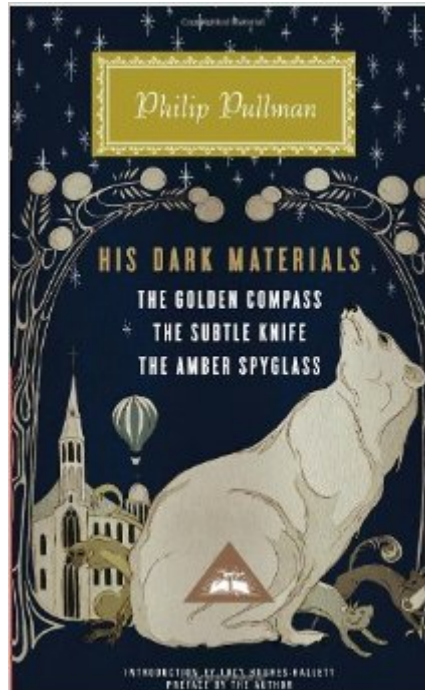


The book was found

# His Dark Materials: The Golden Compass / The Subtle Knife / The Amber Spyglass



## Synopsis

The only hardcover omnibus of the best-selling and award-winning fantasy trilogy, in a Contemporary Classics edition. Â Philip Pullman's trilogy is a masterpiece that transcends genre and appeals to readers of all ages. His heroine, Lyra, is an orphan living in a parallel universe in which science, theology, and magic are entwined. The epic story that takes us through the three novels is not only a spellbinding adventure featuring armored polar bears, magical devices, witches, and daemons, it is also an audacious and profound reimagining of Milton's Paradise Lost that has already inspired a number of serious books of literary criticism. Like J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis before him, Pullman has invented a richly detailed and marvelously imagined world, complex and thought-provoking enough to enthrall adults as well as younger readers. An utterly entrancing blend of metaphysical speculation and bravura storytelling, His Dark Materials is a monumental and enduring achievement.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 1144 pages

Publisher: Everyman's Library (December 6, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0307957837

ISBN-13: 978-0307957832

Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 1.9 x 8.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (2,684 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #61,195 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 inÂ Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Crafts & Hobbies > Toys & Models > Toymaking #33 inÂ Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Crafts & Hobbies > Papercrafts, Stamping & Stenciling > Origami #2221 inÂ Books > Science Fiction & Fantasy > Fantasy > Epic

Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Philip Pullman's dark fantasy trilogy, His Dark Materials, ostensibly written for children, is actually literature of a much higher order. The title of the trilogy comes from a particularly powerful passage of Milton's Paradise Lost, the great religious epic poem whose central story is the thematic basis for this trilogy. Another important influence on these three novels is the Christian Parsifal or Sir Percival

story, which dates back to the early middle-ages as part of both the King Arthur and the Holy Grail cycle of tales. From its very first page, Pullman's crisp, evocative writing creates a world not quite like ours but just similar enough to be uncomfortable and strangely familiar. As readers of the trilogy know, most of the events in these books do not occur on our world or even in our universe. Of course, because this is post Tolkien fantasy, Mr. Pullman has absorbed all of the usual fantasy tropes and has no desire to repeat them. So what he writes is new, deeper, with fully rounded characters that come alive on the page. His courageous young heroine, Lyra Belacqua with her daemon familiar, Pantalaimon, always by her side, is one of the great creations in "children's literature". Lyra and Pan make an especially entertaining, often very amusing, pair. Her fearsome Uncle, Lord Asriel, is one of those rich, ambiguous creations that keep you guessing as to their motives, reminiscent of Professor Snape in J. K. Rowling's Potter novels. Pullman's writing is lean and well crafted and exciting to read. Once started, it is very difficult to set aside. This three volume boxed set contains the books in hardcover with their original dustcovers. Their artwork is lovely. It also contains a map: a necessity in today's complex world of fantasy.

This is by far the most engaging, intelligently-written works of children's literature I have ever read. (And for anyone getting hyped up about the religious factor, please read this before you judge!) The prose is sophisticated (I would say this is for kids with a very good vocabulary, maybe a 9+), and the characters are engaging. And talk about action packed! Pullman always keeps the reader guessing, and the action always is intriguing. The books do have violence in them (nothing too gory, but there are some battle scenes with blood, and some characters die), so keep that in mind if you want to read it to kids younger than 9. A lot of people say this book is anti-religious, anti-God, atheistic, etc. Most of these reviews have obviously not read the series. I actually found *The Golden Compass* in the book closet of the Catholic school where I taught English Lit! This book for certain is NOT anti-Christian. It does not preach evil values, & it does not encourage children to kill God. The book has a lot of religious aspects: souls, angels, and spirits. This book IS anti-religious corruption, and it IS against using religion to justify evil. One review mentioned the book encourages female circumcision: so wrong!...what the book said was that religions have used faith in God to cause harm to many, including the cutting of genitalia! And if Pullman is an atheist, so what? C.S. Lewis was a Christian. Does that mean Jews, Muslims and Buddhists can't enjoy the Narnia series, even though its messages aren't parallel to their own religious values? One thing that I do like is that Pullman creates very strong-minded children for his main characters, especially Lyra.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

His Dark Materials: The Golden Compass / The Subtle Knife / The Amber Spyglass Knife Makers Handbook - Guide to Knife Crafting and Sharpening (Knife Sharpening, Knife Making, Bladesmith, Blacksmithing) Combat Knife Throwing: A New Approach to Knife Throwing and Knife Fighting, Revised and Updated (illustrations) Building the Everyday Work Knife: Build your first knife using simple knife making tools and methods Making a Modern Tactical Folder: Tips on How to Make a Folding Knife: Learn how to make a folding knife with Allen Elishewitz. Knife making tips, supplies ... how to make custom tactical folding knives. How To Sharpen A Knife & Care For Your Collection: Enjoy BLADE®'s comprehensive eBook on how to sharpen a knife, and maintain, care for, store and preserve your knives and knife collection. The Spyglass File (The Forensic Genealogist Book 4) Knife Making for Beginners: Secrets To Building Your First Knife Using Simple Tools! Knife Throwing | Throwing Knives | Knife Throwing For Street Combat Survival Knife Fighting, Knife Throwing for Combat (Special Forces/Ranger-Udt/Seal Hand-To-Hand Combat/Special W) Land of Amber Waters: The History of Brewing in Minnesota A.R.E. Building Systems Study Guide and Practice Exam (The Amber Book) The Amber Project: A Dystopian Sci-fi Novel (The Variant Saga Book 1) Dragonfly In Amber (Outlander, Book 2) Dark Fetishes Vol. 1 : (DARK EROTICA): Taboo Erotica (DARK EROTICA SERIES) Yoga of the Subtle Body: A Guide to the Physical and Energetic Anatomy of Yoga Tao, the Subtle Universal Law and the Integra: Second Edition Persuasion: The Subtle Art: How to Influence People to Always Get YOUR Way and What YOU Want (Persuasion, Influence, Hypnosis, Psychology, Compliance Gaining, Human Behavior, Mind Hacks, Book 4) Lean Marketing for Small Law Firms: 100 Free Marketing Strategies for Gen Y Lawyers: Part II: Subtle Shifts that Make a Difference The Difficulty of Being Good: On the Subtle Art of Dharma

[Dmca](#)