

Maggie Blue and the Dark World

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Age: 9 +

Genre: Fiction - fantasy



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

- Fast-paced and gripping adventures.
- Witty animal sidekicks.
- Bizarre and haunting fantasy worlds.
- Sinister villains and unlikely heroes.
- Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*.
- *The Other Alice* by Michelle Harrison.



Summary: Maggie Blue is an outsider, both at home and at school. She lives with her eccentric aunt Esme, and has no friends other than the irascible Hoagy, a stray cat who can talk to her. When Maggie sees Ida, her bully from school, being taken through a window to another world, she is determined to save her. But the dark world is full of danger, a place where happiness is valued above all else, and Maggie learns the value of friendship, courage and the power of being yourself.

Extracts: *Maggie walked slowly towards the shimmering window until she reached the edge of the other world, or was it the edge of her world?* (Page 102)

Maggie suddenly felt like crying, but instead she bit her lip very hard until she tasted blood. 'What are sleepers, Frank?'

The umon tilted his head to one side. 'You really don't know?'

'No.'

'They're people the shifters bring here from your world.'

'But why?'

'To take their happiness.'

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