



The slightly alarming tale of the whispering wars by Jaclyn Moriarty

Reviewed by Julie

If you loved *Nevermore* and *Wundersmith* by Jessica Townsend, then you will love this!

The town of Spindrift is frequented by pirates, Shadow Mages and charlatans. It's also home to the Orphanage School, where Finlay lives with Glim, Taya and Eli. Just outside town is the painfully posh Brathelthwaite Boarding School, home to Honey Bee, Hamish and Victor, Duke of Ainsley. When the two schools compete at the Spindrift Tournament the stakes are high, and some people are out to win at any cost. Before long, the orphans and the boarding school are in an all-out war.

But then, the Whispering Wars break out... Children are being stolen, Witches, Sirens and a deadly magical flu invade the town, and all attempts to fight back are met with defeat.

From the award-winning Jaclyn Moriarty, a story of unlikely friendship and unexpected magic. An excellent fantasy and highly recommended.

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