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Book Review: ArchEnemy (Looking Glass Wars, Book 3)



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Description from GoodReads: (This is the third book of the trilogy, description may contain spoilers from previous books. Read at your own risk.)

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.

Review:

In this third and final installment of The Looking Glass Wars trilogy, Beddor takes no prisoners as he closes this beautifully crafted retelling of the Alice in Wonderland tale. The plot was well done and well paced. I felt like every plot aspect took its time to be resolved and was not rushed. I still love all of the characters, but find myself loving Redd a lot more than I had ever anticipated. While the reader discovered much of her true personality and history in *Seeing Redd*, I felt like *ArchEnemy* gave me a chance to see a different side of her. Yes, she is still evil and wants Wonderland for herself. But I was surprised to see how vulnerable she was in regards to King Arch, and how much I sympathized with her experiences.

All in all, the ends are nicely tied up with reasonable explanations given for certain character's actions. While this novel was a bit different than the previous two, it still maintained the charm and magic that made me fall in love with this series in the first place.

My rating: ★★★★★