

***Breadcrumbs***

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This novel for young people is a piece of fiction in modern-day Minneapolis. The narrator is an adopted girl named Hazel, who is best friends with Jack. This book has 2 parts, one part that serves as an introduction, and the second part that has all of the action. This book contains a small number of illustrations.

Hazel recently changed schools to Lovelace Elementary because her father has left and they can no longer pay for Hazel's old school. Now she goes to the same school as her best friend, Jack. One day, when Jack and Hazel are playing in the snow, Jack gets something in the eye and has to go to the hospital. After the incident, he seems to have changed and is very cold and completely ignores Hazel.

Then, Jack suddenly goes missing. Hazel has to embark on a quest to save him from the white witch, who is the queen of the forest that Jack gets lost in. She enters the forest and meets strange animals, strange people, and strange things that all warn her to avoid the white witch. However, she keeps on going on and faces the freezing cold of the forest near the witch's lair. In the end, she rescues Jack and they live happily ever after.

This book is very interesting because it seems like a fairy tale that has parts of other well-known stories. The book also has references to *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Harry Potter*. I would recommend this book for a young reader, and I would recommend borrowing it from a library. I would recommend the *Harry Potter* series and the *Narnia* series to go along with this book.