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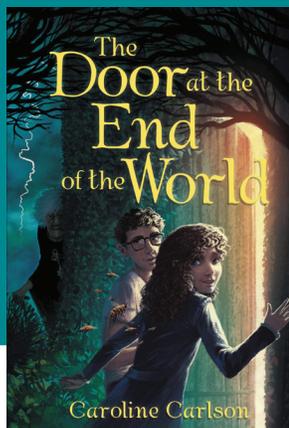
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## Book Review

# The Door at the End of the World

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Intermediate,  
Young Adult

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### Pages

288

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### Publisher

Harper

Thirteen-year old Lucy Eberslee, deputy to the Gatekeeper and paperwork extraordinaire, finds her life in total chaos when her boss vanishes and the door they guard at the end of the world breaks. To find out what happened, Lucy sets out with an otherworldly boy, a mischievous smuggler, and a horde of magical bees. They alert the authorities at Interworld Travel, but things go awry when Lucy uncovers a conspiracy: someone is tampering with the delicate fabric of time and space. Lucy and her crew set out to save her world—and the other seven worlds along with it.

This book is fast-paced but well written, full of delicate world building and magic. The idea of eight different worlds that are connected is complex enough to keep readers hooked but not so complex that it will be confusing. Lucy is an intrepid heroine, used to being ignored and surprised to find herself full of courage and ability. The story is fun and brisk and has lots of wonderful, bright changes of mood and setting. Fans of Diana Wynne Jones will love the story.