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A Most Magical Girl



Synopsis

From the author of *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* comes the story of a friendship between two girls set in Victorian England, with magical machines, wizards, witches, a mysterious underworld, and a race against time. Annabel Grey is primed for a proper life as a young lady in Victorian England. But when her mother suddenly disappears, she's put in the care of two eccentric aunts who thrust her into a decidedly un-ladylike life, full of potions and flying broomsticks and wizards who eat nothing but crackers. Magic, indeed! Who ever heard of such a thing? Before Annabel can assess the most ladylike way to respond to her current predicament, she is swept up in an urgent quest. Annabel is pitted against another young witch, Kitty, to rescue the sacred Moreover Wand from the dangerous underworld that exists beneath London. The two girls outsmart trolls, find passage through a wall of faerie bones, and narrowly escape a dragon, but it doesn't take long for Annabel to see that the most dangerous part of her journey is her decision to trust this wild, magical girl. Sparkling with Karen Foxlee's enchanting writing, this is a bewitching tale of one important wand and two most magical girls. "[Foxlee's] heroines have grit and heart, and they are willing to get dirty. And they do. Foxlee's nicely wry tone and moments of incongruous humor break up the tension, while Annabel's race against time in a harrowing journey deep under London keeps the pages turning. Deliciously complex and convincingly detailed."--Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review "Kids who enjoyed Foxlee's *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* and fans of Hardinge's *Cuckoo Song* will find similar otherworldly appeal in this enthralling adventure."--The Bulletin, Starred review "Memorable for its vivid imagery and stylish, thoughtful prose."--Horn Book Magazine

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Customer Reviews

Prim and proper Annabel Grey knows nothing of magic, witches, flying broomsticks, or her two unusual aunts...but when her mother suddenly decides to take a mysterious trip, Annabel is sent to those two aunts and thrust into a dark, dangerous, and dazzling world of magic. A most sinister man and his dreadful machines have dark, deadly plans for Victorian England and it is up to young Annabel, a most magical girl, to retrieve the powerful Moreover Wand and save the day. Annabel is accompanied on her journey by Kitty, a surly, mysterious girl with magic of her own. These two young magical girls must learn to trust each other or all will be lost. Karen Foxlee's newest middle-grade, *A Most Magical Girl*, is just that: MOST magical! I love everything about this book, from its sparkling storytelling, spine-tingling twists, enthralling setting, and irresistible heroines. Foxlee has true magic in her words and weaves a pitch-perfect and expertly paced story full of imagination, page-turning excitement, and unforgettable characters. *A Most Magical Girl* has the most deliciously dark whimsical vibe, with lush, enchanting storytelling and world-building. The magical elements, from flying broomsticks, spells, wands, trolls, dragons, faeries, and more, feel classic, yet completely unique in their quirkiness. Young readers will be dazzled and inspired by this magical world! Annabel and Kitty are two fantastically different, yet equally engaging heroines! Prim, thoughtful Annabel and wild, mischievous Kitty make for a charming and unforgettable pair. I just loved watching their friendship and admiration for each other blossom. And Foxlee offers readers a thoroughly enticing and complex villain.

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