

# The Grimmelings

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**Age:** 9 +

**Genre:** Fiction - fantasy



## This is the book for you if you like ...

- The power of mythology and folklore.
- Horses and trekking adventures.
- The dramatic landscape of New Zealand.
- *The Dark is Rising* series by Susan Cooper.
- *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell.
- *The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.



**Summary:** The same evening Josh Underhill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house. Ella knows that words are powerful. So she should have known better than to utter a wish and a curse on the same day. Who is Gus, the boy with the impish grin, who seems to appear in answer to her wish? And what does the black horse want? When Ella finds that her grandmother's warnings of creatures that dwell in the lake are more than just stories, she and her pony Magpie are drawn into a dangerous, life-saving mission.

**Extract:** *'Have you heard of a kelpie?'*

*It rang a bell. In a book on the shelf in the living room: a collection of stories about mythological creatures, she was sure of it. A picture came to her of a beautiful white horse, of children on its back. But then she thought of the lake monsters Grizzly had told them about to scare them away from going to the lake alone.*

*'Is it a horse? Or a monster?'*

*'It's not a monster,' insisted Gus. 'It's its own thing.'*

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