



Nomad: The Flight and Flame Trilogy, Book 2

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The magic continues in R. J. Anderson's fantasy sequel, *Nomad*.

Ever since Ivy, a pixie, learned that her mother was still alive, her life has been turned upside down. In gaining a mother, she lost her father. In gaining a new home, she lost her old one—she was banished from the Delve for warning the others of its poison. Now, thirsting for adventure, Ivy sets off with magical friend, Martin, to uncover his past. When Martin is captured and with the pixies running out of time, Ivy decides just how far she's willing to go to save her loved ones.

Over the course of the story, Ivy grows from a girl into a young woman as her feelings and moral compass mature. Angered by head pixie Betony's continued denial of the danger, Ivy considers whether revenge in the name of change is justified. Her feelings towards Martin are complicated, too. When Ivy finally acknowledges that she loves him, a sweet romance unfolds.

Meanwhile, Molly, a human who's grieving the recent loss of her faerie mother, finds the strength to support Ivy; and guarded Martin shows time and again how much Ivy means to him. Ivy's shy but loyal pixie friend Jenny is one of the few characters who believes Ivy; she is brave and stands up to Betony, showing that sometimes the quietest voices are those that most need to be heard.

As Ivy grows more confident and her young sister learns to accept her shape-shifting, hope develops that the next generation of pixies will be more tolerant of differences. Future adventures are hinted at; for now, Ivy is content to take on the adventure of growing up.

Nomad is a riveting fantasy novel in which a plucky pixie experiences trials and triumphs that are sure to delight her audience.

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