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**Book Title:** Nightfall

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**Rate 1-5 (1-Lowest to 5-Highest):** 4.5/5

“Nightfall” is the sixth installment in the Keeper of the Lost Cities series. It follows the story of Sophie Foster, an elf with many special abilities, and her group of talented friends as they try to defeat the enemy, the Neverseen. This is especially difficult since the Neverseen has been recruiting more dangerous, powerful members and destroying Sophie and her own team’s morale. Additionally, Sophie’s human sister has now been pulled into the world of the elves after her family was attacked by the Neverseen. It is Sophie’s job to keep her protected before she can return her to the human world.

“Nightfall” was my favorite book in the entire series. I especially enjoyed more action from the twin characters, Tam and Linh, as well as the interactions between Sophie and her sister. It was heartwarming to see them sharing memories and snacks, reminding me of my own sister. Although I love many different characters in this book, I would have to choose Tam or Linh as my favorite. At first glance, Tam appears to be a very cold and secluded person, while his sister Linh is shy and cheerful. However, as more events pass, the readers realize that Tam only puts up a hostile exterior in order to prevent him or his sister from getting hurt. The twins’ relationship and duality are very interesting to read about, both siblings always supporting and protecting each other.

I would definitely recommend this book to other teens, especially those who enjoy fantasy, action, or adventure genres. Although other books in this series were also good, this “Nightfall” stood out to me with the complex relationships between characters and the personalities of the villains. Additionally, it is absolutely packed with themes such as action, thrill, mystery, and friendship. Those who enjoy other popular books such as “Harry Potter”, “The Unwanteds”, or “Percy Jackson” will especially love this one, as they share similar genres and writing styles.