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### Wolf Wing

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Lee, Tanith. *Wolf Wing*. Dutton Children's Books, 2002. ISBN 0525471626. \$16.99. 229 pp.

Reviewer: Elizabeth Meyers

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fantasy fiction; Adventure stories;

Subject: Marriage--Juvenile fiction; Voyages and travels--Juvenile fiction; Claidi (Fictitious character: Lee)--Juvenile fiction; Book—Reviews;

Since her escape from the house in which she was enslaved, Claidi has had numerous encounters with the powerful Towers, almost all of them unpleasant. The families that rule the Towers seem to delight in power, not to mention manipulation. Now, after she's finally married to the man she loves, Claidi and her husband Argul must answer the imperious summons of the Wolf Tower. There, they discover that, despite her funeral and burial, Argul's mother, the brilliant Ustareth, is still alive. This information leads them on a journey into a strange and wondrous world, and into a deeper knowledge of their own destinies.

As the fourth book in a series, *Wolf Wing* had a bit of a struggle to keep the same sense of conflict going. Although realistic in its understanding that even after 'happily ever after' things can still go wrong, some of the tension generated in the novel seemed a little forced. For instance, much of Claidi's anxiety during the book results from her misunderstanding of events or people. However, many readers would be able to pick up that she's just being dense, and experience significant frustration. Despite all this, the novel is enjoyable. Lee's grasp of the weirdly fantastic is beautifully realized in the text, particularly when the characters arrive at a country created entirely by Ustareth. Fans of the previous Claidi books will not be disappointed.