

DRO

Deakin University's Research Repository

This is the published version:

Moruzi, Kristine 2012, Review : The sign of the black rock (Three Thieves: Book Two) by Scott Chantler, *Resource links: connecting classrooms, libraries & Canadians learning resources*, vol. 17, no. 3, pp. 7-7.

Available from Deakin Research Online:

<http://hdl.handle.net/10536/DRO/DU:30062234>

Reproduced with the kind permission of the copyright owner.

Copyright : 2012, Resource Links

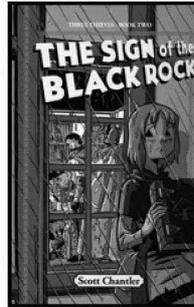
CHANTLER, Scott
*The Sign of the Black Rock (Three
Thieves: Book Two)*

E

Kids Can Press, 2011. 112p. Gr. 4-6. 978-1-55453-416-6. Hdbk. \$17.95

The Sign of the Black

Rock is the second in the *Three Thieves Series* written and illustrated by Scott Chantler, a Canadian graphic novelist. The first book in the series, *Tower of Treasure*, won the *Joe Shuster Award* (which recognises Canadian comic book creators) for Best Comic



for Kids in June 2011. ***The Sign of the Black Rock*** picks up where *Tower of Treasure* left off, following 14-year-old orphan Dessa Redd and her friends, circus strongman Fisk and juggler Topper, on the run after breaking into the Queen's Treasury and continuing their search for the mysterious Greyfalcon in the hopes that he will lead them to Dessa's brother.

A ferocious thunderstorm forces the threesome off the road, where a scarred mute woman offers them shelter in the barn at the Black Rock Inn. Also forced to seek shelter is their pursuer, Captain Drake, and a group of smugglers doing business with the innkeeper Grig. The night is filled with near captures and narrow escapes as Grim seeks a reward for capturing the fugitives, and his mute wife offers aid and unexpected information about Dessa's brother.

The illustrations are excellent and contribute to the fast-paced plot and engaging storyline. It will be welcomed by fans of graphic novels, fantasy and adventure.

Also available in French. See p. 39.

Thematic Links: Fantasy; Adventure; Graphic Novel

Kristine Moruzi