A dark force is rampaging through the forests of Mossflower. Gulo the Savage, wolverine, flesh-eater and brutal killer, has come across the seas in search of his brother, Askor. Askor stole the famous walking stone that will make one of them king of the lands of ice and snow - and Gulo wants it back. Anybeast who gets in Gulos way is dead meat. Literally. Rakkety Tam McBurl is a brave border warrior, travelled south in search of adventure. But when his army is attacked by Gulos flesh-eating band, adventure finds him. Gulo is heading for the ancient Redwall Abbey - and Rakkety Tam is determined not to let the savage Gulo destroy the peaceful ways of Redwall.

My Personal Review:
I will shock many reviewers and readers of these books to state that I am over 50, and still enjoying the stories as much as ever. I am confused by several of the reviewers who find this much the same - of course. What would one expect to find in a Redwall series book than resourceful, brave, small peace-loving critters facing immense odds of evil beasts? This is exactly why one reads the Redwall books - to discover again how the master tale-teller Jacques has woven new characters around the perennial themes of good and evil, friendship and loyalty vs fear and slavery. While true none of the main characters is a casualty in this story, many good creatures die in the course of the tale, and we see several give their lives for their friends - the colonel and the corporal, in different battles.

I started reading Redwall to my children 12 years ago, and have continued to collect all of the books by Brian Jacques, enjoying them mostly myself, although a strong advocate when asked for a reference. I would highly recommend them to kids of all ages - only cautioning that the language will stretch younger vocabularies (especially in the earlier books), and that these are not gentle books where no one dies. Rose and many others do not survive, and the realism presented in the stories adds greatly to the impact of the books.
If one wants to read about other characters and stories, there are many out there. If you want strong characters, challenging reading, themes of bravery and self-sacrifice, and descriptions of feasting that makes me hungry to write about, these are the best around. Enjoy!

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