

Carry On by Rainbow Rowell

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*Age Range: 14-18 (Recommended by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who's ever been chosen.

That's what his roommate, Baz, says. And Baz might be evil and a vampire and a complete git, but he's probably right.

Half the time, Simon can't even make his wand work, and the other half, he starts something on fire. His mentor's avoiding him, his girlfriend broke up with him, and there's a magic-eating monster running around, wearing Simon's face. Baz would be having a field day with all this, if he were here--it's their last year at the Watford School of Magicks, and Simon's infuriating nemesis didn't even bother to show up.

Carry On is a ghost story, a love story and a mystery. It has just as much kissing and talking as you'd expect from a Rainbow Rowell story - but far, far more monsters.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Rowell imbues her magic with awe and spectacle. It's a powerful, politically minded allegory about sexual, ethnic and class identity - with a heady shot of teenage lust." —New York Times Book Review

"It's a brilliantly addictive, genuinely romantic story about teenagers who can't be neatly sorted into houses, coping with stress and loss and the confusion of just trying to be who they are. It's as if Rowell turned the Harry Potter books inside out, and is showing us the marvelous, subversive stuffing inside." —Time Magazine

"Full of heart and humor, this fantastical tale is a worthy addition to the wizarding-school genre." —People Magazine

"Carry On is the fantasy book I didn't know I'd been waiting for for years...Rowell's mystery, magic, and political intrigue is the sexiest love story I've read in a long time." —Julie Beck, for The Atlantic

"The funny, wised-up dialogue, the tumultuous, sweet, and sexy love story— is grade-A Rowell...almost impossible to put down." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"Stock up on copies—this one begs to be reread." —Booklist (starred review)

"With rock-solid worldbuilding, a sweet and believable romance subplot, and satisfying ending, Carry On is a monumentally enjoyable reading experience. Hand this to fans of Rowell, Harry Potter, love stories, and magic."

—School Library Journal (starred review)

"Carry On is a triumph. Thrilling and sexy, funny and shocking, deeply moving and very, very magical. Trust me, you have never, ever seen a wizard school like this." —Lev Grossman, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Magicians trilogy

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Barnes and Noble Best New Books of the Year
- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Best Books of the Year
- NPR Best Book of the Year
- Time Magazine Best Books of the Year
- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Guide to the 100 Best Books of the Year
- Time Magazine Top 10 Books of the Year

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.