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The usual focus on the male camaraderie of Robin Hood's escapades in Sherwood Forest is abandoned here - with a frequent sense of glee and mischief - in favour of a story which sets out to demonstrate that women too had a significant contribution to make to the struggles between 'outlaw' and despot. At the centre of these entertaining episodes is a feisty 15-year-old, Magda, determined to have her share of the action and, in particular, to revenge her mother's killing. Translating this determination into practice involves feats of high risk and danger and challengingly demands from the reader a constant re-examination of male and female roles, not least in the tantalisingly tetchy 'background' relationship portrayed between Marian and Robin himself.

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