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## Books of the year

Frank Beddor's **The Looking Glass Wars** (Egmont £12.99) caused a stir this year by playing with Lewis Carroll and offending the purists. But this ingenious reworking for 10- to 13-year olds — in which the heroine feels betrayed by Carroll's account, and in which imagining a thing makes it real — is powerful, eventful and dark. Which is entirely legitimate, given the surreality of the original.