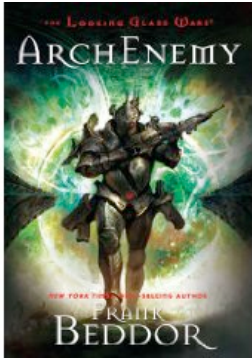


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## ARCH ENEMY: THE LOOKING GLASS WARS

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### WHAT IS IT?

Discover the fate of Wonderland- and imagination itself- in this riveting conclusion to the *New York Times* bestselling trilogy.

The Heart Crystal's power has been depleted, and Imagination along with it. The people of Wonderland have all lost their creative drive, and most alarmingly, even Queen Alyss is without her powers. There is some comfort in the fact that the vicious Redd Heart seems to be similarly disabled. Amazingly, she is attempting to team up with her enemy, Alyss, in order to reclaim Wonderland from King Arch. Alyss might have no choice but to accept Redd's overtures, especially when she begins to receive alarming advice from the caterpillar oracles.

Page-turning and complex, this culmination of the Wonderland saga is intensely satisfying.

### THE READ

Alyss Heart has resumed the throne of Wonderland -- and things have never been more tumultuous for the citizens who practice the art of White Imagination.

In author Frank Beddor's universe, the young Alyss was exiled from Wonderland to save her from the clutches of her power-mad Aunt Redd. But the young girl became separated from her guardian, the military milliner, Hatter Madigan, and was found by the Liddell family, through whom she met Charles Dodgson. She told him her true story, only to be disappointed in finding that he turned the entire thing into a fanciful children's tale.

## **THE AFTERMATH**

"*ArchEnemy*" is the third and final volume in The Looking Glass Wars Trilogy and what a finish it is! In the wake of events in "Seeing Redd", most notably the activation of WILMA (Weapon of Inconceivable Loss and Massive Annihilation), Imagination is now diminished throughout Wonderland and various factions are taking advantage including King Arch of the Boarderlands and an anti-imagination rebellion led by the Lord and Lady Clubs. Unbeknownst by all is the dire repercussions that the lost Imagination is having on Earth. To make matters worse, the enigmatic caterpillar-oracles are pursuing their own agenda, one that includes the Heart Crystal, the mysterious Everqueen, and Homburg Molly who is still reeling from the terrible loss and shocking revelations experienced in "*Seeing Redd*"...

The set up is long and perhaps a little boring. You do get interesting bits placed here and there throughout; but sometimes there is just too much time in between them where you are left with another boring skirmish, following Mr. Dumpty, or Reverend Dodgson stuttering and whining about his life being mixed up with Alyss. Luckily the book like the others is an easy read so you can get through it quickly enough. As you get closer to the end things begin to fall in place and I regained interest.

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