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**The last thing Barclay Thorne ever wanted was an adventure. Review Quotes "Absolutely enchanting! Reminiscent of classic middle grade tales, with a highly unique and enthralling world and characters you can really root for. Ortega, author of The Ghost Squad "Exciting, adventurous, and wild in its own right, The Accidental Apprentice had me riding on the winds and howling at the sky. When the wilds call, you should listen. I would gladly wander the Wilderlands forever, bonding with all types of magical beasts. Readers everywhere will delight in collecting them all! Want to Read. Buy on Amazon. Rate this book. The last thing Barclay Thorne ever wanted was an adventure. No danger required. Determined to break this bond and return home, Barclay journeys to find the mysterious town of Lore Keepers, people who have also bonded with Beasts and share their powers.**

**Middle Grade. Young Adult. Urban Fantasy. Hardcover First published March 30, Original Title The Accidental Apprentice. Series Wilderlore 1. This edition Format Hardcover. Published March 30, by Margaret K. McElderry Books. Language English. More details. Amanda Foody 12 books 1, followers. Amanda Foody has always considered imagination to be our best attempt at magic. After a double life as an accountant preparing taxes for multinational corporations, she now spends her free time brewing and fermenting foods much more easily obtained at her local grocery store.**

**She lives in Boston, MA with a hoard of books guarded by the most vicious of feline companions, Jelly Bean. Search review text. Displaying 1 - 30 of reviews. Holly Holly Hearts Books. Personal rating: 3. This book has lovable, root-able characters, fascinating beasts, a thrilling adventure, and a new world to lose yourself in. After reading this, I can see why fans would love it! As an orphan in a small village, Barclay feels so out of place and believes if he works hard as an apprentice, one day he can become a mushroom farmer and belong in the community. But when he accidentally bonds with a Beast, he has to leave home and try to find a way to break the bond. My favourite part of this novel is the world building! I enjoyed learning about the different types of Beasts that existed and the different types of Lore Keepers which is someone who bonds with Beasts.**

**It was interesting to learn about the history of their world and how they trained with their Beasts. I also enjoyed the character development that Barclay went through and**

the friendships he made throughout his adventure! From the very beginning Barclay was against the Lore Keeper community and going on any type of adventure. By the end of the book, I was proud of Barclay and his decisions with what he wanted to do next. I wish it went on a little longer.

Overall, this was a fun read! I recommend trying this book out if you enjoy middle grade novels about adventure and magical creatures. Samm Sassenach the Book Wizard. I'm bouncing back and forth between 4 and 5 stars so 4. Reads Books and Fics. I am still new to middle grade, but this book is very fun. I was able to finish it in one day, and it was a great read. Barclay lives a normal life in a town where he is an orphan. He lost his parents to a monster who destroyed the town, and he just wants to live a simple life. He knows to stay out of the forest nearby until one day, he sees a Lore Keeper trying to catch a Beast. But the Beast bonds to Barclay. After an incident, he leaves his town and is off on his adventure. I loved the world building in this book. To learn about the Beasts and systems of Lore Keepers was very interesting. I also liked seeing how they were testing to see who was the best, and how Barclay was working to bond with his own Beast eventually.

I felt like I was right there during the adventure, and I am eager for more in the future. The characters are great too. Barclay grows as the book goes on, and I like Viola a lot. We need more of these in books. Their friendship is awesome, and I cannot wait to see it grow more. This is a wonderful middle grade fantasy. I would definitely pick up the next in the series. Not to mention, this is perfect for grades 4 to 8 for fantasy lovers and even reluctant readers. I genuinely cannot remember the last time I read a middle grade novel, and I don't think I could have picked a better one than Amanda Foody's first entry into the MG world.

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#### **THE ACCIDENTAL APPRENTICE | Kirkus Reviews**

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**He tells her he is looking for someone to take on his business empire, and has decided it should be her. But in order to become the heir of his empire, Sapna must pass seven tests from the "Textbook of Life". The seven tests are seven unexpected and life threatening situations with each test revealing a different quality of a leader. Sapna passes six of the seven tests with great difficulty. Though Vinay praises her for her character, Sapna is outraged at Vinay's indifference to the threat which posed to life.**

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integrity, courage, foresight, resourcefulness and decisiveness, with Acharya keeping tabs on her and explaining the relevance of each quality. As the story progresses, it is revealed that Acharya is facing bitter rivalry from his volatile and aggressive twin brother, AK Acharya. His company is engaging in insider trading and Acharya himself is not keeping well. Acharya hints that the seventh and final test would be the hardest of all. However, as Sapna proceeds against the final task, the seventh test horribly spirals out of control. Vinay is found murdered mysteriously and Sapna is framed for the murder. Sapna escapes from jail and she discovers, to her horror, that her past had come to haunt her. Sapna uses all her wits to escape from the escalating situation and finally all is well. In the end, AK takes over Vinay's company and feels remorseful for holding a grudge against his brother.

