

Fozia and the Quest of Prince Zal

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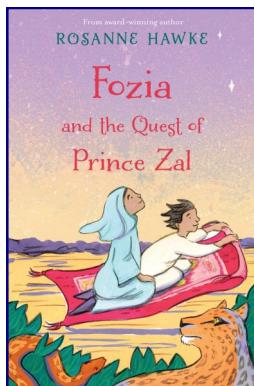
Blurb:

Set in the aftermath of the 2010 floods in Pakistan, this is a sensitive tale of community spirit, kindness and the magic of family.

Fozia stiffened when she saw the familiar brick-kiln chimney loom ahead. Black smoke spewed into the sky - so it was working again. What if the owner recognised her?

Twelve-year-old Fozia has survived the worst flood in Pakistan's history. But her life will never be the same. With her parents missing, Fozia now lives with Jehan's family in a new village. As she slowly rebuilds her life, she fears everything could fall apart if her secret is uncovered... or if the brick-kiln owner finds her.

To keep the memories of her family alive in her heart, Fozia tells her friends a fairytale. Prince Zal rides a magic carpet on a quest to find his little sister, battling leopards and dangerous fairies along the way. But can he succeed if the truth behind Fozia's story is revealed?



Lamont Review:

Roseanne Hawke has written another compelling story, this time based around the floods in 2010 in Pakistan. Fozia has lost her family and is being cared for by her friend Jehan's family.

This is a story of the very best of human nature, filled with kindness, love, compassion and friendship. Readers will love the story that Fozia tells about Prince Zal, which is woven throughout Fozia's own story.

I would advise reading the glossary of Urdu words at the back of the book before you start reading, to help you to understand the words used in book.

A wonderful story that is perfect for upper primary students.

Reviewed by Michelle

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