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Goliath (The Leviathan Trilogy)



Synopsis

Alek and Deryn are on the last leg of their round-the-world quest to end World War I, reclaim Alek's throne as prince of Austria, and finally fall in love. The first two objectives are complicated by the fact that their ship, the Leviathan, continues to detour farther away from the heart of the war (and crown). And the love thing would be a lot easier if Alek knew Deryn was a girl. (She has to pose as a boy in order to serve in the British Air Service.) And if they weren't technically enemies. The tension thickens as the Leviathan steams toward New York City with a homicidal lunatic on board: secrets suddenly unravel, characters reappear, and nothing is at it seems in this thunderous conclusion to Scott Westerfeld's brilliant trilogy.

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by Bridget Warlike bears as tall as houses, gun-wielding machines that march on two legs, freakishly astute yet adorable talking animals, and weapons that issue lightning instead of bullets Scott Westerfeld's Leviathan trilogy, concluded with Goliath, has all these and more in the setting of a very interesting World War I. The nations of the Triple Entente (Britain, France, and Russia) are Darwinists, breeding "fabricated" creatures of combined DNA. Their enemies, Germany and

Austria-Hungary, are Clankers, building fearsome steam-powered walking machines. When Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated, a war of ideologies breaks loose between the two sides. I was hooked on the idea of Leviathan before it came out, and delighted that it and its sequel, Behemoth, came through on their promises of humor, adventure, and unique alternate history. The series centers on the intertwining stories of Deryn Sharp and Prince Aleksandar of Hohenburg. Alek is the son of the Archduke, on the run from his father's enemies. Deryn is a Scottish girl who disguises herself as a boy in order to serve on the British airship Leviathan, made from the pooled DNA of a hundred species. Goliath takes them on a cross-the-globe journey that features more real historical figures than we've met elsewhere in the series. Especially prominent is egotistical and madcap inventor, Nikola Tesla, whose genius and insanity create the central conflict. Goliath could coast on the power of its sheer awesomeness: its inventive technologies, fast-paced adventuring, and daring acts of bravery.

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