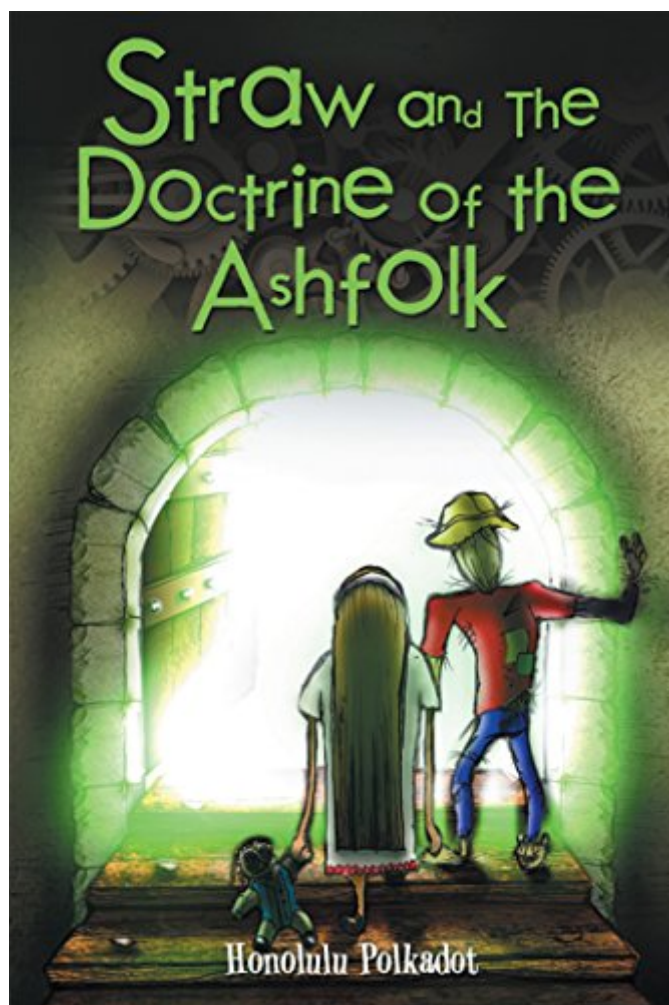


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Straw And The Doctrine Of The Ashfolk



Synopsis

In this wonderful tale written by the somewhat mysterious author Honolulu Polkadot, you will follow the young Scarecrow Straw Stickpost as he discovers that he has been chosen to do more than he ever thought himself capable of. Only if he can find courage and faith can he succeed in rising to his calling. In a world full of the hateful doctrine of the Ashfolk, bounty-hunting Skabb pirates, ship-hungry sea creatures, and steam-powered beasts, Straw must face his most horrifying fears and rise to be what he is destined to become.

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Customer Reviews

Straw and the Doctrine of the Ashfolk works on many levels: on one, it's a whimsical (and resolutely American) fantasy along the lines of the Oz books, and like them, it continually invites the reader to compare what happens in the story with events in the contemporary world while at the same time displaying a talent for invention that never allows the story to descend into mere allegory or, worse, moralizing. On another level, the

narrator's voice routinely skewers run-of-the mill approaches to storytelling in much the same way Lemony Snicket does in *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Together these two streams produce a sweeping and magical story that nevertheless always manages to keep its feet on the ground and encourages the reader to apply a series of subtly delivered lessons to his or her own life. Good for readers 12 and up, but also suitable for reading aloud to younger kids, with plenty of suspense (and a few fatalities) but no terrifying scares.

About a couple of weeks ago, I was introduced through social media to the author of this lovely book. He had provided a review for my work and in exchange I am providing a review for his book. First of all, *Straw and the Doctrine of the Ashfolk* is a children's book but is very smartly written so can be enjoyed by adults. The premise of the story line is very simple but the journey through the duration of the story is what kept me intrigued. The characters were unique and their personalities clearly depicted from the written dialogue throughout. I do not want to write specifics and inadvertently provide spoilers for future readers, so I will state generically, the conflict invoked emotion and kept the reader wanting to find out what happens next. There are many other tremendous stories told through written literature that covers the topics of self-discovery, embracing inner qualities and finding courage, I commend and applaud the author of this story for the contribution of this written book and would add this book to that shelf alongside the others. I highly recommend this book and will be contacting local libraries to inquire having this wonderful children's story added to their collection

Straw and the Doctrine of the Ashfolk is a great book which I highly recommend. This book is indeed written for children but I also enjoyed it very much. The characters are awesome and their personalities shine through the story. I believe that every book which embraces courage and similar qualities is a great book.

Straw and The Doctrine of Ashfolk is a brilliant book. Cleverly written to make you fall in love with the characters, this book tells a story about being brave, finding courage and embracing faith. It gets your imagination working in a new and unique way. It is a children's book but I would recommend it to anyone. I can't wait to read more from this author. This book would make a great Christmas gift.

Beautifully written book by Honolulu Polkadot an original thinker. The story is the beginning of a wonderful series of adventures that give integrity and strength to the characters. The illustrations are

so well done that the reader feels transcended into the story. A wonderful book for children to stimulate their creativity in story telling and visual imagination.

I absolutely loved this book.. it's a great read for anyone.. once I started reading it couldn't stop..my grandchildren will love it.. I hope there are many more books to come about straw..

After reading the opening paragraph I was hooked - very intriguing (click the look inside or download a sample and you'll see what I mean). Add to that a scarecrow and you have everything you need for a thoroughly entertaining and well written yarn. Honolulu Polkadot knows how to tell a gripping story that will keep you interested until the last page. I have to add that the illustrations are also great. Thoroughly recommended.

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