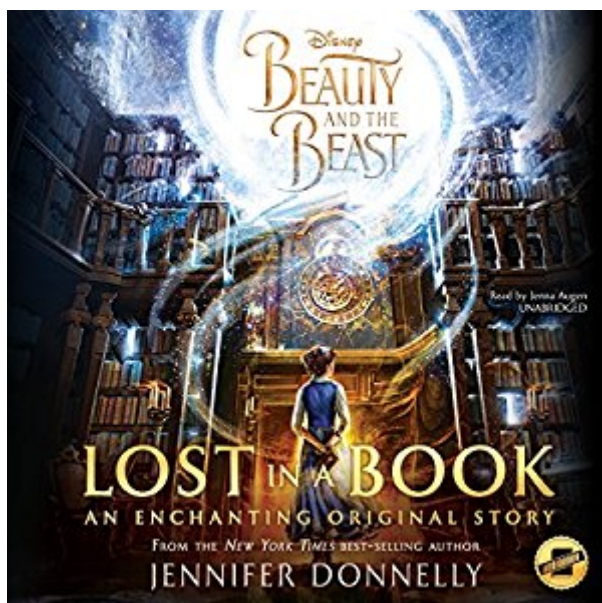


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# Beauty And The Beast: Lost In A Book



## Synopsis

Hidden in the Beast's library is a very mysterious book. Belle is about to discover it and visit a glittering new world. But is everything in that world what it seems? And will Belle be able to find her way home? Or will the story take hold of her - and never let her go? Smart, bookish Belle, a captive in the Beast's castle, has become accustomed to her new home and has befriended its inhabitants. When she comes upon Nevermore, an enchanted book unlike anything else she has seen in the castle, Belle finds herself pulled into its pages and transported to a world of glamour and intrigue. The adventures Belle has always imagined, the dreams she was forced to give up when she became a prisoner, seem within reach again. The charming and mysterious characters Belle meets within the pages of Nevermore offer her sparkling conversation, a life of dazzling Parisian luxury, and even a reunion she never thought possible. Here Belle can have everything she has ever wished for. But what about her friends in the Beast's castle? Can Belle trust her new companions inside the pages of Nevermore? Is Nevermore's world even real? Belle must uncover the truth about the book before she loses herself in it forever.

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## Customer Reviews

Imaginative characters, clever storytelling and a poignant message. I couldn't put it down. I was lost to and in love with every word of *Lost in a Book*. It is absolutely superb! A new classic, to be sure.

I loved this book! It was a wonderful read and had an interesting side story. I was worried I wouldn't like it since I love the movie, but it didn't take away from the movie storyline. In fact, it added a bit of

the pieces of how they fell in love. I would recommend it to any Beauty and the Beast fan.

The legend of Beauty and the Beast gets a new layer with this charming story within a story. Belle is given the run of the Beast's library, and finds a mysterious book that grants her access to a new and different world. But everything in this new world is not necessarily as it seems. Belle will have to make choices, choices that affect her fate and that of the Beast...Fans of Beauty and the Beast will recognize the characters and the setting of this novel. The author has added two new dimensions to the story, one of the journey of Belle into the hidden world of the book, the other into the enchantment of the Beast's castle. Recommended.

This was such a good story! Jennifer Donnelly did an excellent job in creating a book that's classically inspired but can also stand alone. When I first heard about the book, I was intrigued and very much hoping that "Nevermore" was an Edgar Allan Poe inspired twist. While my theory wasn't completely correct, I was delighted with the incorporation of Greek mythology!

It was a decent read. Not one of my favorite books to be honest but it had a nice spin to the Fairy Tale. The Book is very focused on Belle herself and barely her relationship with the Beast which is probably why I didn't like it as much as I hoped.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: LOST IN A BOOK by Jennifer Donnelly is a YA fantasy adventure featuring Belle from the classic tale of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Fans of the classic romance who expect a heart-rending retelling will find themselves lost in disappointment. This novel opens with a mind-numbingly boring prologue in the form of a discussion between Love and Death that left me rolling my eyes and skipping to Chapter 1, where I found writing that left me wondering if Jennifer Donnelly actually wrote this, or if she did indeed write it, why she hadn't revised the prose into stronger writing. It's all telling, telling, telling, as if this were the first draft of a book hurried along to publication so that it would hit the shelves in time for the new Disney movie. By page 50, I still hadn't invested in Belle, and I felt rather annoyed that there was zero character agency. All things "happened" to Belle, and I felt her dragged along by a boring, heartless plot. Though I forced myself to read a bit more, I lost interest on page 70 and gave this book to someone I thought would enjoy it more than I did. I collect Beauty and the Beast retellings, but I don't consider this a retelling at all, as it lacks romance. I badly wanted to love this, but in the end, this was a DNF for me, and I've added this to my list of "all hype, no might" novels. Although this wasn't for me, I think it would appeal to

readers who don't mind cliches and writing geared toward younger-than-teen readers, and who enjoy a slow paced, descriptive adventure told in the style of pre-K story time.

Such a great story! Compliments Disney's Beauty and the Beast so well. It was so well written, I was sad when the story had ended. I had found myself "Lost in a Book," a good one at that. I would highly recommend this book to all readers. Enjoy!

Bought this as a gift for my wife, who mind you never reads, and she is in love with it. She is a huge Disney fan and this book as literally got her flipping pages. She said the story line is great and she likes how the chapters are so short.

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