Long ago the Faerie Queen created portals between our world and hers, so that children could summon help from faeries whenever the need arose. But a wicked entity called the Shadow Knight is endeavoring to control the doors between the two worlds, and only evil can get through. It falls to two imaginative eleven-year-olds—Victoria Deveny, from 1890 Britain, and Elliot Good, from 1966 America—to thwart his plan. The Faerie Queen dispatches the youths on separate quests to retrieve orbs of power that will ultimately defeat the Shadow Knight. Their bravery and friendship are tested as the children travel to fantastic realms and face life-threatening dangers—from dragons to flying pirate ships to a wicked sorceress queen—before they're reunited to confront the dreaded Shadow Knight.
This novel is delightful, and only gets better as it moves along. This novel is reminiscent of the Chronicles of Narnia series, as well as several Grimms Fairy Tales. It is not only entertaining, but refreshing as well. It has just the right mix of friendship, adventure, peril, and mystery. Whether you are discovering the pleasure of fantasy adventures for the first time, or like me, you are an adult who is looking to recapture and revisit the joys of fairy tales you loved as a child, you will be captivated by the world that B. E. Maxwell has created.

I heartily recommend this book for all ages, and eagerly await the sequel!

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