

Hawksmaid

Kathryn Lasky

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For my review, I read the book *Hawksmaid* by Kathryn Lasky, which is the story of an 14th century town in medieval England that tells of a young girl with a passion of hawking and hunting. Her name is Matty, and when she was young, her castle was destroyed by the servants of Prince John, the tyrant that has taken control of England and hid his brother, the rightful king of England, King Richard. She and her friends grow up to be the one and only Robin Hood and his merry band of men, although she a not mentioned as much to the populous.

This book is very well written and I quite enjoyed it. There are a lot of references to medieval England and this makes the book so much more real to the reader. I would say that this book is a middle grade to young adult level for difficulty and would recommend it for ages 10-16. I would recommend this book as checked out from a library. This type of book is really one to read only once and never again to spoil it. I liked the fact that this book used many vocabulary words related to the actual training and maintenance of real hunting hawks.

Overall, that is what I have to say about the book. I really enjoyed the novel's characters and the plot and I would like a sequel. Great book. Would recommend.

Recommend Titles:

"Battlefield Earth" A saga of the year 3000 by: L. Ron Hubbard.