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Princess corrects the story of 'Alice'

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Review

In "The Looking Glass Wars," author Frank Beddor sets straight the story of Alice's adventure in Wonderland. In this retelling of Lewis Carroll's classic children's book, the protagonist, a young princess, says Carroll's version got many of the details wrong, including her name - Alyss, not "Alice."

When the whole of Wonderland is attacked by Princess Alyss Heart's malicious Aunt Redd, the 7-year-old girl escapes. Protecting Alyss (and the hopes of Wonderland) is Hatter Madigan, the royal family's bodyguard, to get the princess of Hearts back to their world.

But he and Alyss get separated in the pool, and end up in different countries, not knowing where the other has gone to. Alyss finally gives up hope of ever returning, and makes herself forget Wonderland.

After 13 years, Madigan finally locates author Lewis Carroll, to whom Alyss had told her story. However, having not believed her when she had told him, he wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," the book that most people think to be the original tale.

Of course, Madigan asks the author about the princess, now 20 years old. And of course, the princess wants to return to Wonderland and regain her rightful place as the Queen of Hearts.

This book, the first in a trilogy, starts out a little confusing, but is still amazing. Being the twisted-but-"true" story of Alice in Wonderland, the author added in little details that showed where Lewis Carroll had been "wrong" in his interpretation. Also, the plot was suspenseful.

I would definitely recommend "The Looking Glass Wars" to anyone who enjoys fantasy. I could not put it down; I read it in one sitting.