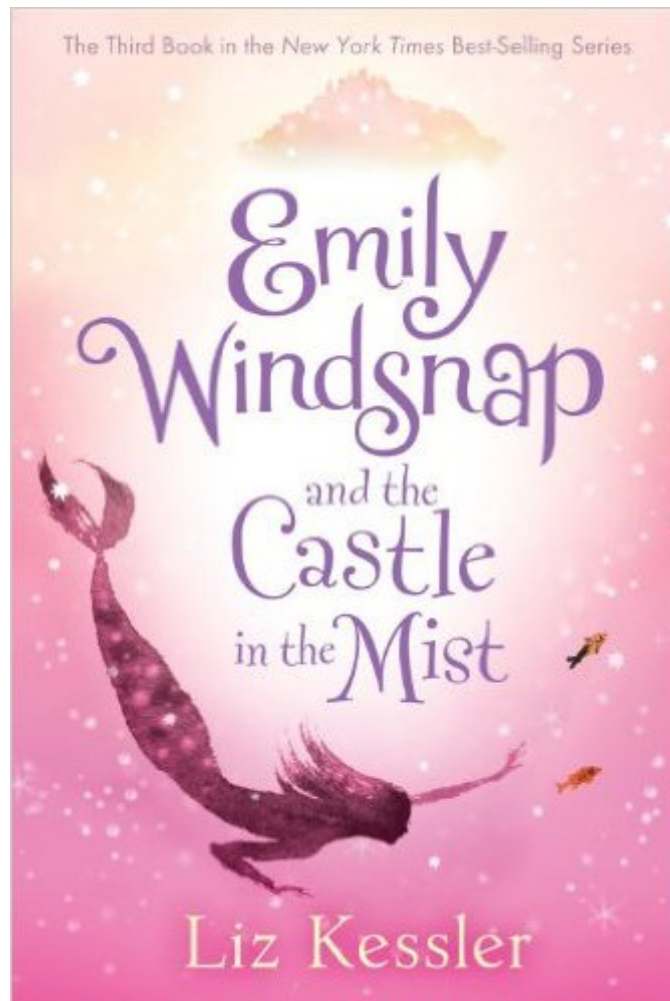


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# Emily Windsnap And The Castle In The Mist



## Synopsis

Dive in! The latest fin-tastic tale about a feisty half-mermaid introduces a mysterious boy who shares her fate. When Emily Windsnap discovers an old diamond ring during a class hunt for trinkets, how is she supposed to know that the ring is half the key to unlocking an ancient curse by Neptune himself? Now, with the ring stuck firmly on her hand, Emily finds herself under a new curse: in just a few days, she'll cease to be half-human and half-mermaid and must say good-bye to one parent forever. Can she possibly find the other missing ring that will break all the curses? Is there anyone who can help her — before it's too late?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

So first I would like to say that this book is well-written with several tense moments and so forth. But, like all stories, there are positives and negatives. Positives- This book is wonderful FOR AGES 8-12. I would not recommend it to anyone older than that, because it does not have very much depth. It is a good ending to the Emily series, which I have read since I was 8. Negatives- I was extremely surprised and alarmed that there is a swear word in this book! Up until now, Emily has once or twice said "Oh, God!" or expressions like that (which I was able to overlook.) However, I

cannot overlook a swear word. THIS IS A KID'S BOOK FOR PETE'S SAKE!!! I just don't understand the need for that. (Just FYI, it is on page 66, just in case you would like to know that. Moving on I would like to say, despite all of the comments above, Emily has been my friend for years now and I think this book is a marvelous conclusion to the series. Thanks for everything, Em. :-)

EMILY WINDSNAP AND THE CASTLE IN THE MIST is the third installment in Liz Kessler's continuing saga of Emily and her friends and family in their half-ocean, half-earthly community. Emily is a perky kid who enjoys being a mermaid, although her mother seems to be having a difficult time reconciling the fact that Emily's more academic studies have been put aside for her mermaid studies --- oceanography and underwater hairstyling. The ever-widening chasm between the lives she shares with each of her parents starts to cause a rift between them, and Emily fears they will break up. But then King Neptune, still angered from the loss of his only intermarriage with a human, learns that Emily has uncovered the diamond ring he gave to his beloved so long ago --- which he had hoped would never surface again. As a result, he decides to ban intermarriage between merpeople and humans and curses the offspring of such unions. Emily is forced to become either fully human or a complete sea creature, thus ensuring that one of her parents would be lost to her forever. Can Emily possibly locate the other missing ring that will break all the curses? Is there anyone who can help her save the day before it's too late? This is a complex story with deepening questions about love and its meanings, anger and its consequences, redemption and hope for the future --- all good things couched in a lushly detailed story about underwater life that should capture the attention and hearts of girls who love adventurous, romantic tales encased in charming fantasy elements. EMILY WINDSNAP AND THE CASTLE IN THE MIST is a great book, one that can be enjoyed on land or at sea and certainly raises the bar on mermaid stories for young girls. ---

Reviewed by Jana Siciliano

I got this for my 11 year old granddaughter who is reading the Emily Windsnap series. I am thankful for the reviewer who mentioned the bad word on page 66 of this book. I was able to cross it out and write in another word instead before I gave it to my granddaughter. This series is very good so I don't understand why the author had to use a bad word to get the point across in a children's book, but she did. Other than that it's good.

We bought the first three books in the series. The first was wonderful. Light, fun, enjoyable read with

good messages and little to no violence. The second book was the total opposite. Depressing and stressful 95% of the time. I figured I'd give the third book a shot, but after two chapters had to stop -- it's just like the second book, Emily is stressed and depressed, totally negative from page one. What kind of reading is this for kids?? Not in my house, that's for sure. Percy Jackson and Harry Potter have some fear and violence, but at least there are fun parts too, and the overall aspect of the books are uplifting. I won't be getting more books from this author. It's a major disappointment.

Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist by Liz Kessler is a fantasy must-read for all preteens! It starts when the main character, Emily Windsnap, finds a beautiful diamond ring buried in the sand, so she puts it on... but then she can't take it off! It becomes a burden (it's cursed and magical), and King Neptune, the king of the sea, is not happy (more like infuriated) with Emily... Read the book to find out why he's so angry with her. Since he is so angry, he sets a curse on her which will result in her never seeing one of her parents again... can she stop the curse? I just LOVED this book.

LOVED it. It was very mysterious and interesting. When Emily was trying to get the other ring, and she was trying to swim to Shona, I was so interested that the real world faded away and I was pulled into the story, not thinking about one other thing besides the book (Seriously!)! When Ms. Kessler was describing the ocean and surroundings, she did a great job, too. When a book is by Liz Kessler, you know it's going to be great! She always has an interesting fantasy story to tell, whether it's about a mermaid or a fairy or time-traveling. This one happens to be about a mermaid, and it is the third book in the series. Liz Kessler is a great author from England, and she is a very popular author of children's fantasy stories. Never stop writing! :) Kristina Cardoza Children's Book Author

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