

Stardust

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The town of Wall is a very special place, being separated from the outside world by a large wall. It's a world very much like our own, though perhaps takes place in an older time. Dunstan Thorn has always been a little odd, a little different from the others in the village. He ultimately leaves the town of Wall, into the outside world, after promising his true love to find her a fallen star. Throughout his journey into the land of Faerie, a land of magic and castles, he discovers who he really is and what he truly wants. By facing many trials and tribulations to find the star and bring it back to Wall, he grows as a person and discovers who he's truly meant to be.

A romantic and fantastical tale, *Stardust* looks at how expectations typically don't match reality, and how reality is often more rewarding. This is a great book for children ten and over, due to some mentions of ghosts and death. It's especially wonderful for readers trying to figure out who they are, and what their place is in the world.

Recommended Titles:

Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne-Jones

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin