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Wonderland - not as Disney imagined it to be...



★★★★★ The Looking Glass Wars

by Frank Beddor

This book needs to be added to my favorites for 2006. Frank Beddor does a wonderful job of re-imagining "Alice In Wonderland." Beddor takes the reader on a journey of what ifs - what if Alyss Heart is "real" and what if "Wonderland" is "real?" What really happened to Wonderland? To Alyss?

When I started reading "The Looking Glass Wars," I could not get the Disney version out of my head. However, those images were quickly dispelled as I read on. Beddor presents a Wonderland that will soon be enveloped in tyranny and war. The character of Alyss is transformed from the bright-eyed mischievous day-dreaming 7-year-old to a young strong 19-year old woman. I love that the characters are so multi-faceted, battling with societal obligations, internal struggles between good and evil, reality and make-believe.

I love how Louis Carroll and Alice Liddel are incorporated in the story as well. The book is really exciting and the battles between the card soldiers and the Alyssians are portrayed vividly - I pictured Hatter Madigan somersaults and acrobatics as he battled attacking Card Soldiers with his blades shimmering and flying across a room.

I too cannot wait for the sequel and I will have to suggest this one as one of our Book Club's reads.