

What is Bridget Reading?

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ArchEnemy by Frank Beddor

Book 3 in the Looking Glass Wars Trilogy

Arch's plot to take over Wonderland has succeeded. He has possession of the Heart Crystal. Redd and Queen Alyss are without their imaginations. Can there be any hope for Wonderland without imagination? Alyss waits/hopes for the return of her imagination. Dodge does all he can to protect his queen and love. Homburg Molly deals with her guilt. Arch is plotting and scheming. He means to make his reign permanent. All the while, the Caterpillar Oracles are muttering about an Everqueen. Will Alyss be restored as queen and Wonderland returned to peace and prosperity?

What I thought: A rousing final installment in the trilogy. The conflict was perfect. I wouldn't want being queen to be easy. Alyss truly earns her title in this book. Her courage in the face of adversity is commendable. The romance between Alyss and Dodge seemed to be less apparent in this book though I did like the ending. I suppose there's not much time for romance during anarchy. Bravo, Mr. Beddor! What will you write for us next?

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The Looking Glass Wars Trilogy

1. *The Looking Glass Wars* (2006)
2. *Seeing Redd* (2007)
3. *ArchEnemy* (2009)