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The Palace Of Laughter: The Wednesday Tales No. 1 (Wednesday Tales (Quality))



Synopsis

Miles Wednesday, orphaned, unwashed and living in a barrel, has never been to a circus beforeâbut then the Circus Oscuro is no ordinary circus. There's a strange beast called The Null and an array of sinister-looking clowns, and when an unusual little girl with wings falls from a tower during the performance, Miles's life is changed forever. As Miles and Little embark on an extraordinary journey to rescue two friends who have been captured at the Palace of Laughter, they discover nothing less than the power of friendship and the gift of family.

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Customer Reviews

The other day I faced a shelf full of beautiful ARCs just waiting to be plucked and reviewed by yours truly. Two of the books I was given to read were written by well-established authors with lots of titles to their names. I then started to search for a third book and my eye alighted on "The Palace of Laughter". Even in its Advanced Reader's Copy state, it was beautiful. From the cover, a winged girl and a spunky boy smile out, an eerie light catching both their faces. Around the sides golden curlicues and almost Art Nouveau flourishes draw the eyes even closer. I was hooked and took it

home in spite of its 418 page bulk and previously unknown author. When I put it on my coffee table later I found that every adult who saw it, whether interested in children's literature or not, couldn't help but reach out and pick up the pretty pretty book. Of course, a lovely cover does not a good book make. In fact, the fancier the packaging the more likely that what you're gonna read is going to disappoint. So it was with the greatest of surprise that I found that not only was the book a good read, it was an interesting one. I'm not about to nominate it for any major awards or anything, but should you happen to find your ten-year-old reading it like it's nobody's business, definitely consider giving it a peek yourself. Miles Wednesday, orphaned, homeless (save for a barrel), and hungry is facing a tiger. A real honest-to-goodness tiger. A tiger, moreover, that can speak. Miles isn't sure why the tiger is there and when it leaves he has even less of an idea of where it came from. Nonetheless, it isn't long after this wild encounter that Miles sneaks into the local traveling circus to view its star performer. She looks like she's six-years-old, has wings like an angel, and is named Little.

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