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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

Fans of Jean Craighead George's *My Side of the Mountain* (a Newbery Honor Book) and *On the Far Side of the Mountain* will be delighted to return to upstate New York's Catskill Mountains for the conclusion of her trilogy, which appears 40 years after the first title's publication in 1959. Written because a young fan asked, "What happened to Frightful?" this volume tells how Sam Gribley's peregrine falcon--that's Frightful--has to make her own way in the world after Sam is forced to release her. Although told in the third person, the story is developed entirely from the bird's point of view. George's narrative follows the falcon through a series of dangerous adventures (involving DDT, electricity lines, and unscrupulous bird traders, to name a few) as she learns to depend on her own instincts. The environmental message is slightly heavy-handed, but it's wrapped in an enjoyable story from a much loved and astoundingly prolific author. You don't need to have read the earlier books to make sense of this one, though it may help. (Ages 9 and older) --Richard Farr

### From Publishers Weekly

Like the conclusion of George's Julie of the Wolves trilogy (*Julie's Wolf Pack*), this third book in the cycle that began with *My Side of the Mountain* is told almost exclusively from the point of view of the wildlife. As the novel opens, Frightful, Sam Gribley's peregrine falcon, is being held captive by poachers. The falcon thinks only of returning to Sam, in a riff that recurs throughout the novel ("She was... searching for the one mountain, the one tree, and Sam"). Once Alice, Sam's sister, frees the falcon, much of the tension in the novel relates to whether or not Frightful can make it on her own. George builds the suspense in a third-person narration that most often takes the falcon's perspective, as Frightful hesitates between returning to Sam (who can no longer harbor her) and following the instincts of her breed as a male attempts to court her. The writing is not as fluid here; the pacing bogs down in occasional asides that fill in subplots or conservation issues (e.g., the spring return of Lady, one of Frightful's "adopted" falcon fledglings, occasions a prolonged discussion of DDT). However, details of peregrine migration, mating and nesting rituals are seamlessly woven into the plot, in which Frightful is threatened both by construction workers and the infamous poachers. Nature lovers will not be disappointed. Age 9-up. (Sept.)

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### From School Library Journal

Grade 4-7-The star of this story is Frightful, the peregrine falcon featured in *My Side of the Mountain* (1988) and *On the Far Side of the Mountain* (1990, both Dutton). Her life now depends on breaking the imprinting bond she has formed with Sam Gribley and learning to live as a wild bird. Frightful's "human" and "bird" sides clash often at first--especially during the first winter when her pull to Sam overrides the migration instinct and she stays north, surviving only with human intervention. The following spring, she does mate and hatch her own chicks, but only with help from Sam, who keeps her calm during construction work on the bridge she has chosen as a nesting site. Finally, it becomes clear that nature will triumph. However, her bond to Sam will also remain. Readers of the previous books will recognize the characters and scenery, but it is Frightful who is the most fully realized character here. The humans serve more as backdrops and as a sometimes-preachy means of delivering various environmental messages. The writing is lyrical and the author's obvious love and respect for her subject comes through. Frightful's story is filled with excitement and adventure and young nature lovers should be enthralled by it. Fans of the earlier books will be the most likely audience, but it's certainly strong enough to be enjoyed on its own.

Arwen Marshall, New York Public Library

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