

Keeper of the Lost Cities

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Keeper of the Lost Cities is the first book of a series about a girl named Sophie Foster (12) who has been different ever since an allergic reaction accident when she was 5 years old. Since then, she has been constantly tormented by other people's thoughts screaming in her own head, and despite her parents' efforts to hide her from the spotlight, she has been named a prodigy and is taking classes among high school seniors at the age of twelve. She is lonely and shunned by her classmates, but that all changes when she sees a strange, teal-eyed boy at a class field trip. Before long, she discovers that she is an elf, and was placed in a human family to protect her from other elves who wanted to steal her many powerful elvin abilities, including telepathy. As she becomes accustomed to the elves' grand world, the Lost Cities, she realizes she has finally found the place where she truly belongs. But darkness looms in the Lost Cities, and it is up to her and her new friends to save *all* the creatures—elves, humans, goblins, and more.

This book is a great introduction to a series that fans of fantasy will love. It has many lovable characters and breaks past the Santa's Christmas elves stereotype. The Lost Cities is a beautiful, magical world that seems like the perfect paradise to live in—the descriptions of their food alone can make your mouth water. While the cliffhangers may be a little difficult to bear at times, it is a great choice for anyone looking for a new book series to binge on.

This book is appropriate for ages 9 and up. There is no sensitive or mature content. While it is totally fine to borrow it from the library, it would be a great gift for someone looking to start a new series.

Recommended Titles:

Keeper of the Lost Cities: Exile (Book 2) by Shannon Messenger

Let the Sky Fall by Shannon Messenger

A Tale of Magic by Chris Colfer

The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann