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Dina Rabinovitch selects her 10 favorite children's books of the new year.

Alyss is Wonderland's princess. Her parents are killed by her scheming Aunt Redd, Alyss just escaping through a puddle into our world. Redd takes the throne while Alyss is adopted by a wealthy family in our world. On the verge of marrying, Alyss has struggled to remember her former life, even telling Lewis Carroll her tale, but nobody believes her and she starts to doubt herself. Fantastic battle scenes, plot twists, character interest and slow-burning love make this an ace read for both sexes.

**The Looking Glass Wars** by Frank Beddor  
(Egmont) £12.99, Age 12+