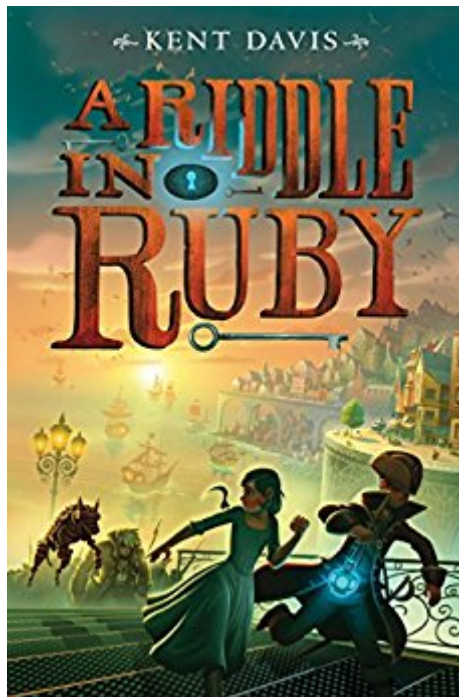


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# A Riddle In Ruby



## Synopsis

Ruby is a thief-in-training and a keeper of secretsâ "ones she doesn't even know herself. A Riddle in Ruby is the first book in a witty and fast-paced fantasy-adventure trilogy for fans for Jonathan Stroud, Septimus Heap, and The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates. Ruby Teach, daughter of a smuggler and pirate, has been learning how to swindle and steal and pick the most complex locks for as long as she can remember. But a collision with aristocratic young lord Athen sends her spinning into chaos. Little did she know that her whole life has been spent in hiding from nefarious secret societies and the Royal Navy . . . who are both now on her trail. In this debut middle grade adventure, Kent Davis weaves a rip-roaring tale through an alternate colonial Philadelphia. A world where alchemyâ "that peculiar mix of magic and scienceâ "has fueled the industrial revolution. With this highly original setting, a cast of fully rounded characters and rapid-fire, funny dialogue, A Riddle in Ruby will call to mind fantasy greats like Diana Wynne Jones and Terry Pratchett.

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## Customer Reviews

My 8yr old munchkin and I both read A Riddle in Ruby. It was a fun read with action packed, suspenseful, intriguing storylines and well developed, fully fleshed out characters. Here is munchkins review: A Riddle in Ruby was a fun reading experience for me. There were plot twists in the story that made it suspenseful and would make you want to read the book more! Ruby is curious, stubborn, and always ready for adventure. She is feisty and never backs down. Lord Athen is a good fighter, and he is bold and brave. He is sly and clever, and never gives up. Cram is really funny, and stuck with them. I enjoyed how they worked together. I found it very interesting how the book combined the real world and real history with a made up world. This book was challenging to read. There were a lot of difficult words and I had to spend a lot of time looking up words in the dictionary. I kept with it though, and I'm glad I did because it was a great book! Parent Note: This book is marketed for grades 4-6 which I would agree with. It was a challenging read for munchkin (3rd grade but a strong reader). She could follow the plot well and understood what was happening, but the vocabulary in general was a bit advanced and throw in some "old timey" language because it is set in 1718, and made up words because it is set in an alternate history...this makes for a bit of a challenging read. The vocabulary wasn't a bad thing; it added to the intrigue of the world and setting. Challenging a reader, and having them experience a situation where they have to persevere a little bit is a good thing in my opinion. Riddle was great also in that it wasn't overly violent. Munchkin can be a bit sensitive to violence.

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