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For Biddle's Sake

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Levine, Gail Carson. *For Biddle's Sake*. Illustrated by Mark Elliott. Harper Collins, 2002. ISBN 0060000953. \$14.89. 104 pp.

Reviewer: Emily Fry

Reading Level: All

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fairy tales;

Subject: Fairy Tales--Juvenile fiction; Princes--Juvenile fiction; Magic--Juvenile fiction;

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For Biddle's Sake is another addition to Gail Carson Levine's series, *The Princess Tales*. It is a humorous story of a girl named Parsley, who eats nothing but parsley which stains her teeth green, but above all, possesses an enchanting smile. Parsley is taken in by the fairy Bombina because of that smile, and spends many happy years with Bombina. The time comes when Parsley falls in love with the younger son of the king and Bombina feels jealous that Parsley is sharing her smile with someone else. Things really get interesting with an angry fairy whose specialty is turning humans into frogs; however, as in all fairy tales, there is a happily ever after.

If you are looking for a quick read that is well written, while entertaining, this is the perfect book! *For Biddle's Sake* would fit in perfectly with a teaching unit involving fairy tales or coming of age themes and would also fit in nicely as a bed time read with children. For those who need visualizations while they read, there are delightful drawings that accompany the text as well as a map at the beginning of the book for those who like to follow the action of the book.