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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 4-7-Juliet Dove is a painfully shy middle school student who is inadvertently lured into a mysterious shop, where she is given an amulet. Once on, it cannot be removed and Juliet realizes she has gotten herself trapped in a story that must be finished before she can be free. With the help of two talking rats who are friends of the elusive shop owner, she learns that the necklace was given to her by Eris, the goddess of discord. It is the same amulet worn by Helen of Troy and was the true cause of the Trojan War because it makes its wearer irresistible to the opposite sex. Embarrassed by the increasingly large group of boys following her wherever she goes, Juliet nonetheless manages to unfold the mystery of why she was meant to wear the necklace. Ultimately, she is instrumental in reuniting the tragically parted mythological lovers Cupid and Psyche. Although humorous, the story has surprising depth, with musings on honor, power, strength, courage, and, above all, love. Juliet's journey through the tale in which she finds herself helps her to achieve a greater appreciation for herself, her family, and friends. "Every love story needs an ending" and this tale has an optimistic and open one, with possible future adventures indicated. Coville capably interweaves mythological characters with realistic modern ones, keeping readers truly absorbed. *B. Allison Gray, John Jermain Library, Sag Harbor, NY*

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From **Booklist**

Gr. 4-8. What could be worse for a shy middle-school girl than to be under a love spell? When Juliet runs off after hurling vicious insults at a girl who's teasing her, she finds herself in Mr. Elives' mysterious magic shop, where a strange woman presses her to take an amulet to wear around her neck. Over the next few days, Juliet starts attracting boys by the dozens. By the time she realizes the amulet is somehow responsible, she can't take it off. Two talking rats appear to help her out of her jam, and as the impossibilities pile up, she discovers that she's caught up in a story-- not just any story, but the Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche. The love god himself is trapped in the amulet, and Juliet needs to find the way to release him before the chaos gets out of hand. Coville's easy style works well in a tale that has it's share of both humor and heartache. Fans of the Magic Shop series will enjoy this latest installment. *Louise Brueggeman Copyright* © *American Library Association*. *All rights reserved*

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