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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 6 Up—Sophronia Temminick and her friends once again face adventure and mystery in Carriger's Victorian steampunk, fantasy mash-up. Sophronia is going home for a ball in honor of her brother's wedding. Her biggest concern should be practicing her etiquette and the use of her fan as a weapon. Instead, she's worried about her friend Sidheagh, whose family of werewolves are facing exile or perhaps worse. Sidheagh is determined to return home to help her family and Sophronia is just as determined to help her. Soon she and her friends, including Dimity, Soap, and Lord Felix Mersey, are on their way via hot air balloon and train. Along the way they discover a Pickleman plot and the protagonist finds herself torn between friendship and possible love. Carriger's trademark wit and humor are ever-present, and this outing in the "Finishing School" series (Little, Brown) finishes on a more emotional note as the heroine discovers where her heart lies.—Jane Jorgenson, Madison P.L., WI

Review

#### **Praise for *Waistcoats & Weaponry*:**

A 2015 Locus Award Nominee

A 2015 Steampunk Chronicle Best Young Adult Steampunk Fiction

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#### **?School Library Journal**

"Thrilling.... the well-wrought steampunk/supernatural setting provides a vibrant backdrop to Sophronia's fast-paced adventures and witty banter, and her difficult dilemmas...add emotional depth."?The Horn Book

#### **Praise for *Curtsies & Conspiracies*:**

\* "Carriger's second steampunk adventure exceeds the first... the fun, again, is in watching ever-practical Sophronia sneak and scheme her way into sometimes dangerous, sometimes riotously funny, situations.... We repeat: This witty, light-hearted series is not to be missed."

#### **?Booklist, starred review**

\* "Teenage and adult fans alike will rejoice that Carriger retains her flair for musical prose, over-the-top names, clever wit, and strange yet helpful mechanical devices of all kinds. Carriger's blend of comically exaggerated characters and madcap action will easily win over readers once again."

#### **?Publishers Weekly, starred review**

\* "[A] world of manners, steampunk, and the supernatural. [Carriger] again manages to blend the rules of etiquette with inventions and creatures effortlessly, creating a diverse world of wonder."

#### **?VOYA, starred review**

"The language is every bit as delightful as in Sophronia's first adventure... even in this weightier tale."

#### **?Kirkus Reviews**

"[Carriger] jumps right into the thick of the action, developing a fast-paced plot that is sure to keep readers' attention...this is a must-have purchase."

**?School Library Journal**

"The strength, wit, charisma, and sheer likeability of Sophronia is a refreshing and welcome change from the typical protagonist of today's young adult novels...Teenage girls will laugh, cheer, and empathize as the girls at the academy experience all of the same emotions they do, but in a Victorian steampunk fashion."

**?Library Media Connection**

**Praise for *Etiquette & Espionage*:**

An ALSC Notable Book for Children

A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Pick

A YALSA Popular Paperbacks Pick

A Horn Book Summer Reading List Selection

\* "Carriger's YA debut brings...cleverly Victorian methods of espionage, witty banter, lighthearted silliness, and a ship full of intriguingly quirky people." **?Booklist, starred review**

\* "Carriger deploys laugh-out-loud bon mots on nearly every page...Amid all the fun, the author works in commentary on race and class in a sparkling start to the Finishing School series."

**?Publishers Weekly, starred review**

\* "[A] delightfully madcap espionage adventure."

**?Kirkus Reviews, starred review**

\* "Carriger's leading lady is a strong, independent role model for female readers... Ladies and gentlemen of propriety are combined with dirigibles, robots, werewolves, and vampires, making this story a steampunk mystery and an adventure mash-up that is sure to intrigue readers..."

**?School Library Journal, starred review**

"If spunky Lady Sybil from Downton Abbey happened onto a steampunk set, she might look a lot like Sophronia Angelina Temminnick."

**?Shelf Awareness**

**About the Author**

*New York Times* bestselling author Gail Carriger writes to cope with being raised in obscurity by an expatriate Brit and an incurable curmudgeon. She escaped small town life and inadvertently acquired several degrees in Higher Learning. Ms. Carriger then traveled the historic cities of Europe, subsisting entirely on biscuits secreted in her handbag. She resides in the Colonies, surrounded by fantastic shoes, where she insists on tea imported from London.

The Parasol Protectorate books are: *Soulless*, *Changeless*, *Blameless*, *Heartless*, and *Timeless*. *Soulless* won the ALA's Alex Award. A manga adaptation released in Spring 2012 and a young adult series set in the same universe -- the Finishing School series -- launched in Spring 2013. Gail is soon to begin writing a new adult series, *The Parasol Protectorate Abroad* (2015).

**Users Review**

**From reader reviews:**

**Lillian Carlucci:**

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