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Description:

From School Library Journal Grade 5-8-Peter Pan makes another delightful appearance in Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's sequel (Disney Editions, 2006) to *Peter and the Starcatchers* (Hyperion, 2004). This time, unwelcome visitors arrive on Neverland in search of the starstuff that Molly and her father took back to England at the end of the first book. The mysterious Lord Ombra is annoyed to find the magical substance gone. He reveals his ability to steal one's shadow—and one's soul. The crew sets sail for London to kidnap Molly and offer Molly's starcatcher father a trade—Molly for the starstuff. Peter overhears the plan and is determined to warn his friend, so he and Tinker Bell follow the ship. In London, Peter and Molly team up with Molly's suitor, George Darling, to outwit Lord Ombra. What follows is a delicious adventure through London's foggy streets which ends at Stonehenge during a lunar eclipse. Veteran narrator Jim Dale delivers a flawless performance that will keep listeners riveted to the story. Bits from the original *Peter Pan* are cleverly slipped in, and Peter even has an encounter with author J.M. Barrie. This is one of those rare instances where the sequel is even better than the very fine original. Barrie would be pleased.-*Tricia Melgaard*, *Centennial Middle School, Broken Arrow, OK*

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From Gr. 5-8. In this second prequel to the adventures made familiar by J. M. Barrie and Walt Disney, which builds on the events of *Peter and the Starcatchers* (2005), two veteran writers for adults do not disappoint. Sustaining the first book's lively pace are short chapters packed with action and well-chosen details--both icky (Peter and the bucket of excrement!) and marvelous (the pitch-perfect sound of Tink's exasperation). An evil force is once again trying to obtain starstuff, the magical substance that, among many other qualities, enables Peter to fly and to remain eternally youthful. Peter must visit London to help his friend Molly and her family of starcatchers, leaving the boys on Mollusk Island at the mercy of Hook. Squalid London streets, aristocratic mansions (one of which houses a young George Darling), and even Stonehenge make atmospheric backdrops for bouts with pirates, wolf packs, and a deliciously creepy villain who steals souls from shadows. Readers will relish the chance to further explore the backstory of a favorite childhood tale, and hope for a third installment. *GraceAnne DeCandido*

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