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### The Silver Bowl

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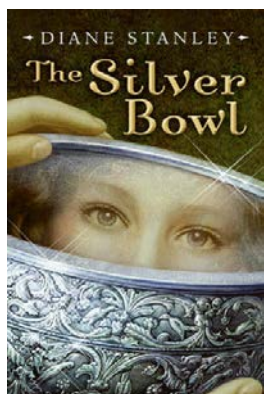
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Author: Stanley, Diane

Title: *The Silver Bowl*

Year of Publication: 2011

Publisher: HarperCollins

ISBN: 9780061575433

# of pages: 307

Rating: Dependable

Reading/Interest Level: Intermediate; Young Adult

Keywords: Clairvoyance; Blessing and Cursing; Succession

Review:

Molly, a tenacious street urchin has a unique gift: she sporadically sees visions of the future. After being sent to work at the palace her ability proves imperative to saving the royal family from a curse contained in a silver bowl. Although her first meeting with Prince Alaric does not go well, she is determined to help save him. With the help of her fellow servant and friend Tobias, she assists the prince in breaking the curse and regaining the throne.

Diane Stanley's *The Silver Bowl* is an enjoyable read. While not based on a fairytale, it has the same magical feel. Molly's occasional poignant observations and general disregard for social rules allow readers to enjoy her story. However, she remains a fairly static character throughout the book and her lack of growth prevents the reader from forming a strong connection with Molly. Despite this, twists and turns in the plot are entertaining and culminate in an exciting and unusual climax. *The Silver Bowl* will particularly appeal to girls in middle school but all fairy tale lovers will appreciate this book.

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