

A Spooky Wish: A Magic Islands by Irene Edwards

'A Spooky Wish' is book 1 in the 'Magic Islands' series.

Trevor is not known for being serious. In fact, he is best known for the tall tales he spins. He is new in Wales, living with his grandparents, and making friends has been easy. His personality is one that lends itself to laughter, jokes, and many a light-hearted moment between friends. When Trevor and his pals are exploring the beach one day, something happens that changes all of their lives, and Trevor's love of a good joke is getting in the way of his ability to communicate with the adults around him. When no one believes what you say, how do you tell them your friends disappeared before your very eyes?

The wizards and witches in Edwards's work transport readers to a fabulously designed land of spells, castles, and absurdly fantastic beings. Page after page, the dragons and monsters continue to keep the story new and refreshing. Combined with the witty exchanges between characters, the wide array of character types makes this an all-around fantastic read for young readers.

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5 Stars: Magical Read For Children 8-12 Years!

Prologue: 'Magic Islands' (Book One): "Somewhere along the coast of Wales, there once existed a small group of islands. They were mysterious islands, often believed to be magical islands. Some were mountainous and craggy, others only undulated from high to low levels, from hillside to valley.

...The islands had few visitors, for the journeys across the seas to these islands were often treacherous, the seas around them being moody and the pathways unclear.

...It is said many ships had vanished in the rough waters and never returned home to Wales. When ships returned homewards, their sailors refrained from venturing again to the islands for they feared the mighty waves and great anger of the choppy seas.

...Ancient mariners often returned telling mystical and magical tales of having spied from a distance a curious clan of magical dwellers on the islands.

...But there was never any proof of such tales.

...As time went by the islands faded and vanished and the tales of the magical islands were soon forgotten, seemingly forever..."

Forgotten until now! Author Irene Edward unlocks the mysteries of these fictitious Islands.

Let me quote from Part 11-'A Call for Help':

... "Come on, Megan, let's become invisible."

... "This Magical Enchanted Forest is the strangest of places," Megan glanced through the trees as she spoke. Hundreds of cuckoos called out their cuckoo songs tunefully. The woodpeckers were hammering at branches with their sharp beaks."

..." Rata-tat! Rata-tat! Rata-tat!"

...Above the children's heads, hawks and eagles squawked eerily. But although the forest was oddly noisy, the children became alarmed by the trees, for they were not standing still and rooted, but were moving around in the forest, hovering and swaying, pushing and shoving, falling or rushing around in all directions."

... "It would help us if the trees stayed in one place," Stefan said nervously. "How on earth can we keep away from the paths, when the paths keep moving around everywhere?"

My Thoughts: This is a fun read, where character Stefan and Megan make a wish on a Conch shell found on the Welsh coastline. Transported to the 'Magic Islands' by their wish, the story-line and beautiful hand-drawn illustrations come to life on the pages.

Never a dull moment as wizards, witches, elves, dragons, castles, and a magical enchanted forest fills the readers imagination.

Children eight to twelve will enjoy reading with an adult or alone. This book will make a great gift, bedtime story, library book, or a summer reading adventure.

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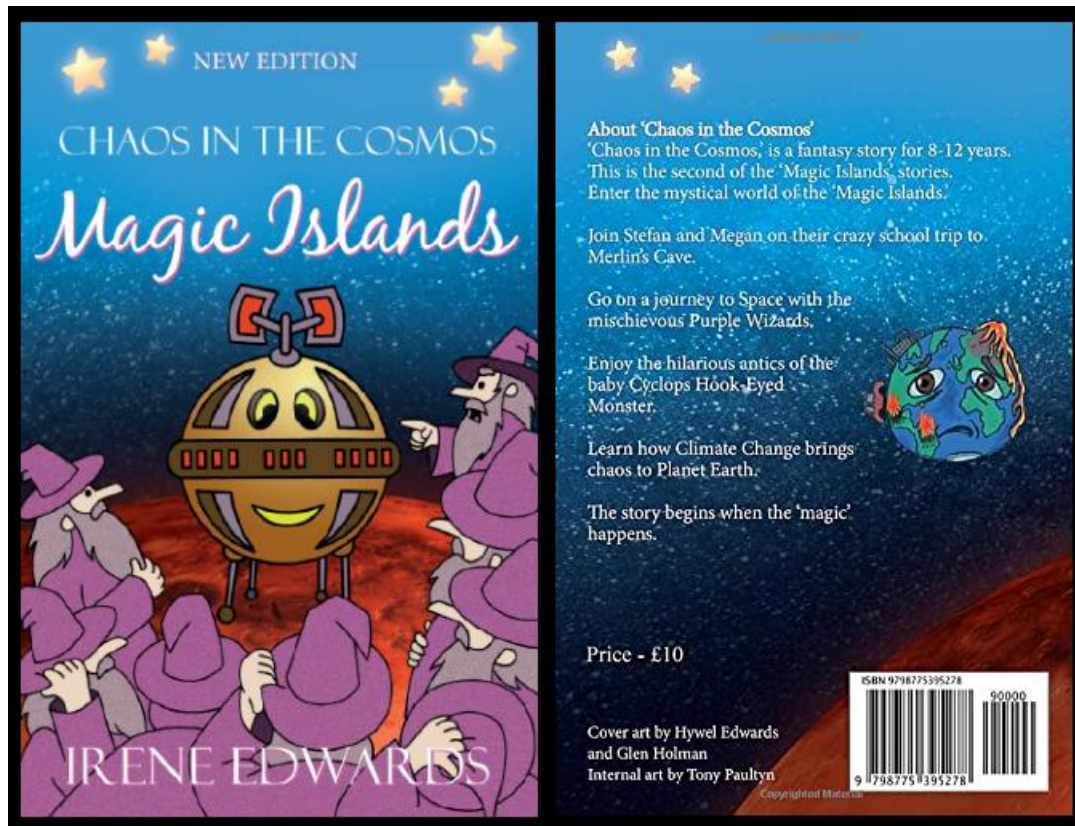
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Chaos In The Cosmos: A Magic Islands Story by Irene Edwards

