



The Revenge of the Shadow King by Derek Benz and J.S. Lewis

Young readers of fast-moving, plot-driven fantasy will scoop up these adventures of four small-town Minnesota kids, who from all outward appearances, lead “perfectly boring” lives. By day they go to school and deal with the ordinary problems of most 11 year olds, but in the afternoon they pedal their bikes over to the funky Shoppe of Antiquities on the edge of town, where they are the Grey Griffins – the only players in the world of a thrilling fantasy card game called Round Table.

In this first book of a new series, the Grey Griffins discover most uncomfortably, that the magical creatures shown on their Round Table game cards aren't staying just on the cards. Sprites, goblins, and unicorns are somehow springing to life, wreaking terrible havoc on the kids' school and town. Nobody but the Grey Griffins recognize what's happening. Nobody but the Grey Griffins, overcoming their personal problems and idiosyncrasies, and truly working together as friends, can stop the creatures. It's dangerous, thrilling work that will excite fans of such fantasies as *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and *Midnight for Charlie Bone*. Fun, escapist adventures for readers who appreciate that nothing is ever what it seems!

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