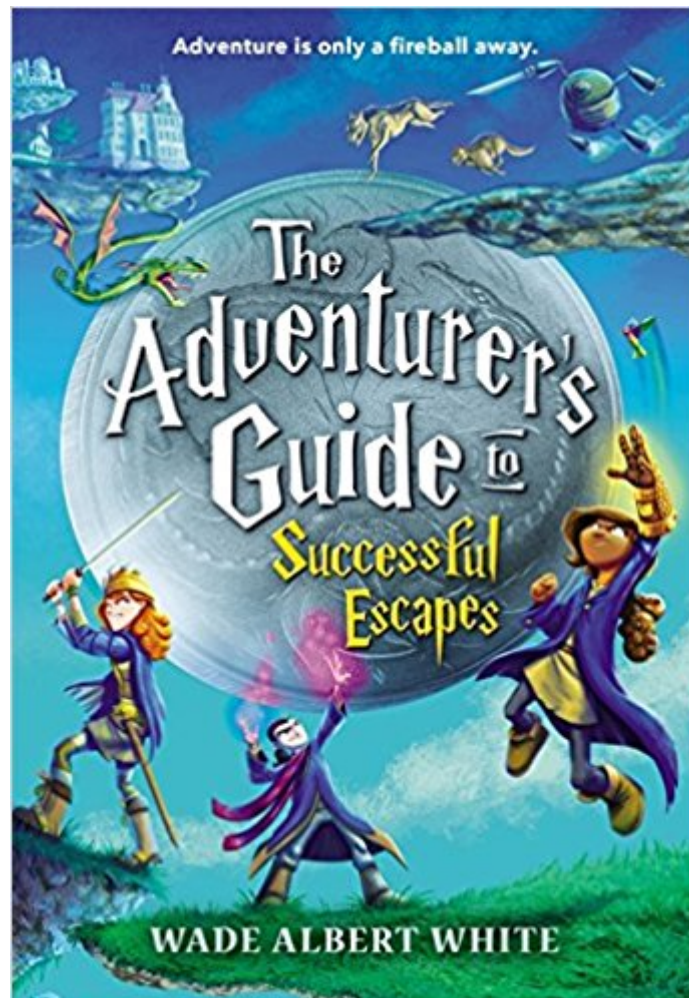




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# The Adventurer's Guide To Successful Escapes



## Synopsis

Now in paperback, the thrilling debut novel in an irresistible and original series where fantasy and science fiction meet, dragons aren't as innocent as they look, and nothing is quite what it seems. Anne has spent most of her thirteen years dreaming of the day she and her best friend Penelope will finally leave Saint Lupin's Institute for Perpetually Wicked and Hideously Unattractive Children. When the big day arrives, a series of very curious happenings lead to Anne being charged with an epic quest. Anne, Penelope, and new questing partner Hiro have only days to travel to strange new locales, solve myriad riddles, and triumph over monstrous foes--or face the horrible consequences. Packed with action, humor, and endless heart.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 "At age 13, Anvil, known as Anne, is preparing to leave St. Lupin's Institute for Perpetually Wicked and Hideously Unattractive Children. She is neither wicked nor hideous, but with no knowledge of her family or origin, she has little hope of fulfilling her dream of entering a quest academy. But isn't it her luck that just at this point she falls off the edge of the earth? It's easy to do when one's world is comprised of different small islands and tiers. Luckily, a strange woman and a dragon rescue Anne. Unfortunately, a metal gauntlet is now attached permanently to her arm.

Suddenly, Anne's life becomes a whirlwind as she snaps up a medallion that turns her into a leader of a Rightful Heir Quest (as the blacksmith, no less). With her best friend Penelope (who has no weapons training) and her new companion, Hiro (whose magic abilities are questionable), Anne sets off on an adventure with a goal everyone is ill prepared to achieve. Throughout their adventures, the three are stymied by ancient technology, the Official Antagonist, and the Deceiver Card. Each chapter begins with tongue-in-cheek quotes that add humor and build the legitimacy of this created world, reminiscent of Caroline Carlson's "Very Nearly Honorable Pirate Society" series. The narrator's sarcastic undertone is an additional clue that readers should not take things so seriously. However, this fast-paced adventure deals with deep themes, such as wanting to know one's place in the world, which is not completely resolved for Anne. Notable also is that Anne is a black protagonist, offering some much needed diversity to the fantasy genre for this age group. VERDICT The first in a fantasy adventure series with a unique crew of characters, this will tickle funny bones and leave readers awaiting the next installment.â "Clare A. Dombrowski, Amesbury Public Library, MA --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

"A highly distinctive, smart take on the fantasy novel... readers will find a humorous tale of adventure, friendship, and courage." --Kirkus Reviews  
"This fast-paced adventure deals with deep themes... the first in a fantasy adventure series with a unique crew of characters, this will tickle funny bones and leave readers awaiting the next installment." --School Library Journal  
"Funny and fresh." --Booklist  
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The mixture of science fiction and fantasy keeps you on your toes! That, and the tongue-in-cheek jokes about quest tropes make this seem fresh and not at all predictable. The voice also really sells it, too, I was laughing almost the entire time!

If you like Harry Potter, you will love this book! The world building is out of this world, and the plot moves forward quickly. Do not put down the book; you will not want to miss what happens next. The jokes come fast and furious, and the characters are unique and quirky. I mean seriously, how can you not love a book with a character (cat) named Her Royal Highness Princess Fluffington Whiskers of The Mouse Trapper Clan?

This book gave what it promised...adventure around every corner, er page. I laughed so many times

when I wasn't on the edge of my seat wondering how Anne would get out of each predicament. A must read!

It's so great to find a fantasy adventure with a girl as the main character! Not only that, but there's touches of scientific inventions throughout that gives this a touch of science fantasy without going into steampunk or science fiction. Well-developed characters, fun adventure, and a great read overall. Can't wait for the next one in the series!

Read it to my 9 year old. He loved it and so did I. Great, fast paced story. Lots of twists and strange happenings, without losing sight of the story! Page turner. Great book!

was a gift so a ten yr old male, he loved it!

Very imaginative, with lots of action and humour!

My grandson and I both read this book, separately. This is one of the books we agreed upon within the first ten pages. We both loved it, he for its fantasy and sci-fi, and me for the imaginative writing. Anvil aka Anne has been waiting to leave The Saint Lupin's Institute for Perpetually Wicked and Hideously Unattractive Children, all her life. You know when you read that sentence that is going to be good. However, the long awaited invite has not arrived. It is not until Anne finds this book, 'The Adventurer's Guide To Successful Escapes' that her life really begins. Along with some friends she finds the know how to find her way out, and into a universe she had never dreamed. This is a dream book for children and many adults. The writing is on a par of Lemony Snicket and others, and maybe far ahead. This is one of those books that does not sneak up on you, but whams you in the first chapter. The universe of hanging islands and the character inhabitants is refreshing. The humor is right there, laugh out loud. What a joy to hear my grandson laughing so loudly, and reading portions of the book to his mother. The final chapter leaves it open enough that the reality of more books to come is offered. Recommended. prisrob 06-23-16

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