

Castle in the Air

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A young carpet merchant called Abdullah living in Zanzib is disappointed with his life, preferring instead to dream about being a long-lost prince kidnapped by bandits and being betrothed to a beautiful princess. When a mysterious man sells him a so-called “magic carpet,” Abdullah finds himself living out his dream of meeting a princess. But soon a genie kidnaps the princess Abdullah is talking to, and princesses of other lands are going missing too. Along the way Abdullah meets the King of Ingary, a somewhat helpful stranger, and some magical cats. But not all is as it seems, and some of our favorite characters from Howl’s Moving Castle are present in a different form.

This novel is meant for a wide audience, ideally children nine years and older. This book would make a perfect gift for anyone interested in fantasy and magical quests. The book looks at how living out your dreams might not be what you expected, the importance of truth, and what goodness really means.

Recommended Titles:

Howl’s Moving Castle by Dianna Wynne Jones

The Lives of Christopher Chant by Dianna Wynne Jones

Dealing with Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede

Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George

Goose Chase by Patrice Kindl