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Frank Beddor's second installation of *The Looking Glass Wars* trilogy *Seeing Redd* continues where his first book, *The Looking Glass Wars*, left off. Wonderland is in the process of rebuilding. Alyss Heart is now queen and guarded by the young Molly Homburg. The relationship between Alyss and Dodge takes to a new level in spite of their social rankings. Dodge wars against his own inner struggles. While foot soldiers and Glass Eyes attack Wonderland, everyone believes that Redd is back. But is she really back? Is someone else attempting to steal Wonderland yet again from Alyss. Meanwhile on Earth, Redd with her assassin The Cat build an army of dangerous and twisted humans and former Wonderlanders. The Alyssians are forced once again to defend the White Imagination and all that is good and pure in their land.

Seeing Redd explores new characters while allowing the readers to better acquaint themselves with the familiar ones. Beddor exposes Alyss's inward struggles with her new obligations to her people and those she loves while attempting to maintain everyone's safety. He also weaves the backstories of King Arch, Hatter Madigan, and Redd, by painting the characters with more vivid colors and delving deeper into their psyche. *Seeing Redd* contains a conjuration of characters for the reader to love, hate, or cry along with.

The plot in *Seeing Redd* is full of twists and turns that won't disappoint the reader. Beddor adds complications and surprises with the secret life of Hatter Madigan and Redd's own past. Throughout the book, Beddor reminds both young and old of the responsibilities, struggles, and sacrifices of being a leader and standing for the right. *Seeing Redd* is a well-written novel and leaves the reader begging for more.