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Middle school is far from a fairytale for adorkable misfit Lacey Unger-Ware. When Lacey ends up with popular girl Paige Harrington's smart-mouthed fairy godmother, Katarina, trapped in her hair, life gets more magical--just not in a 'prince charming' kind of way.

Katarina's wings are too damaged to continue her fairy duties, and Lacey must take over as Paige's fairy godmother. Distracted by her new responsibilities, Lacey's in danger of losing her best friend, Sunny. Can Lacey get the hang of magic, make Paige's dreams come true, and survive middle school?

Barbara Brauner and James Iver Mattson's debut novel is full of heart and charm. Get ready for the Oh My Godmother series to cast a spell on tween girls!

## The Glitter Trap Details

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## From Reader Review The Glitter Trap for online ebook

### Dirk says

OMG: The Glitter Trap is a fun fast pace read with snappy dialog and characters that I think most tween girls will connect with, especially Lacey Unger-Ware. How could you not want to follow the story of a character with that name? Of course there's way more to Lacey's story than her name.

Lacey's typical days involved dealing with the obligatory underwear jokes, her school's click of Mean Girls, and her "embarrassingly" loud family—that's enough to stress out any girl in middle-school. But one day she accidentally traps a fairy godmother on a mission to make a dream of the school's Queen Bee, Paige, come true. After their run in though, the fairy godmother, Katarina, is too injured to complete her task.

By the way, Katarina is not your typical Disney fairy godmother. Think of a mini Joan Rivers, without the potty mouth, with a wand. She's a handful.

With Katarina out of commission, Lacey subs for her. Because if she doesn't, not only will Paige's dreams be smashed but hers as well. In the process of doing this Lacey must learn how to sling spells, dodge dive-bombing pigeons (eww), keep her secret from her BFF and her family, and help out with the school's theatrical rock version of Cinderella – being directed by the school's music teacher who puts the D in Diva. Of course she has to do all this within a week's time. No problem.

Also, as Lacey does her best to help Paige, she learns that the grass is not always greener on the other side. Lacey finds that the popular girl doesn't "have it all."

Lacey Unger-Ware is a character that many girls can relate to and admire. She's a quirky awkward kid who faces her challenges, not just with magic, but with spunk and smarts. Lacey's a great heroine that has a knack for coming through in a pinch.

The Glitter Trap is an entertaining read, even for an adult. Definitely add it to your tween's reading list for the summer, or anytime for that matter.

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### M. says

Very nice book that makes subtle points about being true to oneself, looking beyond the surface when judging someone, etc. Lacey Unger-Ware, the girl with the highly unfortunate name, falls into a situation where the most popular girl in her school loses her own personal fairy godmother and Lacey has to substitute in. It doesn't help that the popular girl doesn't like Lacey. However, with the help of the real fairy godmother, old and cranky, Lacey perseveres and ultimately figures it out.

3rd grade and up. I like the idea that people aren't always what they seem and that perseverance and creativity can sometimes right a difficult situation.

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## **Marty says**

When 12 year old Lacey accidentally injures a classmate's fairy godmother, she must try to find a way to set things right. As Lacey tries to balance her responsibilities with godmother duties, middle school, family and friends, the reader is taken on a journey that is truly magical.

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## **Joe says**

It is every girl's dream to have their own fairy godmother. But having a fairy godmother is totally different from being a fairy godmother, as Lacey Unger-Ware discovers in the Glitter Trap. When Lacey accidentally traps popular girl Paige Harrington's fairy godmother in her hair, it's up to Lacey to wield the fairy's wand. Under the tutelage of cranky Katrina, the grounded godmother, Lacey must learn enough magic to allow Paige to live happily ever after, or Lacey and Katrina will be cursed for life.

The real magic of the novel comes from Lacey, the story's plucky protagonist. Her first-person narration is laugh-out-loud funny as she leads the reader through her magical misadventures, from darting through a pigeon poop storm to zooming around town on an enchanted moped. Funny and full of page-turning twists, The Glitter Trap is a wish come true for any reader.

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## **Mirna Garcia says**

EArc acquired via netGalley

There's a point in every reader's life when one can swear they've read it all: where although there is still great passion for reading, one ceases to be surprised or truly impressed by stories or plot devices. Like eating sugarfree ice-cream without sprinkles, for instance: it's good but not as good. You like it well enough but you know deep down that there is something missing, that it could be better? I thought I'd reached that point. I thought that it would be a long while before I found the book to reignite my voracious reading appetite, that I'd have to make do with tepid tales, till I got my groove back. Turns out though, that like every girl, all I needed was a fairy godmother. Go figure? Only I would need magic to revitalize my readership? Though, Oh My Godmother, The Glitter Trap by Barbara Brauner is targeted at middle-school aged children, I guarantee that both adults and young-adults alike will find plenty of fun to be had in this mishap-filled, magical romp. From pigeon poop, to ugly dresses, off key singing, horrid bangs and an overzealous drama teacher! Seriously I couldn't stop reading.

