

The Looking Glass Wars

England, 1863: Alice Liddell finally has the chance to prove that her stories are the truth. Four years ago she arrived in this strange world. Whenever she explained that she was in fact the Princess of Wonderland, she was laughed at, teased and punished. But Reverend Charles Dodgson had listened to her and come up with the idea to write a book about her. As she reads the title, “Alice’s Adventures Underground” by Lewis Carroll, a strange feeling overwhelms her. Not only has her name been misspelled, her tutor changed into a white rabbit, the Cat turned to the grinning Cheshire Cat, but everything she had told the Reverend has been turned into nonsense, a stupid story for children! She has been betrayed in the cruelest way!

Here is the true story of Princess Alyss Heart and Wonderland. Alyss was destined to be Queen but her life was shattered on the day of her seventh birthday, when her Aunt Redd took power by killing her family. Alyss only escaped by jumping into the Pool of Tears...

Frank Beddor’s novel is the extremely original attempt to rewrite Lewis Carroll’s “Alice in Wonderland”. It is an incredibly daring move to rewrite such a classic. But as I share his belief that it was a “terrible girls’ book,” I am still fascinated by this complex world of fantasy, where everything we thought we knew about Alice is turned around and where the Cheshire Cat turns out to be the number one assassin... “The Looking Glass Wars” is already, shortly after it has been released, a widely discussed book. Anyone who is not frightened by a story of murder, corruption and revenge should read this...



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