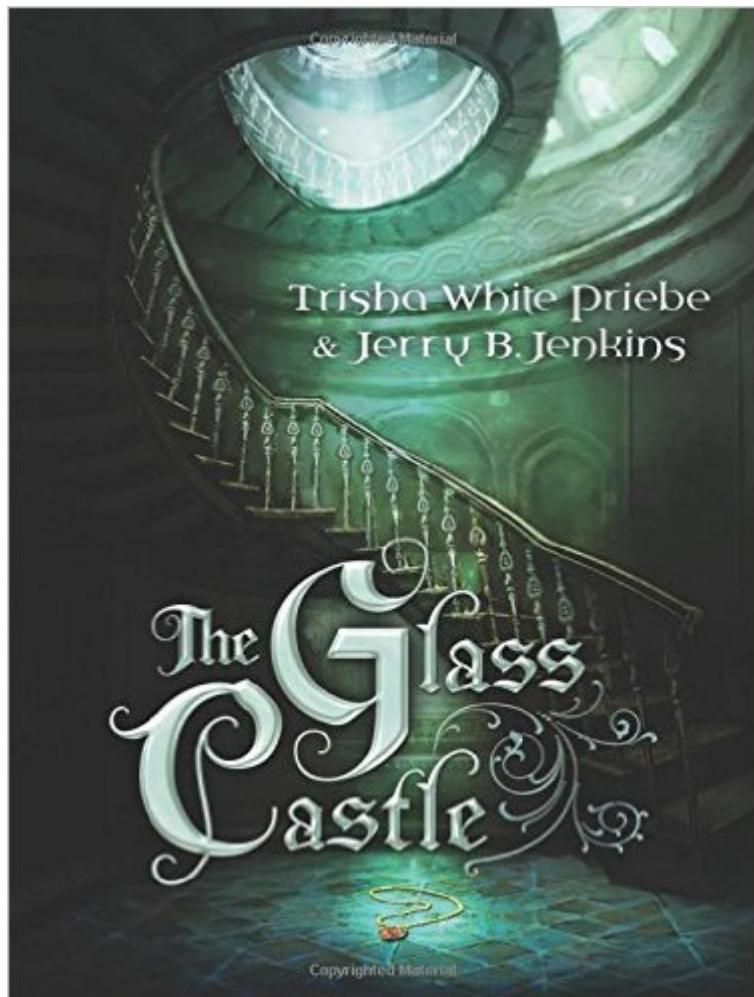


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# The Glass Castle (Thirteen)



## Synopsis

You'll love joining in the adventures of The Glass Castle, a brand-new from Trisha White Priebe and Jerry Jenkins, where the setting from The Chronicles of Narnia Meets the action from Alice in Wonderland. The king is growing old and is concerned about who will replace him. His new wife wants to produce an heir to the throne. The only problem? Thirteen years ago, the king's first wife gave birth to a son, and no one knows for sure what happened to him. Rumors swirl throughout the castle. The solution as simple: dispose of all the thirteen-year-olds in the kingdom. Except, it isn't that easy. Avery and her friends won't go quietly. Avery, Kate, Tuck, and Kendrick take charge of the underground network of kidnapped children, inspiring them to believe that their past does not dictate their future and pledging to do the hardest thing of all. . . reunite the children with the homes they left behind. When they discover that one among them might be the child of a man who wants them dead, will everything they work for be lost? .

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed reading this book! It was hard to put down. :) There were many things I liked about this book, the characters were well developed, there were moments of suspense, and just when you think you've got it all figured out the plot thickens and you realize you were probably wrong. I look forward to reading the sequel to see if I've guessed what is going on or if I'm completely wrong. I have the feeling there will be more twists. :) I would definitely recommend this book for 5th-8th

grade students.

