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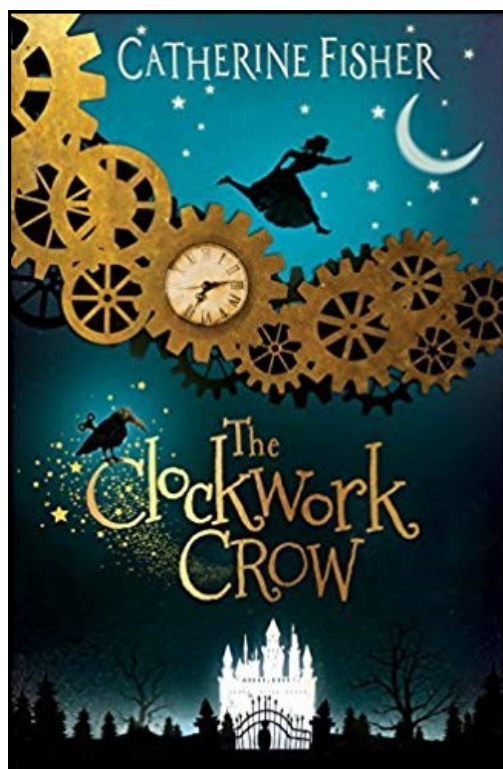
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Book of the Month

The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher



Seren Rhys is an orphan who is given a chance of a new life in deepest darkest Wales. She finds herself on a freezing cold night in a Victorian train station a few days before Christmas, excited at the prospect of becoming part of her Godfather's family.

She is joined by a stranger who insists that she takes a newspaper parcel before disappearing. Reluctantly, Seren takes it with her to Plas-y-Fran, her destination. There she expects a magical Christmas but is horrified to discover a house in deep

mourning and occupied only by the remote Mrs Villiers the Housekeeper, Denzil, who seems to do everything and Gwyn the stable boy. No one is willing to say why Captain Jones and his wife and son are not there; bored, Seren turns her attention to the parcel she was given.

It is a clockwork bird, a crow but a crow that is in pieces. To pass the time, she puts it together. After winding it up, the crow begins to move and then to fly and then...to talk! Spinning a tale of witches and curses, the crow becomes Seren's ally in her quest to find answers to the mysteries of the house.

Where was Tomos, her Godfather's son? Why would no-one talk to her? And who are "They", the strange beings that are whispered about?

This is a lovely story, an engaging read with a loveable rogue in Crow.