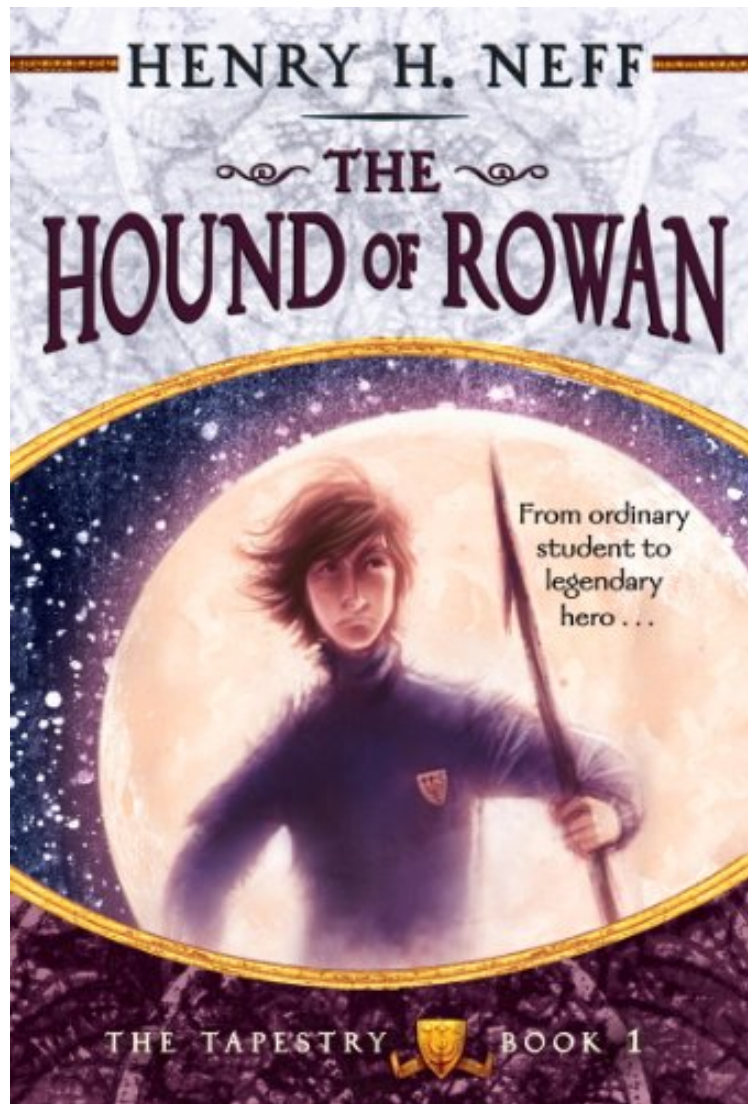


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Von Henry H. Neff : The Hound of Rowan: Book One of The Tapestry (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hound of Rowan: Book One of The Tapestry (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooMax McDaniels always spends one day a year at the Art Institute. This year, from the moment he enters, something strange happens.He finds himself in a roped-off room staring at a strange tapestry. Soon weird and wonderful things begin to happen to him as Max finds out about a magical school called

