

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Looking-Glass Girl by Cathy Cassidy

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Sidney Greenslade, age 11

A modern recreation of 'Alice in Wonderland'. All the charm of a regular Cathy Cassidy story but with a dark and exciting twist. I really enjoyed it.

'Looking-glass Girl' is a dramatic retelling of 'Alice in Wonderland', Cathy Cassidy's favourite childhood book. When Alice is invited to a sleepover on Saturday night by Savvy, glam queen, teachers pet and most popular student at school, she is both delighted and unnerved.

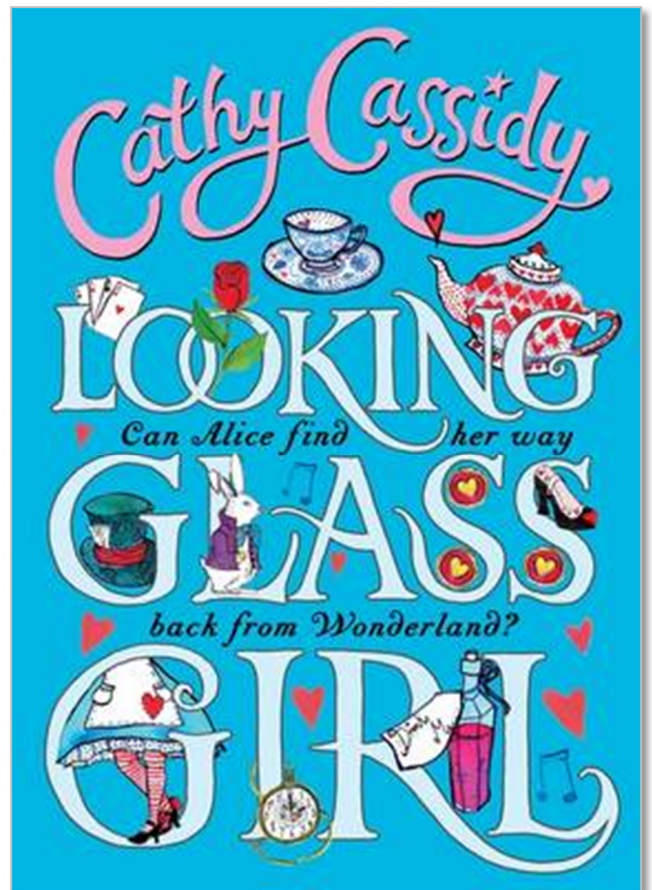
Why would Savvy invite loner Alice to a sleepover? Is Savvy interested in seeing Alice as a friend and equal?

Alice decides to go, but a terrible fall at the sleepover puts her in a coma at Ardenley General Hospital. Surrounded by friends and family, Alice drifts through a wonderland of dreams filled with white rabbits and cheshire cats. With the help of loved ones will Alice escape her coma or will she stay stuck in Wonderland forever?

'Looking-glass Girl' is a good book full of love, friendship and dreams. I found it interesting although at first I was not so keen on skipping back and forth between the present and the time before the sleepover. However, after a while I got used to switching between times and settings and found the book was an excellent balance between the present drama and past events.

I enjoyed the excitement of the tale and genuinely felt for the characters.

For anyone who likes Cathy Cassidy, surreal drama or 'Alice in Wonderland'



this is an ideal book.

Georgie Docwra, age 9

I loved reading this book! 5 stars!!

I was very curious to read this book as I love reading Cathy Cassidy's books and I knew that this one wasn't part of a previous series.

I liked the way that it was written, very descriptive and how it was written as a diary.

My favourite character had to be Alice! This is because she was very loyal and caring to her friends and family.

It was thoroughly enjoyable to read, even though it was sad when Alice had to go to the hospital.

I would recommend it to all my friends.

Josie Wheeler

I thought that 'Looking Glass Girl' was a fantastic book and I would definitely consider to buy it. I enjoyed it because it was a twist of 'Alice in Wonderland' and Alice in real life. My favourite part of the book was at the end where it all comes together. It was about a girl called Alice who goes into secondary school and a girl called Savvy takes all her friends and encourage them to bully Alice. But I think it was quite confusing in places because every chapter was of a different perspective. Overall, I think 'Looking Glass Girl' was an amazing book and I will be reading it again.

