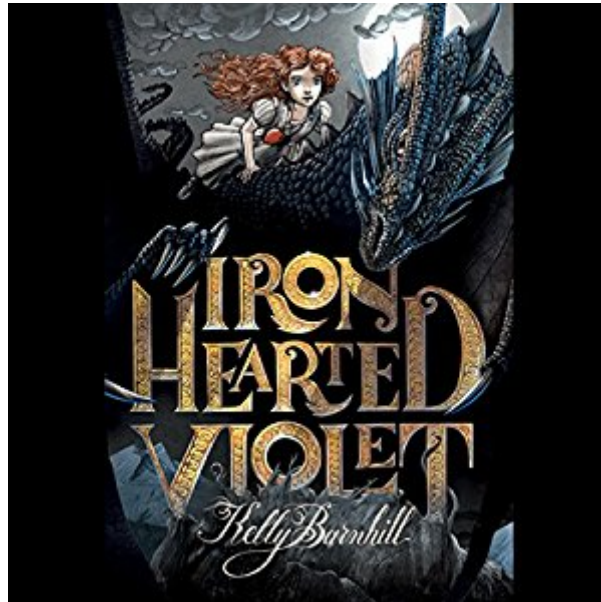


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# Iron Hearted Violet



## Synopsis

The end of their world begins with a story. This one. In most fairy tales, princesses are beautiful, dragons are terrifying, and stories are harmless. This isn't most fairy tales. Princess Violet is plain, reckless, and quite possibly too clever for her own good. Particularly when it comes to telling stories. One day she and her best friend, Demetrius, stumble upon a hidden room and find a peculiar book. A forbidden book. It tells a story of an evil being - called the Nybbas - imprisoned in their world. The story cannot be true - not really. But then the whispers start. Violet and Demetrius, along with an ancient, scarred dragon, may hold the key to the Nybbas's triumph...or its demise. It all depends on how they tell the story. After all, stories make their own rules. Iron Hearted Violet is a story of a princess unlike any other. It is a story of the last dragon in existence, deathly afraid of its own reflection. Above all, it is a story about the power of stories, our belief in them, and how one enchanted tale changed the course of an entire kingdom.

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## Customer Reviews

Rich, textured language fills this tale of a girl, a boy, a dragon, and an old god imprisoned who now might have schemed his way to being free. Violet is a princess. But she is not the typical fairy tale princess with clear skin, long hair and gorgeous eyes. Violet is plain, has mis-matched eyes, unruly hair, and blotchy skin. She knows she isn't the perfect princess but she is also clever and stubborn. Her best friend is Demetrius. He is the son of the stablemaster and he becomes Violet's closest companion. Together they roam the castle and the area around the castle looking for

adventure and just doing what kids do. One day they find hidden tunnels that are just large enough for them to crawl through and, while exploring, discover a hidden library, a picture of dead-eyed dragons, and a book. Demetrius just knows that the book is dangerous but Violet's curiosity compels her to take it away with her. This story revolves around story. Everyone knows all the stories and learns from them. But one story is secret. It is so dangerous that only a few know it. It can't be told because stories become real and become life. But it is a story that has to be known. It is a story of a cruel and malicious god who was imprisoned in this mirror world by the other gods. It is the story of a god tempting and suborning and lying to gain its release from its imprisonment. This story is told by the court storyteller Cassian who tells the story and talks to us in the audience, too. Normally, I don't care for it when the story's narrator pulls me out of the story by talking to me as a reader. This time it worked for me. This was a wonderful story with marvelous language. I can see it being a great read-aloud.

She's just turned 9. She liked the Mysterious Benedict Society, so I assumed this book was about the same reading level. I am reading the book as well. I like the fact that the female character (Violet) is not dependent on any male characters for her strength. Violet is independent and not what the entire world seems to think is required in a heroine (beautiful) but an ordinary looking everyday little girl princess who uses her own wits and intuition to solve problems.

It was just an okay book. My main issue was that the book kept describing the ugliness of the princess. But, in all the pictures in the book the princess is beautiful. It seemed to confuse the story and I started to think it would be some strange twist in the story or anything to explain the pictures. But, overall a fairly decent read.

I am an adult and really enjoyed this book. This is the 3rd book by Kelly Barnhill that I have read. There is a good "moral" to this story...

Wonderful book! After reading it on my kindle, I purchased a paperback for a pre-teen; and she loved it too.

This book for me was about making a mistake and fixing it. It was about courage and love. It was full of magic and rebirth.

Enjoyed this book, but it dragged toward the middle.

This is a great story about the things that are important to us v. The things we feel should be important to us. It is also about the power of words and beliefs.

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