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Steam Sailors

1. The Heliotrope

E. S. Green



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Thèmes :

Alchemist, Magic, Pirates, Treasure, Floating Islands, Flying Vessel, Legacy, Gifts.

• In a world of extraordinary machines and floating islands, fly away on board of the *Heliotrope* in an unforgettable journey following the tracks of a secret and fascinating, but long-forgotten, alchemy.

• An hectic and addictive steampunk trilogy with already **20 000 copies!**

There was a time when alchemists fed the High and Low Worlds with their marvellous inventions stemming from their magic and science. A time long has gone since the Industrialists eradicated them. But before disappearing with all their knowledge the Alchemists are said to have hidden their fantastic treasure in a secret city...

The inhabitants of the Low World are going through a dark and reactionary era while the High World, frozen since the extinction of the Alchemists, remain the out-of-reach dreamland everybody fantasizes about. Prudence is from the Low World but she lives as an outcast because she can see the future in her dreams. One night her village is ransacked by the pirates from the sky. A prisoner and a forced recruit on board the Heliotrope, a flying vessel with a sinister reputation, the young orphan discovers a new universe: that of the sky. She gets to know the Pirates who tell her their secret: they have a hint of where to find a series of "keys" scattered all over the world which could well lead them back to the Alchemists' city...

THE AUTHOR

Born in 1989, **E. S. GREEN** first did a scientific and medical career before becoming a writer. She is fascinated by the XVIII century navigation and piracy. To write the Heliotrope, her first novel, she was inspired by this era and by a story she invented for her younger sibling, ten years ago.

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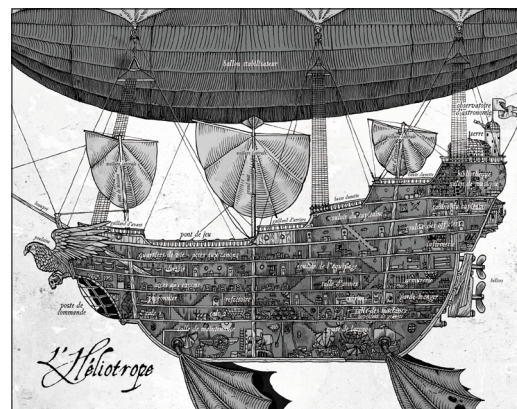
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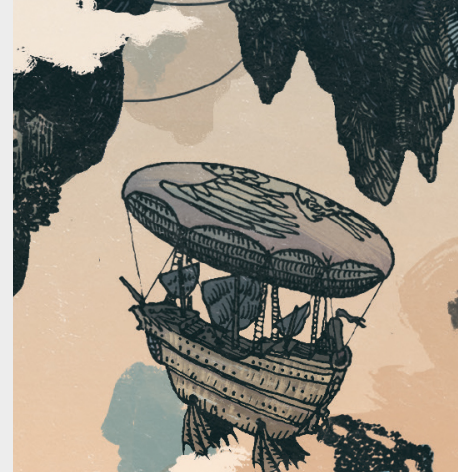


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THE STORY (spoiler alert)

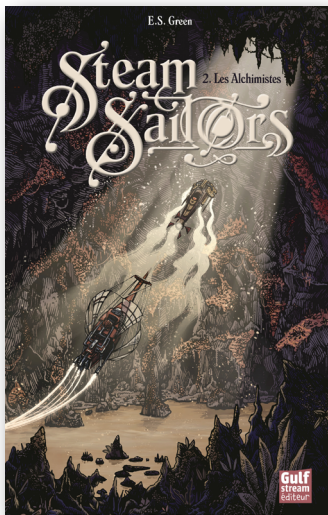
Main character :

Prudence: a 15-year-old orphan who has the particularity to see into the future in her dreams. When the story starts, she lives as an outcast at the outskirts of a village and she survives by doing some healer work, thanks to her medical knowledge. She is thin and small for her age, but resourceful and independent.

Event : During the autumn festival, the pirates from the sky, coming from the High World, attack Prudence's village to steal a relic. The previous doctor aboard being dead, they kidnap her because of her healer skills. She wakes up on the ship called *The Heliotrope*, floating in the sky, and from now on, prisoner. Little by little, she gets used to her new life and acquaints herself with the place and the crew, especially : Ezekiel (the captain's aide de camp, with a lively mind and an acute sense of strategy), Sergeï (head chef and steward, frightening at first but actually friendly and welcoming), Petrus (the captain's first lieutenant, a gigantic man with bad temper and impressive muscles), Gareth (the on-board helmsman and astronomer, with mechanical arms and

legs), Captain Theodore Mousquet (mysterious and unpredictable, feared by his enemies and respected by his crew). One day, Prudence foresees an attack on the ship, thus, protecting the crew. The Captain reveals to her that they are looking for the place where the Alchemists might have hidden their fabulous treasure. The pirates already found one key, and they are looking for other clues to guide them to the location.

Outcome : *The Heliotrope's* crew, of which Prudence is a part of, travels across the world from one clue to the other. During their quest, they suffer from the persistent hunt of the Royal Fleet and the vindictive attacks of the mob: the Reverse-Winds. Their peregrinations will bring them one by one to various places: the wild islands, a den of robbers, a ball in Port-Regal, the arctic islands, under the sea surface and, eventually, underground. Prudence realizes the extent of her powers as they are getting closer to the Impossible City and as she becomes friends with her kidnappers. The story ends with the discovery of the city, where Prudence suddenly remembers she already came here, a long time ago.



VOLUME 2: THE ALCHEMISTS

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The Heliotrope's crew finally reach the gate of the Impossible City, leaving Prudence with a strange feeling of *déjà-vu*. In addition to the immeasurable treasure that is waiting for them there, they also discover a intriguing sarcophagus ... But the pirates' curiosity faces some stiff consequences : the arrival of a young girl has been predicted and Prudence triggers a tragic prophecy. Seized by the visions of an imminent curse, her soul wanders between two worlds ! But she is the only one who could prevent the prophecy from happening...with some help. To wake her up and avoid the disaster, the pirates don't have any other choice than to take on a new mission : find the last traces of the heirs of the alchemists...

*'Those-Who-Know have fallen, and the night with them,
Chaos and death will follow the broken pact.
The Old magic will reborn, or will let the conceited ones perish
When will come the child of the earth by the recognized sky.'*

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VOLUME 3 (THE SOUL INTERPRETOR)

Bad news of the outside world have reached the Impossible City where *The Heliotrope* and its crew are hiding. The Chaos which was announced is coming. There is no time to lost, and Prudence, Guifred and Hilisbeth are now learning all they can from Ozymandias. The old Alchemist told them they have to go to The Tartare, the source of the original magic if they want to be powerful enough to face the Chaos. A new adventure awaits the three apprentices: they now have to find the map that will lead them to the Tartare. In the meantime, former major Grandfort, from the royal fleet, enemy of the pirates, is now ally with the Low World. They are forming a huge flying army in order to take the power in the sky...

