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Description:

From School Library Journal Grade 7 Up—A young, rogue wizard ends a 10-year drought in an isolated mountain village. As payment he asks for Sydelle, the daughter of the village elder. Despite her protests, he whisks her away just as an invading army arrives in the village. The wizard, Wayland, has information that may prevent the coming war. But he and "his assistant" must make a harrowing, weeks-long journey to reach the capital and deliver the information. Along the way, Sydelle must overcome her anger toward Wayland, discover the dark secret that haunts him, and unravel the mystery of why he chose her in the first place. Sydelle is a strong, brave, likable heroine. Hers is a story of a young woman finding the great power within herself. Wayland is a tortured soul who saves and is saved by her. The supporting characters add color and depth to the story. Danger

appears at every turn, and action keeps the plot moving briskly along. First-time author Bracken weaves a compulsively readable tale that belongs beside Kristin Cashore's *Graceling* (Harcourt, 2008) and *Fire* (Dial, 2009) and Tamora Pierce's "Song of the Lioness" series (S & S).—Anthony C. Doyle, *Livingston High School, CA*

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From Sixteen-year-old Sydelle's world changes forever after the appearance of Wayland North, a mischievous wizard who lives on the fringes of society. He enlists her help in a race to the capital to prevent all-out war with countries bordering their homeland. North claims to have chosen Sydelle, a weaver, because she is able to repair his cloaks without damaging their magic. But as they are chased through the countryside by wild weather and a vengeful sorcerer, and held back by North's sudden bouts of illness, Sydelle suspects he has selected her for other reasons. The pair's romance develops slowly. At first they bicker like children, with Sydelle's wild rages only outmatched by the unpredictable weather. Despite North's manipulations and Sydelle's disagreeable nature, they are fun to follow. Bracken's debut starts out strong, but the first-person narration wears thin as the book draws to a close. Nevertheless, readers will be caught up by the pair's breathless adventure, the impending darkness, and their ultimate triumph, story elements some more experienced authors can't always nail down. Grades 7-10. --Courtney Jones --This text refers to the edition.

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