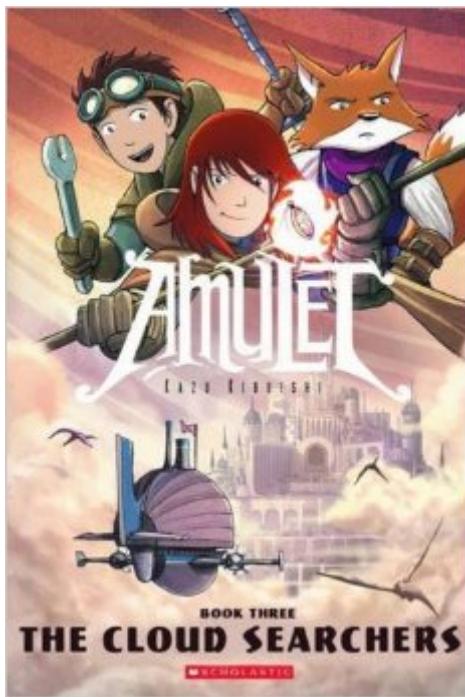


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# The Cloud Searchers (Amulet #3)



## **Synopsis**

Kazu Kibuishi's enchanting series about two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission continues! In the third installment of the thrilling Amulet series, Emily, Navin, and their crew of resistance fighters charter an airship and set off in search of the lost city of Cielis, which is believed to be located on an island high above the clouds. The mysterious Leon Redbeard is their guide, and there's a surprising new addition to the crew: the Elf King's son, Trellis. But is he ally or enemy? And will Emily ever be able to trust the voice of the Amulet?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

My nine-year-old and I have been following this series since its start and the only thing we don't like is the wait between books. The illustrations are fantastic. With each book, Kibuishi adds stunning visual elements. In book one, it was simply the introduction to this new world. Then in the second he added walking house and new animal-based characters. In this book he opens a whole new aerial world filled with airships, flying beasts and floating structures. The pictures just keep drawing you through the book, occasionally punctuated with arresting landscape spreads. The story line is also perfect in several ways. Perhaps the most important is that there isn't anything offensive in the story. I feel perfectly safe handing these books to my kids, and yet the storyline is engaging for

adults to enjoy, (even without gore, swearing, or sexual innuendo.) I'm not a prude, but it is nice that I can trust my kids won't come away with another four-letter word in their vocabulary. The story is well paced with episodes of tension and peril. The story really draws you along page after page in something of a roller coaster ride. However there are a couple deeper levels that continue to haunt the storyline and help keep up a strong sense of suspense. All in all, a great storyline for a graphic novel series. The Character development is also impressive, and for those who have read the first two books you will appreciate the development of relationships between characters. Especially intriguing is the growing suspicion and tension between the main character Emily and Prince Trellis (a former and perhaps current enemy) as well as a relationship between Emily and the amulet which is somewhat reminiscent of Frodo and the ring from the Lord of the rings.

Please note that this review is coming from someone who had received an uncorrected proof and as such, I only have access to the version with the unfinished art. Only the first few pages (1-16) were in color while the rest was in black and white. But for me, it was still quite good and I saw enough to say that the art was well done. I'll be honest here, I'm not this graphic novel's target audience, but there is just something about the book that entertained and maybe even made me look for more. Kazu Kibuishi is a Japanese author and illustrator best known for his work on the comic anthology "Flight" and he has written and drawn the "Amulet" series with a more adolescent reader in mind. "Amulet: The Cloud Searchers" is the third volume of the series (Stone keeper and Stone Keeper's Curse being the first two) and has been published by Scholastic. Kibuishi has written an enthralling tale of magic, curses, heroism and revelations. Emily, Navin and their group of resistance fighters are on a quest to find the lost city of Cielis, the floating city that supposedly serves safe haven for the last remaining members of the guardian council. This council had governed Alledia in times past and this magical city may be the last key for survival. They manage to convince an eccentric pilot called Enzo to help them find the floating city and to help them avoid the perils of the journey. Meanwhile, Trellis, the son of the evil elf king has become a hunted prince. For his failures in capturing Emily and her band, Trellis and his companion, Luger is being pursued by a powerful hunter called Gabilan who has a way of neutralizing the magic of the stones. Oh, did I mention that Gabilan is also after Emily and her crew? Seems like old foes may need to band together to avoid annihilation....

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