When Lacey Unger-Ware, aka Underwear girl, accidentally ends up with popular girl Paige Harrington's fairy godmother trapped in her hair, she must figure out a way to set things to rights before bad karma permanently takes hold, making dreams not come true for either girl. Not only was this premise original and sweet, but Katarina's fairy antics and sarcastic charm added reader trapping humor to the story. Then, when Katarina sprains her wings in an embarrassing cat related incident, and Lacey takes over Fairy Godmother duties to meet the full moon dream come true deadline; drama ensues transforming mere humorous

happenstances and occasional chuckles into a colorful, laugh out loud, must share with your friends at once phenomenon. Who would have thought that wand training for humans wouldn't be a piece of cake? Especially since they make it look so easy in the movies? It's a good thing that Lacey has her best friend sunny to help along the way, otherwise, how would a wannabee zoo intern/fairy God mother in training, handle a seemingly wannabee Cinderella?

Uncontrollable laughter aside, Lacey has astounding character depth for a sixth grader. Her desire to become a veterinarian and her world views gave the plot enough realism for the reader to imagine the book as plausible, while her dislike of glitter gave it a rather unique touch. A girl who isn't fascinated by glitter is an unheard of rarity.

Loveable side characters, and Lacey's witty narrative were most impressive of all though. Watching friendship blossom between the three girls was heartwarmingly sweet, as was the dynamic between Lacey and her well-meaning family. Get ready to be teary eyed folks, because I know I sure was a time or two. There's just something about birthday cake, and a fairy trapped in frosting. You'll have to read it to get the full effect and really see what I mean.

Despite its atypical happy ending, the glitter trap was an enchanting read. Those looking for a whimsical, light read will not be disappointed, and softies at heart like myself, will be pleasantly surprised upon learning Page's true dream. Magic, friendship, and real life problems are showcased magnificently, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if cranky Katarina and compassionate Lacey get chosen for the big screen. Trust me, any producer worth his or her salt wouldn't pass up this bundle of cute for a moment. Mark my words.

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### **Mel Musser says**

As an adult reader, I loved the story and I loved the illustrations. And as a person who was unfortunately blessed with a name that was easy for other kids to make fun of, I can TOTALLY relate to "the underwear girl," as I'm sure many a contemporary middle school student will. Attempting to be a fairy godmother is apparently much harder (and funnier!) than I would have thought. The humor and wacky situations that accompany those attempts make for a book that will delight younger and older readers alike.

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### **M. Weidenbenner says**

Sparkling Good --

I really enjoyed reading OMG: The Glitter Trap. Even the title is creative and eye-catching--as is the cover. As a writer of children's book and YA novels, I love reading fun stories like this one, and I appreciate them from a structural point-of-view. I can't wait to read it to my eight-year-old granddaughter. She'll laugh.

Lacey Unger-Ware is the protagonist's name. If you say it fast it's Lacy Underwear. That's hilarious and clever. Lacy's unique voice starts on the first page and keeps going and will definitely entertain. The spin on a middle-school girl taking on a role as the fairy Godmother is fresh and will keep young readers immersed in the story.

Well done fun!

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**Small Review says**

Cute. review to come

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**Kerri York says**

Love, love, love!!

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**Jennifer says**

Loved it! All the middle schoolers will be falling over themselves to be the first to read this series! Can't wait for the next one!!

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**Colette says**

The Glitter Trap is a cute, fun read that tweens will have no problem connecting with. The characters are ones children ages 8+ can identify with, plus they have layers and certain unique traits. Plot wise The Glitter Trap is interesting and light; a girl is forced to be a fill-in fairy godmother or else her dreams won't come true. The story paired with the amazing illustrations that show up every so often throughout the book will grant readers their every wish. Overall 5/5 stars; I will defiantly read more books by the authors.

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**Victoria Coe says**

Middle schooler Lacey's got her rival's fairy godmother stuck in her hair! And if that's not a juicy enough premise, when the fairy godmother is injured by Lacey's cat, Lacey must step in and find a way to grant the most important wish of popular girl Paige, or else Lacey's own dreams will never come true. It's one crazy plot twist after another, but as Lacey becomes more and more involved with Paige, she realizes that people are not always what they seem. Lacey's resilience and resourcefulness make her fun to root for and the ending is sweet and satisfying. Overall, a highly entertaining read.

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**Yanissa Galiano says**

This book had magical stuff and it was awesome i hope someone writes a book like this again

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## **Catherine Fuhriman says**

I really thought this was a cute book

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## **Amy says**

So the very first thing to sell me on Oh My Godmother: The Glitter Trap is the cover. Yes I know you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but I do. Also working in a youth services department at a public library, I can tell you so do kids. If they don't like the cover there is a good chance they won't read it. The second thing to sell me was the summary, which sound like a great young, tween read and it was!

The Glitter Trap is written from the perspective of the main character Lacey Unger-Ware, or known to the other students in school as Underwear Girl. Poor Lacey after having a run in with her rival, Paige Harrington, gets home to find out she has Paige's fairy godmother stuck in her hair. To make things worse her cat then attempts to eat the Katatina the fairy. With an injured, cranky fairy on her hands, Lacey must learn the art of being a Fairy Godmother and quick.

A story full of drama, magic, fairies, friendship and humor the Glitter Trap will be a great read for tween girls. Not sure if this is the first in a new series or a stand alone, but Oh My Godmother would definitely make a great series.

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