



## The Hatter's not Mad, Just a Little Peevish

*Hatter M: Mad with Wonder*



Frank Beddor and co-writer Liz Cavalier's turn another chapter from The Looking Glass Wars into a superb graphic novel. As with the first book Hatter M, Mad with Wonder has a gritty steampunk feel to it (which is currently my favorite genre, and thus one of the reasons I'm attracted to The Looking Glass Wars). This Wonderland turned antiquarian Matrix is an interesting story and an awesome ride.

Hatter Madigan, a member of an elite royal guard from Wonderland, returns in his search for the missing princess Alyss. Dogged by evil Queen Redd's servants across the torrid landscape of America's Civil War, Madigan chases the Glow to whomever emits it. Unfortunately it's usually not Alyss.

Sam Makkonen's gothic art style is fairly similar to Ben Templesmith's (artist for Hatter M) and has the perfect level of macabre for Mad with Wonder. Makkonen's art for this book reminds me of a rougher Dave McKean with a hint of Sam Keith, but in the end is completely and enjoyably unique.

A great read all the way around, and definitely at the top of my favorite graphic novels list.

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