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In Gold And Jade #2 (Kung Fu Princess)



Synopsis

Cassidy's kung fu class has been invited to compete in a Wing Chun tournament in Hong Kong, and only the ten best students can go. Cassidy is certain that going to the country of her ancestors will help her unravel the mystery of the coins, so she resolves to practice kung fu in every spare moment. But strange things are keeping her busy; first an evil fox demon possesses her best friend. Then her house is burglarized, and people start blaming her for things she didn't do! Can Cassidy defeat the demons and become a real warrior?

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Customer Reviews

Since defeating two very powerful demons - the snake demon and the plague ghost - fourteen-year-old Cassidy Chen is finally beginning to come to terms with her destiny, and embrace her inner warrior. The fact that her ability to overcome both of these demons, of course, is only the beginning. Since her first two battles, she has developed the power to not only heal immediately from any injury, but to also see spirits, and communicate with them. But that's where the benefits of her destiny come to an abrupt halt. While Cassidy wishes that she could shake this newfound ability, she can't help but wonder what is left to come. What adventures the three remaining coins hold. However, when they begin to come forth, calling upon her, she wishes that she could just disappear, along with the coins. After all, the last three coins are bringing nothing but bad luck to the

people she cares about the most. Suddenly, Cassidy is left feeling that she is the one to blame for her best friend, Eliza's, maniacally absurd behavior; and she can't help but feel as if the recent break-in at her home was not caused by the magical coins. In an attempt to protect herself, and her family, Cassidy sets up a shrine, embracing her ancestors, and begins training as hard as she possibly can, in an attempt to be ready when the next demons decide to attack. When she learns that Master Lau will be choosing four students from her Wing Chun class to compete in Hong Kong, Cassidy just knows that she has to be picked. And, when Master Lau contacts her for private Wing Chun lessons to hone her abilities, and test her senses, Cassidy feels that she has been chosen to represent his class. However, the more time that Cassidy spends with Master Lau, the more she begins to develop strange feelings about him, and his sudden interest in both her abilities, and the coins. It is only with a little prompting from her crush-turned-friend, James Tang, however, that she begins looking deeper into the soul of Master Lau, trying to figure out whether he is friend or faux. And, if he's faux, why he's spending so much time helping her to better her skills for battle. It is hard to stumble upon a book series that features such astounding, spellbinding adventure and conflict that both overpowers the reader, and leaves them hungry for more. However, that is exactly what Pamela Walker's KUNG FU PRINCESS series invokes. While DAUGHTER OF LIGHT was a fantastic introductory novel into the world of Cassidy Chen, IN GOLD AND JADE has picked up exactly where the previous installment left off, placing Cassidy into even more turmoil-ridden events that make her confront various demons, both on the outside, and within. As in DAUGHTER OF LIGHT, Cassidy's heroic personality comes forth from page one, drawing the reader in instantly, and taking them on an adventurous joyride filled with various battles, and in-depth training that really brings the martial arts world to life, illustrating both the spiritual and physical sides of Wing Chun and Kung Fu, in general. While James Tang was a slightly more prevalent character in the previous novel, his wisdom does arise at times within IN GOLD AND JADE, and really paints the picture of him as an excellent ally who Cassidy can rely on. However, it's Cassidy's tumultuous relationship with the people around her, such as her best friends, Eliza and Luis, as well as her inner demons, that come to the forefront of this particular installment, making the reader look inside themselves to discover the darkness that they've hidden away behind the joy. Walker has penned another remarkable tale that blends the worlds of mysticism and mythology together with martial arts, to create a diabolical combination that leaves the reader breathless. Demons, and spirits, and warriors, oh my!

Erika Sorocco
Freelance Reviewer

I reviewed the # 1 Daughter of Light and as stated in the review, I was so glad that I had purchased

two of the three books because I could not put them down. I even went out and bought # 3, before I finished # 2. The book is spellbinding and you have all emotions reading it. Each page would keep you on the edge of the seat. I can't imagine the author having such an imagination when it came to several of the scenes. I highly recommend the books, don't just buy the first one because you will be trying to find #2 and #3 before you finish the first one. If you buy for your children or grandchildren, that have no interest in martial arts they will equally enjoy it and I recommend you mothers and grandmothers plus fathers and grandfathers to read these.

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