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## ***Bragonstyme* by Elizabeth Pulford**

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*Bragonstyme* is Book 2 in *The Bloodtree Chronicles*.

Abigail, or Spindale as she is known in this fantasy world, has limited time to solve the challenge she is faced with; to find Treolle's last words. Only then can the Bloodtree heal and the rare ice dragons recover from being close to extinction.

The evil Rackenard and his daughter Zezmena are out to make sure she fails.

Flint joins Spindale, but he is wracked with doubts about the real reason his father left, and his support sometimes wavers.

As Spindale faces one danger after another, she reflects on her other self and the bullying she has faced at school. Slowly she realises that she does have the inner strength of character to stand up to those bullies.

With its strong female central character, this book should attract the attention of young girls who enjoy suspense and fantasy, and this mix of reality and fantasy.

**Reviewed by Chris Wright**

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