

Hidden City of Alchemy Wins International Book Contest Award

The Readers' Favorite International Book Award Contest featured thousands of contestants from over a dozen countries, ranging from new independent authors to NYT best-sellers and celebrities.

Cindication and Readers' Favorite is proud to announce that "Hidden City of Alchemy" by Melissa H Coleman won the Honorable Mention Award in the Young Adult - Adventure category.

Hidden City of Alchemy is a Steampunk adventure injected with just the right amount of science fiction, romance, and historical fiction, to keep the reader on their toes.

Author Melissa Coleman said the novel is about a smart and brave heroine who has a love for science and inventions.

"One day Lizzie discovers a dangerous family secret in a diary after her mother is kidnapped by German spies. She must leave London and travel to France while learning the shocking truth about her ancestor and about a chemical which could destroy the world if it should fall into the wrong hands," Ms Coleman said.

Not only has Ms Coleman received honourable recognition in this year's contest, but she has also received three 5-star reviews from a panel of readers for Hidden City of Alchemy.

Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite

Hidden City of Alchemy is a work of fiction in the action, adventure, and steampunk sub-genres and was penned by author Melissa H. Coleman.

Accessible to both young adult and adult audiences with its combination of alternative history, romance, science fiction concepts and plenty of thrills, this truly charming tale takes the unconventional Lizzie Peters for its heroine. Lizzie would rather be an inventor than follow the path towards housewives and family that is expected of her, so when her mother goes missing and it turns out she's been kidnapped, Lizzie steps up as her would-be rescuer. So begins an incredible journey to France and a terrifying plot of chemical warfare that could destroy the whole world.

Author Melissa H. Coleman weaves an excellent tale amid the cogs and gears of the galvanized world of steampunk, and her atmosphere is spot-on for fans of the genre. Lizzie's inventive ways give us ample opportunity to engage with a sharp and intelligent heroine who still has flaws and things to learn on her incredible journey. The emotional heart of the tale lies with the rescue of her mother and her own growth, although there is a delightful little romance element too, and it's that inner strength and empowerment of Lizzie which makes the novel truly special for its genre and type. Overall, when you read Hidden City of Alchemy you can expect witty dialogue, well-described steampunk hi-jinks and gadgetry, and a thrilling plot that all adventure fans are sure to adore.

Ms Coleman's latest book has received a warm literary welcome.

You can learn more about Melissa H Coleman and "Hidden City of Alchemy" at <https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/hidden-city-of-alchemy> where you can read reviews and the author's biography, as well as connect with the author directly or through their website and social media pages.

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