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*The journey of a YA writer*

## THE LOOKING GLASS WARS

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Imagine that the story ALICE IN WONDERLAND was real. But the author got the story terribly wrong.

In the book THE LOOKING GLASS WARS, Alyss Heart, is heir to the Wonderland kingdom. But on her seventh birthday she is forced to flee her kingdom after a bloody coup staged by her exiled Aunt Redd. Lost and alone in Victorian London, no one believes her tales of Wonderland except the author Lewis Carroll. She trusts him with her story, hoping that someone, somewhere will find her and take her back home. But Carroll got the story all wrong. If not for the Royal Bodyguard Hatter Madigan's nonstop search, she might have ended up a prince's wife and never returning to fight her Aunt Redd for her rightful place as Queen of Hearts.

I loved this story. At first, I thought this would be yet another attempt to rewrite a classic tale. Boy, was I wrong! I was glued to the first page-- a prologue that actually works! If you've read ALICE IN WONDERLAND before, it's fun to see what the true characters really were like in Alyss's world.

This is the first book of a trilogy. The author, Frank Beddor, does a great job of setting up the ending of the story for book two. What really happens to evil Aunt Redd? Will Alyss and Dodge overcome their backgrounds and remember the love they had as children grow into something more?( Oh, I hope so!)

THE LOOKING GLASS WARS is a Cybil nominated book.

