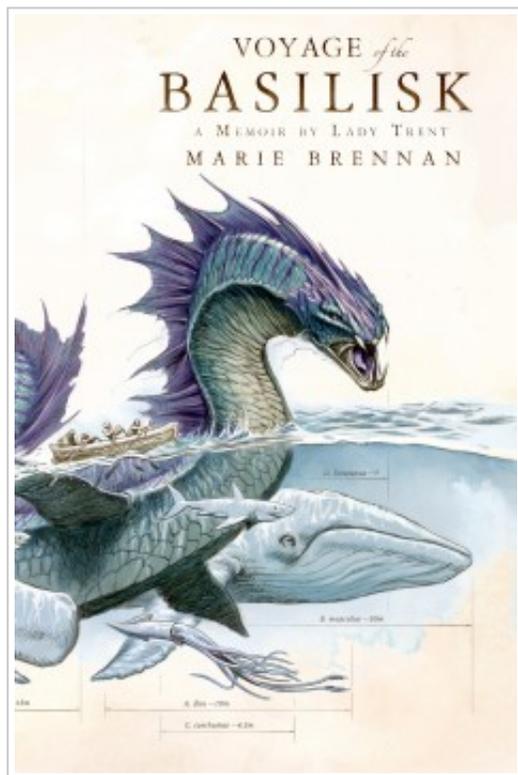


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The thrilling adventure of Lady Trent continues in Marie Brennan's Voyage of the Basilisk . . .

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Marie Brennan's fantasy series is an odd duck -- surely the Victorian era-like female naturalist at the center of it could derive the taxonomy for this work better than I. It's technically a fantasy novel, set in a world akin to ours but with different names for the various parts of the world...and the addition of dragons. Not talking dragons or magical dragons; just dragons. Lady Trent has been fascinated by them since she was a little girl. In three books, she has followed her passion, pushing back against proper behaviour for women of good breeding and by and large getting what she wants: the chance to travel the world, study dragons and contribute to the scientific understanding of these creatures. As a naturalist, Trent makes an ideal heroine for a work of fantasy. Often the hardest part of a novel is introducing a new society, a new concept and letting us understand what it means. Since this is precisely what a good scientist will do, Trent's observations make perfect sense. This was a bit stiffly done in the first book, better in the second and quite satisfying in this her third adventure. It takes her to the equivalent of the South Seas, a potential romance and invariably her dragon-spotting gets mixed up with political intrigue and military affairs. The series has become stronger but its fantasy elements are modest, at best. It's really a Victorian travel pastiche with a twist. Fans of those might be put off by the fantasy. Fans of fantasy will surely wish there were more actual fantasy. But for those ready to appreciate this strange new creature, it's a satisfying tale of no-nonsense female intrepidity...with a dash of dragons thrown in for good measure. -- Michael Giltz

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