This is a interesting story, a dying king needs a heir to his throne, a woman dead set on marring the king will do ANYTHING to marry him. The king did have a child thirteen years ago by his first wife but was told they both in child birth. Since than all thirteen year olds in that time frame have been round up and hidden away in the castle walls doing tasks for the castle inhabitants, hoping that some day they can go back to their families. Until one day a special girl arrives and it all changes. This is a awesome story it has you rooting for the underdog, but also sometimes you can't believe that people don't know that there aren't people around helping, spying, whatnot. But when the group of thirteen year olds figure out the big picture, than figure out the prince might be one of them, what are they to do? This was a really great book, the characters, and the story are well formed, the whole thing is set up for a book 2 , which will hopefully answer some left over questions

Review: The book was very interesting. It held my interest from start to finish. It is interesting how you do not always know things that the characters know, you find them out as the others do. The mystery unravels as Avery, the main character learns more about herself, her family and her new friends. I enjoyed this book, and I think anyone from ten years old to their parents would enjoy it as well. Can't wait till the sequel comes out!CSR age 11

The Glass Castle by Trisha Priebe and Jerry B. Jenkins is a wonderful and mysterious journey that keeps the reader on the edge of their seat until the very end. Our journey begins with the fearless heroine, Avery, experiencing a sad turn of events on her thirteenth birthday — she is kidnapped! The who, what, where, when, why and how of this kidnapping is slowly revealed bit by bit as the reader follows bold and adventurous Avery through many cliffhanger moments. Her desire to find all of the answers to her dilemma often puts herself and others in danger — sometimes to the point of death. As a book written for middle-school children, Avery relates well to the insecurities, dreams, and rash decisions that are common during this time in life. Even though this book was written in language easily read by middle-school children, I thoroughly enjoyed it and the rich way the author used alliteration and simile among other style techniques. It was refreshing to read a book with no crude language or sexual overtones (other than a marriage proposal or two). I may have raised an eyebrow at the marriage proposal between two thirteen-year-olds, but then my thirteen-year-old informed me that it was a different era back then! She was clearly taken with this story in its ancient setting!

I really enjoyed reading this book!! It is meant for young adults/tweens, but I truly loved it and I'm excited for the next one in the series! Trisha builds the characters very well, and you hurt and hope alongside each of them--especially Avery, the protagonist. Trisha illustrates the scene so well with her words, that you almost feel like you are right there with them. It was a "hard-to-put-down" book, because I just had to know what was going to happen next! Obviously, that's what makes for great literature anyway! :) I highly recommend The Glass Castle--particularly for young girls--but also for anyone that loves fantasy/adventure in a God-honoring setting. Can't wait for book number 2!! :)

Avery's thirteenth birthday didn't go exactly as she'd planned after all, that was the day she was kidnapped by an old woman. The woman has taken her to the castle, where Avery is dropped off to hide in the unused areas of the castle with all of the orphaned thirteen-year-olds of the kingdom. There, Avery learns that even beautiful castles hold dark secrets. Desperate to escape and find her little brother and her father, Avery will need to uncover those darkest secrets and find the strength hiding in herself. I had no idea what to expect when I started this story. I recognized the authors Trisha White Priebe from A Sherlock Holmes Devotional which I really like and Jerry B. Jenkins from the Left Behind series (of course), as well as books like Riven and I, Saul. Honestly, the authors were why I decided to give this one a go. I didn't realize how wrapped up in the story I would get but it happened! It turned out to be a great coming-of-age fairy tale with well-crafted, interesting characters and enough mystery to keep you thoroughly engaged. I would highly recommend this story to a wide variety of readers. As an adult, I definitely enjoyed it, and I can imagine that the target audience (middle grade youths) would relish it just as much. My only disappointment? The sequel (The Ruby Moon) doesn't come out until the Fall of 2016! Many thanks to Barbour Publishing and NetGalley for the free copy of this book for review purposes. I was not required to give a positive review. All opinions are my very own! :)

Interestingly enough, one of my Sunday school girls handed this book to me. I had recommended a book for her, so we swapped. I just finished reading it and bought it in Kindle format for my grandkids to read. The king is nearing death and needs an heir. His bride . . . a power hungry evil woman. For some reason, all of the 13 year old children are being abducted and hidden in the very castle where the king and his new bride live -- although in secret. They take care of the sewing, cooking, baking, etc. but are not to be found out or they'll surely die. Why are they kidnapping the children? Why only

those that are 13 years old? You'll need to read it to find out.

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