

McDermott Mysteries

Book I: “Zubock and the Secret Mountain”

Author: (Dr J) Janine Ambrose

Grade or Focus: Children’s and Young Adult

This is an Irish fantasy that follows the adventures of young Dylan McDermott, whose destiny will determine the fate of Ireland and subsequently the world. “Zubock and the Secret Mountain” is the first in a series which finds Dylan discovering the extraordinary potential within himself and the multi-dimensional world around him. With the help of a wizard named Zubock, his telepathic dog, Barkley, and his trusty horse, Ahern, Dylan encounters magic, mystery, portals and altered realities as he plunges into the realm of the Mountain to the East in desperate search of a cure for the plague afflicting his mother.

Synopsis:

The McDermott Mysteries, Book I: Zubock and the Secret Mountain is a children's story for all ages which follows the physical and psychic journey of a young boy discovering the healing powers within himself and the beginning of his awareness of the destiny to which he was born.

From his extraordinary birth it is clear that Dylan McDermott is no ordinary Irish lad. Gifted with perception and intuition beyond his years, Dylan goes from amazing his family to the discovery of worlds within himself and realities beyond the world as we know it.

This is but the beginning of the knowledge he will need to face the adventures and danger that lie ahead. With the guidance of a mystical wizard named Zubock and accompanied by his faithful, telepathic dog, Barkley, and his trusty horse, Ahern, Dylan enters the realm of the mysterious Mountain to the East, where bears can talk and trees

can communicate. The treasure to be found there is more precious than gold and even more dangerous to share with mankind.

With his mother's life on the line and the future of Ireland at stake, Dylan faces greed and mistrust from those most in need of his discovery and must decide at several turns whether to follow his head or his heart, knowing that the wrong choice will lead to chaos and the destruction of the very world he cherishes.

Author Biography:

Janine Ambrose (Dr.J) is a writer/composer, with a PhD in Therapeutic Counseling from the Open University of Sri Lanka. She credits her six children with being her greatest teachers.

“My son, Dylan, inspired this saga,” she says. “We created the basic storyline and the journey for the characters together.”

Janine is an instructor of metaphysics and produces and hosts the television talk show, “Journey with Janine”. Her life's motto is: “Knowledge brings forth truth, releasing fear, creating happiness.”

Ms. Ambrose lives in Waterloo, Iowa .

Other:

Musical CD available to play while reading the book. The tones are a positive sensory accompaniment to the story.