

# Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Fantasy



## **Blue Moon.**

Ponti, James (author).

Oct. 2013. 336p. Aladdin, hardcover, \$16.99

[\(9781442441316\)](#). Grades 4-7.

[REVIEW](#). First published November 8, 2013 (Booklist Online).

## Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *Blue Moon*

- *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins
- *Case File 13* by J. Scott Savage

Finding, fighting, and even protecting zombies is serious extracurricular work for Molly Bigelow and her three Omega team pals from *Dead City* (2012). In this butt-kicking sequel, they join the Baker's Dozen project. Their assignment? Monitor the Unlucky 13, the Blackwell family men killed in an 1896 subway tunnel digging explosion. The Blackwells roam freely as undead with constantly changing names. Forced to rely on old-school deductive reasoning and methods, Molly and her friends unearth plans for the biggest undead event ever, scheduled for New Year's Eve in Times Square. Manhattan landmarks (the Flatiron Building, Grand Central Station, museums) roll history, science, and geography into the story. While this doesn't fully recap the first book, readers will catch up easily. Molly is an engaging narrator, and Ponti's writing is full of humor and action. Give this to fans of Suzanne Collins' *Gregor the Overlander* (2003) or J. Scott Savage's Case File 13 series.

— *Jeanne E. Fredriksen*