

Cursed by Marissa Meyer Feiwel & Friends, MCPG, 2022 ISBN: 9781250618917 (Hardcover) *Age Range: 12-18 (Suggested by Publisher) Grade Range: 9 and up (Recommended by School Library Journal)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Be still now, and I will tell you a tale.

Adalheid Castle is in chaos.

Following a shocking turn of events, Serilda finds herself ensnared in a deadly game of make-believe with the Erlking, who is determined to propel her deeper into the castle's lies. Meanwhile, Serilda is determined to work with Gild to help him solve the mystery of his forgotten name and past.

But soon it becomes clear that the Erlking doesn't only want to use Serilda to bring back his one true love. He also seeks vengeance against the seven gods who have long trapped the Dark Ones behind the veil. If the Erlking succeeds, it could change the mortal realm forever.

Can Serilda find a way to use her storytelling gifts for good—once and for all? And can Serilda and Gild break the spells that tether their spirits to the castle before the Endless Moon finds them truly cursed?

Romance and adventure collide in this stunning finale to the Rumpelstilskin-inspired fairy tale.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Magic spells, ghosts, and poltergeists lend to the dark, eerie atmosphere that swaddles the complex characters on their unforgettable journey. Get ready readers, this expertly crafted finale showcases once more that Meyer is a force that cannot be denied." —*Booklist Magazine*, starred review

"Those waiting with bated breath for the sequel to Gilded will be pleased with this well-spun finale." —<u>School</u> <u>Library Journal</u>

"When it comes to reimagined fairy tales, the reigning queen of the genre is Marissa Meyer." -The New York Times

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Young Adult Fantasy & Science Fiction (2022)
- Madison Library District Choice Awards Teen Fiction (2022)
- New York Times Best Children's Book of 2021
- An Indie Bestseller
- A New York Times Bestseller
- A Publishers Weekly Bestseller

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

• <u>Guardian Interview: The world isn't made of only white people, so fictional worlds should be either (The Guardian, 2016)</u>

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.