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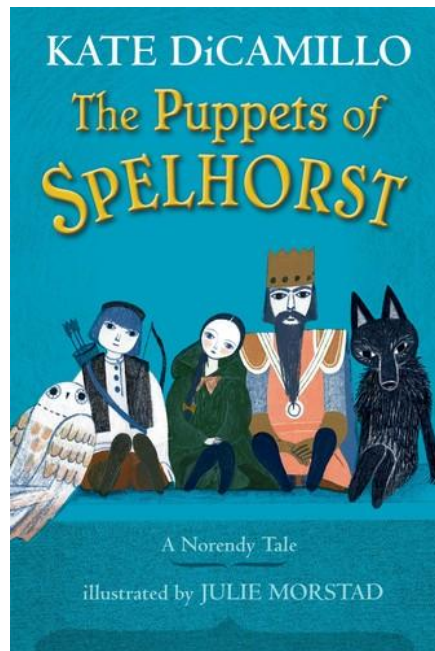
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Fiction

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This fairy tale is the first in an upcoming trilogy of Norendy Tales.

An aged and lonely sea captain discovers a box of five puppets. He wants to buy only the girl puppet since she is oddly familiar. The store clerk tells the captain he must have all five because they "...are in a story."

The puppets and their personalities begin to come to life during the one night they live with the sailor, who sadly dies. During this night, the reader meets all the puppets, who share their fiercely independent dreams.

Their independent attitude continues when they are purchased as toys for two girls. Through a series of events, the puppets get their wishes for independence. However, they come to understand "together is better" when they are reunited in the form of a play produced by the girls and their maid.

In the end, the puppets find their third--and perfect home--their "story," if

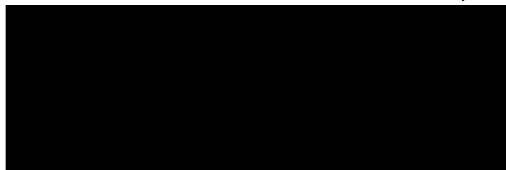


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