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# The Road to Ever After

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## Book Review

# The Road to Ever After

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### Illustrator

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### Reviewer

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Primary, Intermediate,  
Young Adult

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### Pages

240

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Davy has a fascination with art and often draws angels in the dirt around town to pass the time, all the while being careful to avoid the disapproving eye of the minister, who has threatened on more than one occasion to kick Davy out of town. After an encounter with some local town boys, Davy finds himself at the dilapidated and supposedly-haunted home of the town's witch. Mrs. Elizabeth Flint, who turns out to not be a witch at all, invites Davy in and asks for his help on a journey back to her childhood home where she plans to die. Reluctantly, Davy agrees and embarks on a journey that will change everything he thinks he knows about life. As strange things start happening to Mrs. Flint, Davy learns what it means to live—and die.

The Road to Ever After is a heart-warming story of unlikely friendship and adventure. The relationship between Davy and Mrs. Flint is truly one-of-a kind, and their interactions pull at the heartstrings. The plot is unique and unexpected, yet sweet without being overly sentimental. References to the classic movie *It's a Wonderful Life* complement and enhance the narrative and help move the reader through the suspense of the plot line. Readers who appreciate works by Neil Gaiman or Brian Selznik, or who have read and enjoyed the story of Benjamin Button will likely also love this classic story. Readers should be aware that suicide is mentioned, though it is not talked about in depth or detail.