Lily Dixon, age 11

For me, 'Looking Glass Girl' was an amazing book, perhaps, one of the best I've ever read. I thought the ideas in it was genius. The books theme is based around 'Alice in Wonderland'. Not, so to say the actual story of 'Alice in Wonderland' but the main character is called Alice and in primary school, she was Alice in the school play, 'Alice in Wonderland'. The depth and emotion in this book really got to me. I won't tell the entire storyline and ruin the book but, when Alice is in her coma, inside her head is 'Alice in Wonderland' but she is in wonderland. When her gran talks to her about jam tarts she is in the part with the Queen of Hearts. And when people want her to wake up, the hatter is saying "just remember Alice and you can go home" Overall I highly recommend the book.

Hollie, age 10

A sad and happy story. Alice felt just like a friend and the way the story was told through flashbacks, other characters narrating and Alice's dreams was something I've never read before.

I love Cathy Cassidy and I love 'Alice in Wonderland' so this was the perfect book for me!

Alice is at a sleepover and falls down the stairs, ending up in a coma in hospital. As her friends and family visit her, and as she dreams that she is in Wonderland, we find out more about the story.

I quite liked the way that the story started with Alice falling and then we had to find out why and exactly what happened. The other characters were very realistic and the bullying storyline was something almost all girls my age can identify with.

I really enjoyed it and it made me feel better about myself - I felt like the moral was about being true to yourself. One of my favourite Cathy Cassidy books!

Jasmine Harris-Hart, age 12 - jasminesblogonbooks.blogspot.co.uk

When Alice has a freak 'accident' at Savvy's 'Alice in Wonderland' themed sleepover, she suddenly finds herself in Wonderland. How will she get back?

Lainey and Yaz used to be Alice's best friends in primary school. When they all moved to secondary school they became best friends with Savannah the 'queen of the school' instead and began being mean to Alice.

When she received an invite for an 'Alice in Wonderland' themed sleepover from Savvy, she was suspicious as to why she was invited but decided to go anyway.

During a game of hide and seek Lainey leaves Alice in the cellar, when the power goes off and the light goes out.

When Alice finally gets out of the cellar she finds the other girls all ready for bed in their pyjamas and chatting. She overhears Lainey talking nastily about her to the other girls, so she goes into the bedroom and tells them she is leaving and wants her coat.

Savvy tries to persuade her to stay until the morning because it is late. Lainey wants Alice to go, and during a tussle at the top of the stairs Alice falls.

It is a story about friendship, love, jealousy and rivalry between friends and a

modern twist on Lewis Carroll's original story.

Many of the chapters left me in suspense and it was difficult to stop reading, I was thoroughly engrossed in it.

I liked the way it was written, starting with the 'accident', taking you through the events of the night and ending with the truth.

I have read a few of Cathy Cassidy's other books and this is the best one so far for me, I really enjoyed it.

I think girls age 9+ will like this book.

Rachel Galbraith, age 10

I couldn't put this book down!

Alice has 2 best friends - Yaz and Elaine. They do everything together. When Alice is picked to be Alice in the school play, 'Alice in Wonderland', her friends grow jealous. Alice is on her own for the rest of primary school. When she gets to secondary school Yaz and Elaine meet Savannah and Alice becomes a nobody. After a whole term of school she is finally asked to come for a sleepover with Yaz, Elaine and Savvy, but things don't go as planned. Alice knew something would happen - and it did! Alice takes a fall and ends up in hospital, whilst the others felt guilty and remorseful about what they had done. When Alice is unconscious she dreams about being in Wonderland.

This book brings up themes like bullying, jealousy, the importance of having friends and feelings. The book is written in the first person by Alice so we know what her dreams look like. In her dreams Alice changes her friends, family and enemies into characters from 'Alice in Wonderland'. Each of the characters represents a similar character in her life, like the March Hare - always rushing about, just like her mother! The cheshire cat is her own mind. The mad hatter is Luke (her boyfriend) - and Luke is also a bit loopy, like the mad hatter.

I liked this book because it has a good moral (don't leave people out) and it was like reading a flashback. *The chapters do not run in time order which makes it harder to read for children but it builds the suspense and so you don't know until the very end how Alice fell.*

Chloe Fernandes, age 9

A great book about a girl who falls into a magical world after going to a sleepover with some friends that she doesn't trust. I didn't want to stop reading.

*This book is about a girl called Alice who has four enemies. Alice is absolutely shocked when they all invite her to a sleepover. Should she go or not? She soon decides that she will. She thought that nothing could happen to her - but she was wrong. Her and one of her old friends, Elaine, get into a fight, Alice gets so angry that she decides to leave but then she falls down a block of stairs causing a mirror to smash on her face. An ambulance is called. I enjoyed this story very much, it was magnificent. **There was just one thing that confused me - the book kept jumping ahead mentioning things that were going to happen later on in the story. Anyway, overall it was an excellent book.***