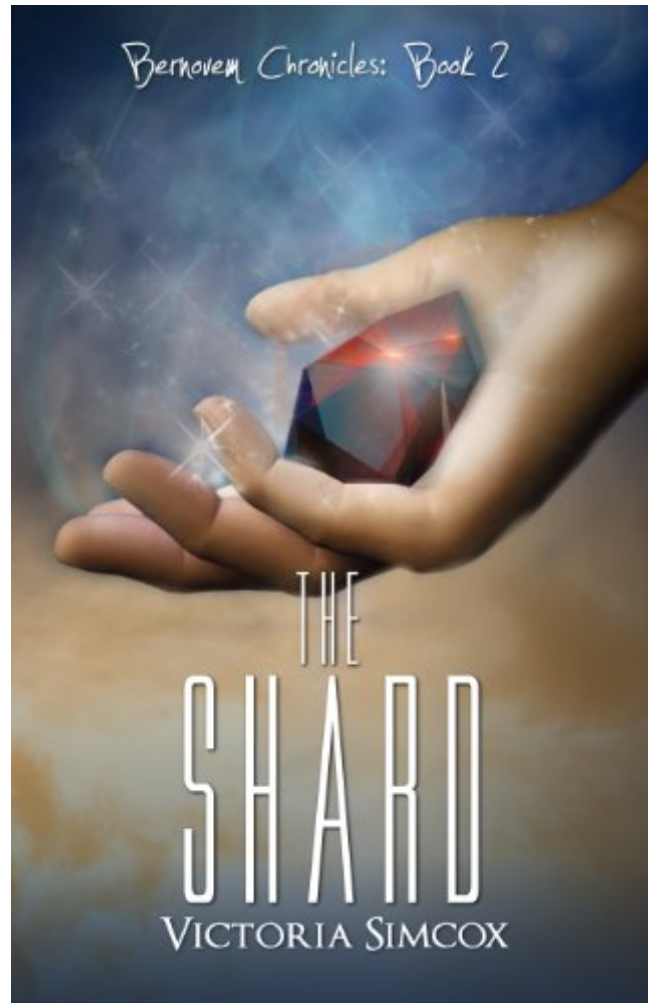


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Synopsis

The Shard, Victoria Simcox's fast-paced, intricately woven sequel to The Warble, takes Kristina Kingsly and her schoolmates back to Bernovem and into a thrilling, often dangerous adventure. Kristina's stay at summer horse camp is horrible to say the least, and it's all because Hester and Davina are there as well, making her life miserable. When Hester's cruel prank goes terribly wrong, it's actually what sends the three girls back to the magical land of Bernovem. In Bernovem, Kristina is very excited to see her former friend, Prince Werrien. When he invites her to sail with him on his ship to his homeland Tezerel, putting it simply, Kristina can't refuse. Reunited with her gnome, dwarf, animal, fairy friends and best of all, Werrien, things seem like they couldn't get any better for Kristina. But when Werrien becomes fascinated with an unusual seeing stone, the Black Shard, Kristina is haunted by a ghostlike old hag. Struggling against suspicion, guilt, illness, and ultimately the one who wants to possess her soul, Kristina will see it's in her weakest moment that she will encounter more strength than she has ever known.

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Customer Reviews

I received a copy of this book from the author in return for an honest review. This is the second book

in a fantastic series for middle grade children. I loved it! Kristina Kingsly is a wonderful character. I really liked her when I met her in *The Warble*. She is full of spunk and is braver than she realises. When she finds herself back in Bernovem, she is very happy, but danger lurks around the corner! This is a fantastic sequel to *The Warble*. Once again, I found myself being transported to the magical land of Bernovem. I loved meeting up with some familiar faces, especially Werrien. I also loved meeting some new ones too! I missed these characters, I must say! There is something about them that has captured my heart! Although, I must admit that I have no love for Sentiz - she is her usual creepy, cruel self! I also have no love for Hester and Davina either - they are bullies, pure and simple! I did have one quibble with this story. It didn't seem to have the intensity of the first one. The danger was strangely distant. However, this doesn't mean that the story wasn't good - it was. It just means that the reader got to know the characters a bit more, as they journeyed to the land of Tezerel. There are also some fantastic drawings that depict specific scenes in the story. These drawings are extremely well done and show the characters and situations exactly as I envisaged. There is a twist right at the end of the story that I didn't see coming, and it left me gasping in disbelief! I am now wanting to read the next book in the series to find out what happens next! Victoria Simcox has written an amazing series of Children's adventure books that will enchant young readers. Her writing style is fast paced, but not overly so as to feel rushed.

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