

The Wrath of the Woolington Wurm: Miss Mary-Kate Martin's Guide to Monsters 1

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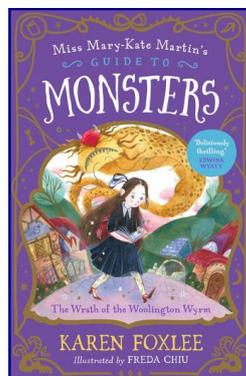
Blurb:

There are those that hunt monsters to harm them and there are those that hunt monsters to help them. Which one are you?

Dressed in sparkly red shoes and carrying her strawberry-scented notebook, Mary-Kate is accompanying her archaeologist mother to the tranquil English countryside to investigate some interesting bones found in an old well. But once they arrive, they realise that the village of Woolington is not as peaceful as it seems. Mysterious noises, earth tremors and a terrifying legend have the locals frightened.

Could there be any truth in the myth of the beast who lives in the ancient well? And if so, why would it return? Mary-Kate might be anxious, but she is not afraid to get to the bottom of this monstrous mystery.

A delightful fantasy-adventure from the award-winning and bestselling author of *Lenny's Book of Everything* and *Dragon Skin*, with lively line illustrations by Freda Chiu.



Lamont Review:

Mary-Kate worries a lot. She needs things to occur in a certain way - there is no room for change or something terrible may happen.

Her mother is a Professor of Archaeology and is constantly away for her digs. But this time she is taking Mary-Kate on her trip, and Mary-Kate is worried.

When they arrive at Woolington, Mary-Kate soon discovers the mystery of the infamous Woolington Wurm. Blamed for killing children and many other horrible things over the centuries, Mary-Kate is determined to uncover what is fact and what is fiction.

Can she succeed with the help of her new friend Arabella Woolington?

This is a beautifully written monster mystery with themes of progress at the expense of nature, discovering the truth and facing your fears, that is an ideal read for anyone aged 7 and older.

Reviewed by Rob