He speaks to Sapna and gives her a letter written by Vinay long ago. The letter reveals the truth why Vinay had chosen Sapna as his successor and tells her the final lesson he intended to impart: Wisdom. AK explains Sapna his brother's intentions, clearing her doubts. Sapna turns it down, saying that she intends to follow her heart, and AK agrees with her.

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I even liked the scenes where when Abel uses his mirror skills. I also loved how the author gave depth to some of the beasts, like Root and Gravalvor. The book will keep you glued as Barclay participates in all the challenges to win the Exhibition. I look forward to reading the following books to see how the series continues. This was fun! I loved the How to Train Your Dragon vibes and can't

wait what the next adventure these characters will go on in the next book. As an educator, I feel like it is my job to read new children's books so that I can place interesting stories into the hands of my students I get super hype when I find stories that I would've loved as a kiddo and thoroughly enjoyed escaping to this newly-created world for a while.

I am excited to see how Foody builds these characters and this story! Wilderlore is just what you would expect from a middle-grade: quirky characters, imaginative world, and a light-hearted plot that keeps moving. I think anyone within the target audience range will be sure to enjoy this How to Train Your Dragon meets Pokemon-esque novel featuring mythical creatures, not just dragons, and a magic community. Barclay as our main character can go against what you may feel. It made me want Viola, a side character, to be the main character instead. The villain, their motives and backstory, gets thrown in there, but I was more focused on Barclay—whether he would learn to love the Lore Keeper community after what it has done to him. So when the villain is brought around again to create a climax, it all happens very fast and at the very end. It gets resolved just as quickly. But even those side characters and subplots get a nice and neat resolution at the end, leaving me wondering if every book will be its own arc or is Amanda Foody creating a larger plot in the works?

More About This Book. Pub Date: Aug. Page Count: Publisher: Scholastic. Show comments. More In The Series. More by Dav Pilkey. In a new caper, the Spy School team thwarts a fiendish scheme on the high seas. More by Stuart Gibbs. Please sign up to continue. Almost there! Reader Writer Industry Professional. Send me weekly book recommendations and inside scoop. Keep me logged in. Sign in using your Kirkus account Sign in Keep me logged in. In short, I expected to be blown away. Instead, I was disappointed. The book was everything you expected from a Vikas Swarup novel, only more. So much more that it can only be termed over the top. Sapna works at an electronics store in New Delhi and is the sole breadwinner of the family.

In true Bollywood style, she has an Asthmatic mother and college going younger sister to support. Burying her own dreams of marriage and love, she forges ahead in a stoical manner, saving every penny for her family. While visiting the temple one day, she is told that her life is about to change in an instant. She is met by a billionaire industrialist who tells her that he has chosen to make her the CEO of his company, if she passes seven tests of character, he has set for her. Life in New Dehli has made her tough and shrewd and Sapna is wary of anything that offers quick returns. What follows is a series of mishaps and adventures, each of which turns out to have been part of the apprenticeship.

As in his previous novels, the narrative travels at a breakneck pace, the author keeping the reader at the edge of her seat in a story that along with being entertaining touches some of the most pressing issues facing developing countries today. In addition there are references to popular Bollywood and political personalities, which add to the fun of guessing which character is based on whom. Swarup has tried in this book to tell the story of a modern day working woman and her responses to circumstances that one would find familiar if one lived in India. But the pace is too fast and the writing too simple. Most of it seems forced, instead of an organic part of the story. Its almost as if Swarup had taken his inspiration from the lurid headlines of Indian tabloids and each chapter was an attempt to scratch the surface of an important social problem in India.

As a result, the Panchayat systems, gang rape, reality TV and illegal organ transplants are all simplified into bite sized, chapter length backdrops.