

## Olentangy Local School District Literature Selection Review

Teacher: Addy/Sheely    Grade: 6    School: OBMS

Book Title: The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives    Genre: Fiction/Fairy Tale

Author: Buckley    Pages: 312

Publisher: Abrams, Harry N., Inc.    Copyright: 4/1/2007

*In a brief rationale, please provide the following information relative to the book you would like added to the school's book collection for classroom use. You may attach additional pages as needed.*

**Book Summary and summary citation:** (suggested resources include book flap summaries, review summaries from publisher, book vendors, etc.)

In paperback for the first time, the Sisters Grimm take readers to a world where fairy tales are fact and not everyone is who they seem!

In book one of this bestselling series, sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Relda Grimm. The sisters learn they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairy tales is actually a collection of case files. The girls are the latest in a long line of fairy-tale detectives, and their new hometown is filled with Everafters (as magical folks like to be called)-some good and some very, very bad. When a mysterious Everafter sets a giant loose on the town, it's up to the Sisters Grimm to save the day.

**Provide an instructional rationale for the use of this title, including specific reference to the OLSD curriculum map(s):** (Curriculum maps may be referenced by grade/course and indicator number or curriculum maps with indicators highlighted may be attached to this form)

I can identify the major and minor events of the plot and explain how each incident gives rise to the next.

I can identify recurring themes, patterns and symbols found in literature from different eras and cultures

I can make critical comparisons across texts

**Include two professional reviews of this title:** (a suggested list of resources for identifying professional reviews is shown below. Reviews may be "cut and pasted" (with citation) into the form or printed reviews may be attached to the form)

Review #1

From The Critics

Move over Violet, Klaus, and Sunny! You'll be sharing the stage with seven-year-old Daphne and 12-year-old Sabrina, the Grimm sisters, descendants of the Brothers Grimm! Fans of Lemony Snicket will adore this new series. Imagine that the fairy tales we read as kids were actually true and were written down as historical accounts, and the Everafters, the name fairy tale creatures prefer, live alongside humans, using magic to hide their identities. Finally, imagine a destructive giant loose in the town. Welcome to Ferryport Landing, home of Relda Grimm, and grandmother to these girls. After their parents "disappear," they are forced to live in foster care and eventually come to live with their grandmother, who moonlights as a detective. She is also the keeper of Snow White's mirror, which helps her keep the peace between humans and Everafters. Prince Charming is the mayor of the town and appears at first to be responsible for the giant's destruction. The Three Little

Pigs are the police force. It is not until the end that we learn that Jack, from "Jack and the Beanstalk," is actually looking for a publicity stunt to return him to his former glory. The twists and turns of the plot, the clever humor, and the behind-the-scenes glimpses of Everafters we think we know, will appeal to many readers. KLIATT Codes: J\*—Exceptional book, recommended for junior high school students. 2005, Amulet Books, 304p., Ages 12 to 15.  
—Annette Wells

Review #2

At almost twelve, Sabrina is a savvy survivor. From the day her parents disappeared, she and her younger sister Daphne have been shuffled from one horrible foster home to another. When the book opens, she and Daphne have been sent to Ferryport Landing to a woman who claims to be their grandmother. Unfortunately, Granny Relda is a genuine nut case. However, Sabrina's doubts are dispelled when she sees the giant for herself and meets a host of fairy tale creatures, from Prince Charming to the Big Bad Wolf. When Granny is captured by the giant, Sabrina and Daphne must discover who has let the giant loose and rescue their grandmother. Then Sabrina learns that the Everafters (as the fairytale creatures prefer to be called) can't leave Ferryport Landing until she and her sister are dead! In this modern-day fairytale, Buckley has succeeded in creating a sympathetic heroine with a realistic voice plopped down in a fantastic setting. Most lovers of fantasy fiction will enjoy this book. It may even delight girls who enjoy realistic fiction because of Sabrina's plucky personality. 2005, Amulet Books/Abrams,, 304 pp., Ages young adult.  
—Virginia Beesley

**What alternate text(s) could also fulfill the instructional requirements?**

Title: American Tale Tales    Author: Mary Pope Osborne

Title: Favorite Folk Tales from Aroudn the World    Author: Jane Yolen

Title: Short Stories from Ch 6    Author: Holt McDougal Literature series

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**Document any potentially controversial content:**

references to magic

**Keeping in mind the age, academic level, and maturity of the intended reader, what is the suggested classroom use: (check all that apply)**

Gifted/Accelerated     Regular     At Risk

**GRADE LEVEL(S):**            6    7    8    9    10    11    12

**Reading level of this title (if applicable):** 840 Lexile

**Date Submitted to Department Chair:** 2/3/2012

**Suggested Professional Literary Review Sources:**

School Library Journal

Horn Book

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

Library Journal

Book Links

Publisher's Weekly

Booklist

Kirkus Review

Wilson Library Catalog

English Journal (and other resources of the National Council of Teachers of English)

The Reading Teacher (International Reading Association)

Literature for Today's Young Adults