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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This sequel to *The Egypt Game* "continues to offer Snyder's well-nigh irresistible combination of suspense, wit and avowal of the imagination," said PW in a starred review. Ages 8-12.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 5-7. Limited character development, a vague setting, and frequent references to events in Snyder's *The Egypt Game* (Atheneum, 1972) make this title most accessible to fans of the earlier book. Here, the friends are researching Gypsies for a new game when one of them, Toby Alvillar, finds his life complicated by family problems. Caught in a custody dispute between his father and his grandparents, the boy leaves home. Although Snyder has skillfully updated some aspects of her original story (e.g., making racial differences known through description rather than labeling), her characters seem oddly sheltered. Toby's decision to run away, for example, seems a naive overreaction, given the current realities of urban life and the capture of a child murderer in the previous book. Equally disconcerting is the willingness of the other children to conceal Toby's whereabouts. Despite these occasionally unbelievable plot twists, Snyder succeeds in making readers care about Toby's situation. The game itself, however, does not go well, for the children's discovery of the age-old persecution of Gypsies sours their enthusiasm. Snyder injects a contemporary (and hopeful) note by having her characters translate their discomfort into a resolve to help some present-day "gypsies": the homeless people whom Toby encountered as a runaway. With all the action, information, and emotion packed into the novel, it is little wonder that Snyder relies upon her readers to be already familiar with characters and setting, and it is for them that this companion book will have the most appeal. ?Lisa Dennis, The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

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Gr. 4⁺-6. Taking up where *The Egypt Game* (1967) left off, this continues the story of sixth-graders April and Melanie and Melanie's little brother, Marshall. Growing weary of pretending to be ancient Egyptians, the girls decide to alter the game by becoming gypsies; they are not sure, however, how their fellow participants, cool Ken and abrasive Toby, will respond to the changes. As it turns out, Toby has other things on his mind. A problem at home forces him to run away, and most of the book is devoted to Toby's disappearance and the children's reaction to it. The reason Toby flees--his grandparents' attempt to gain custody of him--is written as mystery, with information dispensed slowly, but the resolution is anticlimactic. Most readers won't have a 30-year-gap between putting down one book and picking up the next; however, it is almost essential to read *The Egypt Game* first. Though this can stand on its own, it takes a while to catch up with what's going on. As for those gypsies, the kids learn they were outcasts, prohibited from earning a living, and eventually persecuted by the Nazis. In remembrance, the children decide to help several of the homeless people, such as those with whom Toby hid. But April and Melanie et al. never really do get around to playing the gypsy game. *Ilene Cooper*

Users Review

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