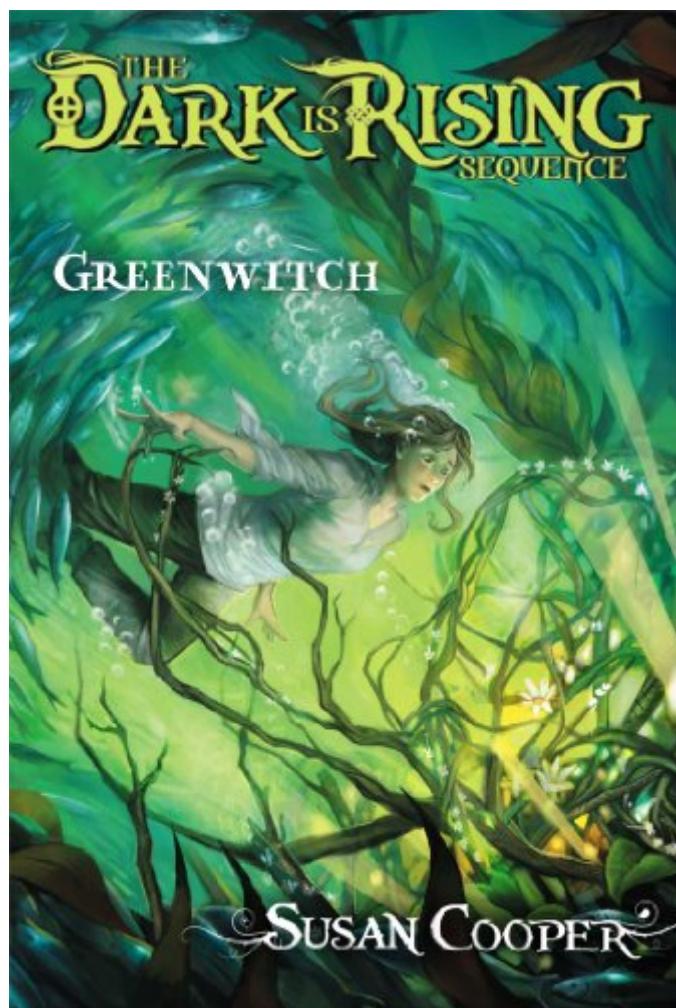


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Synopsis

Simon, Jane, and Barney, enlisted by their mysterious great-uncle, arrive in a small coastal town to recover a priceless golden grail stolen by the forces of evil -- Dark. They are not at first aware of the strange powers of another boy brought to help, Will Stanton -- nor of the sinister significance of the Greenwitch, an image of leaves and branches that for centuries has been cast into the sea for good luck in fishing and harvest. Their search for the grail sets into motion a series of disturbing, sometimes dangerous events that, at their climax, bring forth a gift that, for a time at least, will keep the Dark from rising.

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Customer Reviews

In the third volume of "The Dark is Rising" sequence, author Susan Cooper brings together the protagonists of the two preceding books - Simon, Jane & Barney Drew, and Will Stanton - and returns the setting to the Cornish fishing village of Trewissick. Every year, the women of Trewissick build an effigy of leaves and branches called the Greenwitch, and cast it from the coastal cliffs as an

offering for good fortune and good fishing in the coming year. As it sinks beneath the waves, it becomes much more than an artificial figure, growing into a potent magical force, before being lost to the depths. Meanwhile, The Dark has stolen the grail which the Drews had rescued from its clutches in "Over Sea, Under Stone" but its agents can only decipher the grail's power with the help of an ancient scroll. That scroll has been lost to the sea off Trewissick, and the Greenwitch has found and claimed it. Both the Light and the Dark desperately need the full power of the grail, and the Dark plan to gain control over the Greenwitch in order to obtain it. Jane Drew, present at the making of the Greenwitch and sensing a deep sadness and loneliness in the creature, makes a connection that will draw her and siblings deeply into this conflict with powerful supernatural forces. It will be Jane, now, who will be key to holding the rising Dark at bay. "Greenwitch" is the shortest of the five books in this series, but it is perhaps one of the deepest and most eerie. In it, we revisit the Drews, and see Will Stanton coming into his power, but it is the relationship between Jane and the Greenwitch - and the manifestations unleashed on the seaside town - that make this a memorable read.

This is the third book in the Dark Is Rising Series. Once again Simon, Jane, and Barney join Great-Uncle Merry on a quest to find an unknown object in Trewissick, South Cornwall. Only this time, they are joined by the mysterious Will Stanton. This book is filled with adventure and mystical powers as the Drew children help the "Old Ones" in the battle of the "Good" against the "Dark." The ancient village custom of the making of the "Greenwitch," starts a cycle of forces from the "Old Magic" of the sea as the Dark draws closer and closer to finding the key to read the golden grail and unlock the power for the Dark to defeat the Good. The Drew children must learn to work with Will through unexpected turns and twists that lead to the explosive ending when the Good once again pushes back the Dark.

I read these books when they first came out. I was Will's age at the time and they caught my imagination. I'm rereading the series now in my late 40s and enjoying them immensely. This book was my least favorite back then, but I liked it much better this time around. The series is a lovely mixture of adventure story with old legends of the British Isles. One of the great works of children's fantasy.

I bought the complete boxed set of this series from a Scholastic Book Fair back in '70s. I was in third or fourth grade at the time and loved those books. Almost 40 years later, I still love them.

'Greenwitch' takes place in Cornwall and the mix of adventure, legend and mystery is still a delight. This is the third book in the series and you really should read the first two, 'Over Sea, Under Stone' and 'The Dark is Rising', before reading this one. Jane, Simon and Barnabas reappear in the final book, 'Silver on the Tree', so be sure to finish the series. This series has really held up well and even though it is aimed at younger readers, my adult self still enjoys them. I'm especially happy that all five books are now available in the Kindle store. They make a nice addition to my (very old) boxed set.

Joining the characters of the first 2 books, Greenwitch tries to meld the magic of Book 2 with the childish innocence of Book 1. It's not a perfect mesh, and is not as memorable as the other books in the series, but it's still a good read. Greenwitch is actually Book 3 of "The Dark Is Rising sequence", not Book 4 as indicates.

this book was very good, I liked it. however, I feel that cooper's writing style was slightly different than it was in the dark is rising, it seemed much more modern and a tad less descriptive, but all in all it was an excellent book. Keep up the good work Cooper!

The continuing saga of young friends in the fight against evil. A young adult story the is also a wonderful series for adults as well. Susan Cooper is an author I intend to follow!

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