'Chaos In The Cosmos' is book 2 in the 'Magic Islands' series.

The fun and games of the wicked Purple Wizards' tricks and their wrong doings are taken too far, resulting in an urgency to save Planet Earth from disaster before time runs out for the planet.

The story illustrates the way nature can hit out when not heeded or respected, and it shows the impact climate change can have on our planet in extreme temperatures.

It sets the scene for young readers to learn and understand the effects of a warmer chaotic world, and aims at promoting such concepts through storytelling and adventure, thus exposing some of the global issues surrounding planetary warming, as narrated and visualized through the eyes of magic and fantasy.

Written with much lyrical fun in mind for children, there is, of course, some serious underlying elements... those of fostering climatic awareness, and the realisation our planet is very precious to us all.

'Chaos in the Cosmos,' is a fantasy narrative for children aged between 8 to 12 years.

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5 Stars: Fun, Educational Action Adventure for Kids 8-12!

'Chaos In The Cosmos' (Magic Island Story) is book two in the 'Magic Island' series. In this wonderful learning adventure, Author Irene Edwards uses the fun and games of the Purple Wizard to bring children back to the 'Magic Islands'. As we learned in book one 'Magic Island', somewhere along the coast of Wales, there once existed a small group of islands. They were mysterious islands, often believed to be magical islands.

Your child will enjoy the familiar characters Stefan and Megan, if he or she has read 'Magic Islands'. Some of the chapter titles include 'Hook Eyed Monsters', 'The Spacecraft', 'Landing on Mars', 'Morning on the Red Planet', 'Volcano Olympus Mons', 'Let's Explore the Underworld', 'Domadron and the Cyclops', 'The Golden Puddle', 'Merlin's Cave', 'The Red Wizards' Tower', 'A Hiding Place', and 'Believe It or Not' to name a few.

The Story Begins:" The story begins when the "Magic" happens, and the Purple Wizards are sent spinning from the Magic Islands to the Red Planet, Mars, where they experience a Space adventure on the mystic planet and its hidden Underworld.

...In order to escape from the Underworld and from Planet Mars, Izzy Odorous and his gang of Purple Wizards are faced with having to regain their own powerful magical strengths. With newly regained powers, they mischievously venture out on a magical mystery tour and later threaten danger to the well-being of the entire Planet Earth.

...Scratchit is the much feared, adorable, baby Hook-Eyed Cyclops Monster, who creates havoc by way of his very own busy magical mischief, as he whisks the children, Stefan and Megan, on a terrifying journey to the Magic Islands.

...But when the children are confronted with the impending perils of global warming, they are also faced with having to help the magical inhabitants of the Magic Islands in their fight for survival during a rapidly changing climatic crisis.

Let me bring you into the story here:

... "Cheer up, Megan. Let's get away from these sand dunes and shelter somewhere cool, such as the caves," Stefan said briskly.

...How could she feel cheerful? She stood up and trailed after Stefan as he headed for the caves at the Land of Rocks.

... "Do you think the caves will be a safe place for us?" Megan frowned. "They can't be. Some of the rocks on the coast are tumbling into the sea?"

... “Perhaps they may be safe enough, but I’m not really sure. At least the caves will offer shelter from the sun. I feel so cross with Scratchit today. The silly little Cyclops has brought us here and dumped us on these islands,” Stefan mumbled in annoyance.

... “But, I’m seriously worried, Stefan.” Megan sighed in despair, “What if...we really are alone on these Magic Islands, and there is no one here, to help magic us back to Wales? What if...there is no food for us to eat... or fresh water to drink, and we dehydrate?”

...What if...the Magic Islands flood over?

...What if...?”

My Thoughts: Author Irene Edwards teaches children about planet earth and the cosmos in this fun, adventurous, action-adventure, using words and beautiful hand-drawn illustrations.

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