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The Land of Neverendings by Kate Saunders



The secret life of toys. Haven't we all imagined that our favourite doll or teddy bear comes to life when we sleep? Of course we have.

Emily just wishes that she still had her sister's favourite toy, a bright blue teddy bear called Bluey. But Bluey had gone when Holly died, leaving Emily bereft. So when she is disturbed by a bright light one night she can barely believe her eyes.

Coming out of a striped tent are two soft toys: a penguin and a bear, both wearing false moustaches.

This is the start of a startling adventure for Emily, one which will bring hope, despair and ultimately acceptance.

With her friends Ruth and Martha, Emily enters a world fuelled by imagination, one where toys and their owners live on forever. In this world, there is no sadness, no pain and no death. Everyone really does live happily ever after...until the day a door is opened by mistake, allowing the toys to stumble into the Hard World, bringing their silliness with them.

Unfortunately, it also allows the nastiness from this world to seep across into theirs in the shape of a giant, black toad, a sinister entity which devours everything good. To defeat the toad, Emily must help to close the connecting door but in doing so she must give up all chance of seeing Holly and Bluey again.

This is a wonderful, wonderful book. You have to suspend belief and immerse yourself in author Kate Saunders's beautiful tale, delight in the silliest toys you will come across and believe in the power of the imagination. A future classic.

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