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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 6 Up Sophie Hatter reads a great deal and soon realizes that as the eldest of three daughters she is doomed to an uninteresting future. She resigns herself to making a living as a hatter and helping her younger sisters prepare to make their fortunes. But adventure seeks her out in the shop where she sits alone, dreaming over her hats. The wicked Witch of the Waste, angered by "competition" in the area, turns her into a old woman, so she seeks refuge inside the strange moving castle of the wizard Howl. Howl, advertised by his apprentice as an eater of souls, lives a mad, frantic life trying to escape the curse the witch has placed on him, find the perfect girl of his dreams and end the contract he and his fire demon have entered. Sophie, against her best instincts and at first unaware of her own powers, falls in love. So goes this intricate, humorous and puzzling tale of fantasy and adventure which should both challenge and involve readers. Jones has created an engaging set of characters and found a new use for many of the appurtenances of fairy tales—seven league boots and invisible cloaks, among others. At times, the action becomes so complex that readers may have to go back to see what actually happened, and at the end so many loose ends have to be tied up at once that it's dizzying. Yet Jones' inventiveness never fails, and her conclusion is infinitely satisfying. Sara Miller, White Plains Public Library, N.Y.

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Review

"Imaginative and terribly funny " Michael Morpurgo THE TELEGRAPH - 100 Best Books a Child Should Read "Wit and humor glint from the pages" THE HORN BOOK Praise for Diana Wynne Jones "...Her hallmarks include laugh-aloud humour, plenty of magic and imaginative array of alternate worlds. Yet, at the same time, a great seriousness is present in all of her novels, a sense of urgency that links Jones's most outrageous plots to her readers' hopes and fears..." Publishers Weekly "Diana Wynne Jones ought to be crowned with coloured garlands because she is the best writer of magical fantasy for children in this country " Evening Standard "Diana Wynne Jones could teach Stephen King and JK Rowling a thing or two ... [she] has a skill for inserting just the right amount of detail in her written words, leaving you satiated but not stuffed." SFX

From the Back Cover

In which a witch bewitched the hatter's daughter -- and then some. . . .

Sophie lived in the town of Market Chipping, which was in Ingary, a land in which anything could happen, and often did -- especially when the Witch of the Waste got her dander up. Which was often.

As her younger sisters set out to seek their fortunes, Sophie stayed in her father's hat shop. Which proved most unadventurous, until the Witch of the Waste came in to buy a bonnet, but was not pleased. Which is why she turned Sophie into an old lady. Which was spiteful witchery.

Now Sophie must seek her own fortune. Which means striking a bargain with the lecherous Wizard Howl. Which means entering his ever-moving castle, taming a blue fire-demon, and meeting the Witch of the Waste head-on. Which was more than Sophie bargained for. . . .

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Christi Potter:

Have you spare time for the day? What do you do when you have more or little spare time? That's why, you can choose the suitable activity regarding spend your time. Any person spent their very own spare time to take a move, shopping, or went to the particular Mall. How about open or perhaps read a book eligible Howl's Moving Castle? Maybe it is to get best activity for you. You know beside you can spend your time with the favorite's book, you can better than before. Do you agree with the opinion or you have some other opinion?

James Marcus:

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the marine world or hanging out with buddies is thing that usually you might have done when you have spare time, after that why you don't try issue that really opposite from that. One activity that make you not experience tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition associated with. Even you love Howl's Moving Castle, you can enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still wish to miss it? What kind of hangout type is it? Oh occur its mind hangout folks. What? Still don't have it, oh come on its called reading friends.

Ismael Soliz:

Howl's Moving Castle can be one of your basic books that are good idea. We all recommend that straight away because this reserve has good vocabulary that could increase your knowledge in language, easy to understand, bit entertaining but delivering the information. The writer giving his/her effort that will put every word into joy arrangement in writing Howl's Moving Castle but doesn't forget the main place, giving the reader the hottest and based confirm resource info that maybe you can be among it. This great information can drawn you into brand new stage of crucial considering.

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