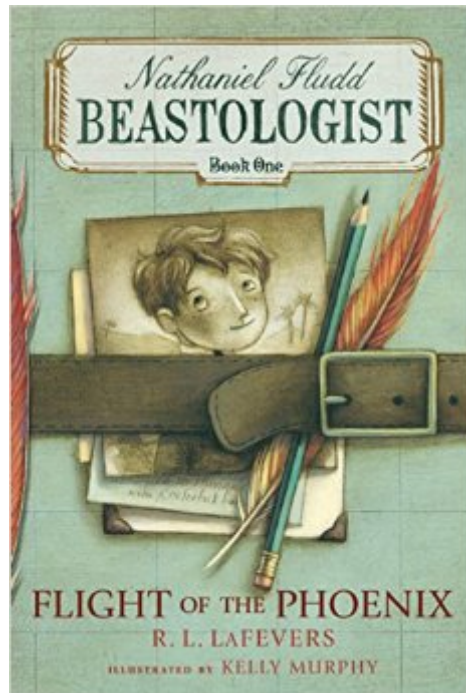


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# Flight Of The Phoenix (Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist)



## Synopsis

Nathaniel Fluddâ€™s life has taken a turn for the worst. With his parents lost at sea, he lands on the doorstep of a distant cousinâ€™the worldâ€™s last remaining beastologist. Soon Nate is whisked off on his first expedition, to Arabia, where the worldâ€™s only phoenix prepares to lay its new egg. When disaster strikes, Nate quickly finds himself all alone. Will he be able to see the phoenix safely hatched, keep his accidental pet gremlin out of trouble, and rescue his guardian from the Bedouin? If he fails, nothing will stand between the worldâ€™s mythical creatures and extinction. Too bad Nateâ€™s not the sort of boy who enjoys adventure . . .yet.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent, slightly advanced, chapter book adventure series featuring an engaging 10-year-old boy hero and a clever premise. Nathaniel is a Fludd, last in a very long line of explorers, mapmakers and beastologists - protectors of supposedly mythical or legendary creatures. As such he follows along with a number of cryptozoologists who are beginning to appear in a wide range of middle grade and YA titles. Nate may be an orphan - his explorer parents supposedly disappeared in an Arctic sailing accident, but you never know about things like that and only time and more books in the series will tell. Nate has come into the care of Aunt Phil, who is an abrupt, high energy,

cryptic but caring guardian. Nate had been something of a sheltered homebody, but under Aunt Phil's guidance that is all changing and one of the chief pleasures of this and later books is watching Nate grow into his adventuresome destiny. Nathaniel Fludd is an endearing hero. Apparently timid he is clearly made of sterner stuff; it just needs to be drawn out and molded. He is bright, articulate, but still authentically youthful and inexperienced. He is remarkably easy for a reader to identify with and has natural charm and decency to burn. Between his appeal and the gripping exploits he encounters it is easy to see why this has become a very popular series. The book is carried by a light but firm authorial touch. The stories zip along but do not feel shallow or sketchy. There is enough narrative and depth to give the stories character and interest, but they are written directly and forthrightly in a style that plays nicely to an early reader's reading skills. There are a lot of angles that add greatly to the book's appeal.

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