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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—In this 10th installment of the "Young Wizards" series (HMH), Kit, Nita, Dairine, and their wizard friends return for more interplanetary adventures. Every 11 years, Earth's wizards hold the Invitational, a prestigious competition in which young wizards compete to craft and execute the perfect spell. The three young protagonists are each invited to mentor a young wizard in the competition, and each ends up facing unique challenges. Among them, Nita has a complicated vision that could change everything, and through a series of events, the stakes quickly become much higher than winning a contest. The story is slow to develop and heavily hinges on knowledge obtained in previous installments. Everything comes together in the end, though, to create a well-thought-out climax, with a satisfying resolution. Recommend this series to young teens who devour books about magic and wizards. **VERDICT** This is a solid addition to the series; purchase where there are fans of the previous volumes or kids looking for "Harry Potter" read-alikes.—Candyce Pruitt-Goddard, Sno-Isle Libraries, Marysville, WA

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"Duane neatly manages to pull together and tie off plot threads that have been dangling since the earliest volumes. A delightful treat for dedicated fans."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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—*SLJ*

## About the Author

**DIANE DUANE** is the author of nearly fifty science fiction and fantasy novels, including ten books in the Young Wizards series. Four of her *Star Trek* novels have been *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Spock's World*. She lives with her husband in rural Ireland. Visit her online at [www.DianeDuane.com](http://www.DianeDuane.com) and [www.youngwizards.com](http://www.youngwizards.com).

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