Rowan Academy. Before long, his awe fades away into concern as he finds out that attending this school might be harder than he thought. To top it off, kids who are also meant to attend the school are disappearing from all over the world at an alarming rate. A new sense of peril erupts around Rowan Academy and Max finds himself pulled into a world of secrets and danger....In *THE HOUND OF ROWAN*, Henry Neff elegantly weaves a story full of adventure and fantasy and pulls readers into a magical, startling world. All in all, this is a good book to just curl up with on the couch and relax. The reader will almost immediately find themselves enraptured and completely caught up in Max's world. Reviewed by: Voracious Reader 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Every Beginning is Hard Von Catalus But some beginnings are harder than others. Getting to the good part of this book took certainly too long. I haven't counted pages or chapters, but I think the true action begins approximately in the last third of the story. On the other hand that part is exciting and interesting and a good ending makes up for much, so I think I'll actually buy the second book. To the story: Max, a young boy is invited to Rowan Academy where young humans with magical ability are trained (not just in magic but in mathematics, etiquette and other subjects too) so that they can fight 'the enemy'. Thankfully the author actually gives a bit of extra information on the background idea of this fight, but he could have put a bit more effort into it. Here is what I gathered: A long time ago some sort of powerful, good creatures called the Stewards gave some of their power to those humans who were willing to fight other Stewards and their allies (human and otherwise) who had been corrupted by some alien evil. Collectively that group is called 'the enemy'. Why exactly 'the enemy' is doing evil is a bit confusing to me. Initially I (or rather Max the main character) was informed it was because 'the enemy' hated the light and wanted to blot out the sun and the stars. Later Max is told the evil aliens came because they were hungry and wanted to devour the world, which corrupted some of the stewards who then became evil because they wanted to rule the world. Personally I got pretty suspicious at that point because those three motivations seemed less than compatible as well as pretty stereotypical, but unfortunately Max as well as everyone else listening isn't inclined to ask any questions. The feeling that things don't make as much sense as they should followed me through much of the book. In addition I didn't much like the school. Even the parts that should have been cool, like the students getting magical animal charges felt rather like a unwanted burden on the poor students and not something good. If it had turned out Rowan Academy was actually the source of evil and 'the enemy' the good guys I'd have given the book a much higher rating. For the first two parts of the book the atmosphere reminded me more of the Shadow Grail Series by Mercedes Lackey and Rosemary Edgehill than of Harry Potter. And despite my deep love for most of the work of this author duo that is not a compliment. The school not friendly, the characters a little too flat, the feeling that something is wrong and no one is interested. And most of all Max the main character not making things happen but having things happen to him. It's quite amazing actually. The moment Max (urged along by his roommate David) starts doing things, decides things on his own, I forgot the little flaws that irritated me so much before and became fascinated with the story. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Bye Harry Potter Von DocMed Parallelen zu HP sind nicht zu verkennen, trotzdem eine sehr gelungene Geschichte, die manchmal etwas duster daher kommt. Eher was für große Kinder.

Kurzbeschreibung *MAX MCDANIELS LIVES* a quiet life in the suburbs of Chicago, until the day he stumbles upon a mysterious Celtic tapestry. Many strange people are interested in Max and his tapestry. His discovery leads him to Rowan Academy, a secret school where great things await him. But dark things are waiting, too. When Max learns that priceless artworks and gifted children are disappearing, he finds himself in the crossfire of an ancient struggle between good and evil. To survive, he'll have to rely on a network of agents and mystics, the genius of his roommate, and the frightening power awakening within him. From the Hardcover edition. From Booklist In a hidden alcove within Chicago's Art Institute, Max McDaniels discovers a faded tapestry. As he watches, the tapestry begins to glow; soon after, he receives an invitation to attend a private boarding school in New England. When he arrives at Rowan Academy, where young people with Potential are trained to fight an unnamed enemy, he and the other apprentices are housed in magically morphing rooms and assigned animal charges. Max is paired with the last lymrill in the world, a nocturnal creature with metallic quills. They train on the Course, where they experience different scenarios as they try to achieve a goal and move up levels as they progress. Meanwhile, apprentices and even some full-fledged agents are disappearing all over the world. This novel's sprawling, quirky boarding school has obvious parallels to Hogwarts, but Neff's storytelling boasts charms of its own, and U.S. readers may appreciate that this magical adventure, the first installment in the planned Tapestry series, takes place here rather than abroad. Tixier Herald, Diana Pressestimmen Max's intelligence and goodhearted nature give the story a solid emotional core even as the surprising twists and turns keep the pages turning. Neff's first novel is sure to draw many new fans eager to see what happens next. VOYA