**The Adventurers Guild**  
Zack Loran Clark and Nick Eliopulos

**GENRE:** Fantasy

**LEXILE:** 790

**RELEVANT WEBSITES:**
- Book Trailer
- Book Site
- GoodReads Link
- Author Interview Video

**BOOK SUMMARY:**
Zed, Brock, and Liza live in a world where monsters and magic are real. All three are on the verge of beginning the rest of their lives in a guild they are chosen to participate in, The Adventurers Guild. The Guild is tasked with guarding the city of Freestone from outside the walls, a place few are brave enough to go. While facing monsters, magic, and other terrors while fulfilling their duty, Zed, Brock, and Liza find sticking together is the only way to survive as Adventurers.

**BOOKTALK:**
Monsters and magic won the battle for the world hundreds of years ago, and civilization’s only defense is to build walled cities. In the city of Freestone, Zed is destined to become an apprentice sorcerer, a higher honor than he could have hoped for. Brock is destined to follow in his father’s footsteps as a merchant. These friends hardly expected to have their dreams torn from them when Zed is drafted to the Adventurers Guild. Brock, always Zed’s protector, volunteers so that his friend is not alone. Neither is thrilled or expects to survive long. The Adventurers not only venture outside the city walls but are also expected to survive the monsters waiting. During their training, they find comradery with several outcasts who have become the newest members of the Adventurers Guild and realize the only way to survive the horrors outside the walls is to stick together. Unfortunately, they may find out too late that the real danger to their city lies within the city walls, not beyond.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
1. How do each of the guilds of Freestone contribute to the well-being, safety, and prosperity of the city?
2. How do you think Brock’s deal with Lord Borace Quilby will affect him throughout his time in the Adventurers Guild?
3. What is unique about Zed and gives him his special talents?
4. Zed doesn’t know his father. Do you think this piece of information may be important in the sequels to this book? What impact could this have on Zed?
5. Describe the choice Zed must make to ultimately save his friends from “Mother Brenner”. How does the author use foreshadowing to let the reader know that this choice may have severe consequences?

**IF YOU ENJOYED THIS, YOU MIGHT ALSO ENJOY:**
1. *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger
2. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan
3. *The Lighthouse Keepers* trilogy by Adrian McKinty
4. *Twilight of the Elves* (The Adventurers Guild #2)

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