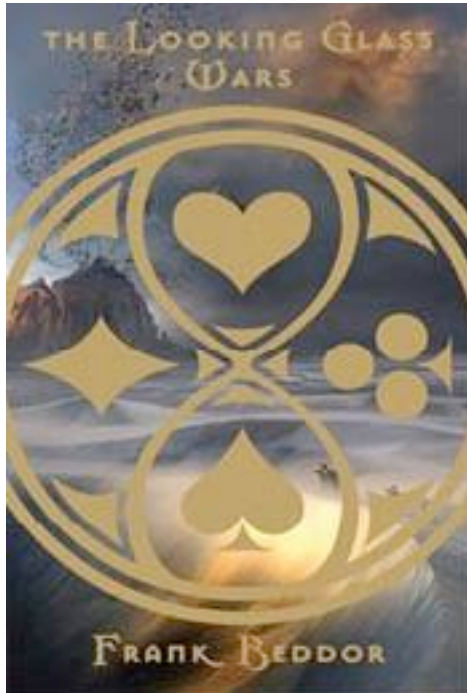


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The Looking Glass Wars

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We've all or seen the story of Alice in Wonderland. But many of us fail to realize that this was based on actual events that happened in another world, it's just that Lewis Carroll (author of Alice in Wonderland) didn't get the facts right. In fact he completely messed up the story all together... according to Princess Alyss Heart.

Frank Beddor has created one of the most imaginative books since the creation of the original Alice's Adventures in Wonderland published in 1865. The Looking Glass Wars is the "story" behind the story. Alyss Heart was the heir to the throne of Wonderland. On her birthday her evil Aunt Redd staged a surprise attack against Wonderland and overthrew the "Queendom". Alyss escapes through the "Pool of Tears" and lands in London pre-1865. She lives on the street for a few weeks and is eventually put in an orphanage where she is adopted by the Liddell family. During her time she met a man named Lewis Carroll and she told him her story. Unfortunately for Alyss, Carroll got it all wrong so Alyss resigned herself to living in this world forever (She even changed her name to Alice). Keeping his promise to the Queen, Hatter Madigan made it his life goal to find Alyss and bring her back to Wonderland and re-claim her rightful spot as Queen to the throne of Wonderland.

The Looking Glass Wars is a wonderful book for people of all ages. When I first picked up the book I wasn't really sure if I was going to get into it or not, but the action picks up rather quickly and the next thing I knew I had tore right through it. I am not sure how literary purists will view this book... whether they will think this is blasphemous or a literature masterpiece I am not sure. I do know that the casual reading will certainly find The Looking Glass Wars entertaining and fun.

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