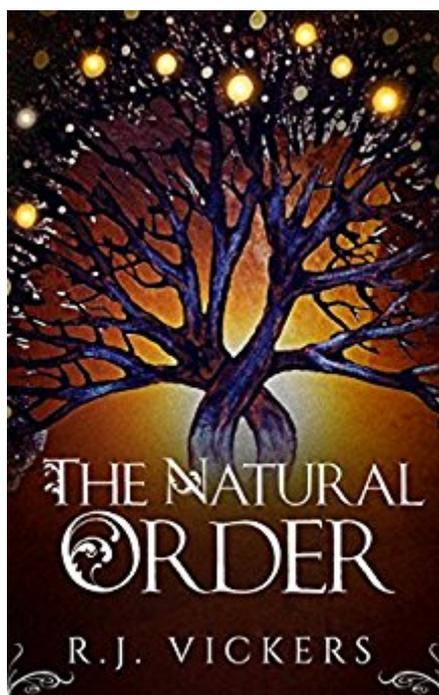


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# The Natural Order: A Young Adult Fantasy Adventure (The Natural Order School Of Magic Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

Marked as a criminal, Tristan Fairholm is given a new chance at life when he is offered a place at a school of magic. But nothing is as it seems. As Tristan and his new friends race to save the school from an unknown vandal, they are unaware of the greatest danger of all - the school itself. If you loved Harry Potter and Divergent, you won't want to miss this new teen fantasy series! "It's like characters from my favorite series had been gathered into a book. "This book gave so many Harry Potter feels." "The Natural Order has a raw, suspenseful energy running through it from beginning to end." "Tristan Fairholm has always liked fixing things. It makes up for everything in his life he can't mend his parents' divorce, his father's alcoholism, and his little brother's weak heart. But when he kills his brother in a car accident, he destroys the only thing he truly cared for. He has nearly given up when a mysterious woman appears and offers him a place at a school of magic. Along with fifteen other juvenile delinquents, Tristan is given a chance to escape penitentiary while he studies magic in the wild mountains of Canada. As he learns to extract and shape raw magic, Tristan finds unexpected friendship in his fellow students, from lovable Rusty Lennox to mysterious, fey Amber Ashton. But when the school is threatened by a vandal who endangers the lives of everyone living there, Tristan learns that the magic they are harvesting is being put to a dark and dangerous use. While he races to uncover the vandal before his friends are harmed, Tristan must decide if his new friends and his freedom are more important than his morals.

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## Customer Reviews

It was a nice book, I enjoyed the characters. I am going to read the next book also. Not necessarily my style but enjoyable nonetheless

I would like to think that I am a hard critic when it comes to books. My girlfriend buys me these things because she hates me playing video games and would prefer that I do something less mind-rotting. Or at least that's how she puts it. Anyway, because she's gone to the effort of buying them for me I am obligated to give them a read. Generally out of rebellion I try to find all of the faults that I can (something that gives me great joy). However, as much as I hate giving my girlfriend the satisfaction, this one was actually really good. I pray to god she never reads this post, as I'll never hear the end of it, but I really liked this one. It's got a great plot, a creative world that you can really visualize, and brilliant characters. The only fault that I can find is that there is no sequel written yet ( R.J. Vickers get your ass into gear already!!!) The Natural Order leaves you guessing all the way through, and unlike most books I've read, you're puzzled right up until the very end. That is until all of a sudden everything comes together with the most Holy Mother of epic revelations I've ever seen. A really good read; I liked Harry Potter but to be honest I prefer this one.

This book received some terrific reviews; comparisons with Harry Potter, etc, but it just wasn't as good as it was hyped up to be. I really liked the premise, but honestly felt like the characters were just too immature. When they learned about the possibility of something serious and horrible, they just went off half cocked. Why want there more conversation about what the problem was, why was it happening, what could be done to solve it. I found that really frustrating.

Do not be deterred by the apparent plot similarities to Harry Potter - "The Natural Order" may be a magic school-type novel, but it is a wholly original take on the genre. The protagonist, Tristan, is serving time as a juvenile delinquent, accused of manslaughter. As he mourns the brother whose death he caused, a stranger turns up and whisks him away, along with 14 other students, to an

obscure location. Here he is thrown into a school unlike any he has ever known - a school with an entirely unique array of subjects. Here he makes friends, and a few fiends, and begins to unearth the dark secrets behind the Lair. Well written, and enjoyable, R.J. Vickers has designed a magic system that is uniquely her own. She has created a believable cast of troubled teens, sprinkled in a generous amount of typical High School drama and insecurities and added a dusting of magic. Her concepts are well considered and should lead into a promising series as Tristan and his friends discover more of what their future entails.

I spent 6 hrs at the airport and on a flight consuming this book. It was fabulous! Made the time fly and I've already ordered book 2 so I can continue reading. Heaps of good twists, rich characters and really good story line. Make sure you read the prequel first so you know how Tristan got where he is. Highly recommend. I loved it!

I thoroughly enjoyed 'The Natural Order' and have ordered the next books in the series. The first book does stand alone, so it is not one of those cheap ploys to get you to buy the next book. The characters were real, not perfect. The story line was something different. Good start to a new series. I'd give it a 4.5 star rating.

This book is a book for all ages. It is well written and keeps you turning the pages. I found it hard to put down. There is a lot of mystery in this story as you follow Tristan, Amber and the others through their instruction about the world of magic.

The Natural Order is an enjoyable, page-turning fantasy aimed at the YA audience. Vickers gives us a spectrum of interesting characters, each with their own personal problems and a common, larger mystery: where are they and why are they there? Most intriguing, and what lifts this novel above so many others, is Vickers's theory of magic. Unlike other fantasy novels I've read, there are no clear categories of good or evil. The characters on both sides have compelling reasons to believe they are right. Still, a terrible choice must be made.

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