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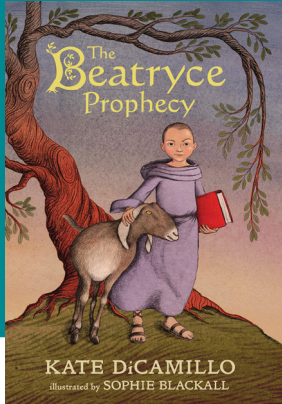
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## Book Review

# The Beatryce Prophecy

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Intermediate

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247

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In a war-torn kingdom, a lost girl is found by the monks of the Chronicles of Sorrowing. Now Beatryce remembers only her name and is befriended by Answelica, the unruly goat. But, Brother Edik knows the king is looking for the lost girl because of a prophecy made many years earlier that a young girl would unseat him. Brother Edik hides her among the monks, but as she obtains the forbidden ability to read and write, memories eventually come to Beatryce. Realizing her identity, she sets out to face her future—and it is up to Beatryce and her friends to find the true long-lost king and reunite Beatryce with her mother.

DiCamillo magically weaves this story within a story, showcasing the power of friendship, love, and tales. Beatryce is a force to behold as she discovers her true place and embraces her power and courage to try to set things right. Each of Beatryce's friends was an outcast for different reasons, including unlovable behavior, physical looks, choice, and evil circumstances. This makes the tale a commanding reminder about what real power is, showing readers that it comes from love. In the end, as all the friends find or remember those that love them, they are led to a home, becoming who they are meant to be. The beautiful and intricate illustrations by Sophie Blackall add movement, detail, and charm. The enduring themes and lovable characters make this story a relatable classic.