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Best friends forever...

It's the Sweet Valley Middle School sixth-grade trip to a fabulous amusement park! Both twins, Elizabeth and Jessica Wakefield, have been waiting for this day for ages. And now that it's here, they're not even talking to each other!

Despite their argument, Elizabeth can't stay angry for long. But when she goes to apologize to Jessica, she is nowhere to be found. As Elizabeth searches for her lost sister, she's caught up in a series of exciting and dangerous adventures as incredible as Alice's trip through Wonderland--adventures that lead the Wakefield twins to discover what real friendship--and sisterhood--is all about.

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From Reader Review The Class Trip for online ebook

Sheila Read says

I remember the cover but just not the story

Alex says

There's no way I ever read this one as a kid, because I would have remembered this insane plot! This was the weirdest, trippiest Sweet Valley book ever - and I loved it. Also, I want to visit that amusement park.

Jodie says

Hooray! Super edition! Nothing is better than a super edition except for maybe a super thriller! Great stuff.

Tara Calaby says

I am really, really not a fan of this trope - you know, someone gets hit on the head, or just has a really vivid dream, and the whole story is actually not taking place at all. I didn't like it as a kid, either, so it's not just my age.

Jenny says

I remember enjoying this one a lot as a kid but I think it should have been a sweet valley kids book not svt.

Merryn says

[...turns out the idiot just whacked heads with Amy and conjured up the whole thing... while passed out....without a teacher being notified...or being checked up

Justine says

This book is SOOOOOOO cool!!! It is a super edition which makes it super good! Everyone should definitely read it.

Kristine Hansen says

I'm not a fan of Alice in Wonderland re-tellings that aren't done well, and so when the Wakefield Twins visit a theme park with some very fairy-tale rides, you kind of see what's coming from a long way off - especially when you see that Elizabeth and Jessica are fighting. Again.

Sibling rivalry aside, I'm starting to wish that Elizabeth would quit being so sister-dependent. When Jessica won't ride with her on the bus, it's the end of the world. Then later in the theme park, she's not able to enjoy herself at all, she's so worried about mending things with her sister. Give it a rest, Elizabeth!

But there's nothing like traumatic brain injury to make a school outing fun, so when Elizabeth goes through the door marked 'no admittance' and gets a clunk on the head, we venture into the dream realm of wonderland where she must surpass challenges again and again and rescue her overly co-dependent sister once and for all.

What bothers me now as an adult re-reading this series is that she was unconscious for a long time and the powers that be on this class trip just send everybody off to have some fun. Seriously, can someone say lawsuit waiting to happen?

I know, I'm supposed to relax and just let these books be fun, but I really didn't like this one. And that's speaking as someone who has enjoyed reading a good part of this series in the past, back when I worked at B.Dalten bookstore and no one EVER came into the store before noon. I found a lot of time to read back in the shelves.

I'm kind of sorry that I started re-reading the series here. This particular book will hit the giveaway box. I'm just too annoyed to keep it around.

kylajaclyn says

(I'm not going to use the usual template for this one, since this was the first Super Special. The Super Chillers and Super Specials play by different rules.)

Super Short Synopsis: First of all, this class trip is to the Enchanted Forest theme park in California (except it's actually a theme park in Oregon. FAIL ghostwriters). Now, normally I agree with Liz when she's pissed at Jess. But her reasons for being butt hurt in this one are totally whack. Basically the whole set-up for Liz having to "learn her lesson" about loving her sister is only because Liz is mad that Jessica sat with Lila on the bus. Liz is forced to sit with gossip Caroline Pearce. That is honestly the ONLY reason they are "fighting." It's the most petty and ridiculous thing I have ever heard about. Liz just needs to suck her shit up. But she claims she can't get over Jessica's "betrayal" (funny, she didn't seem too hurt when her sister, you know, framed her for MANSLAUGHTER). When Jess wants to hang out and ride some rides with Elizabeth, she refuses yet still feels guilty. Stuff it, Liz. You can't have your cake and eat it too. Amy and Liz get on a ride and are a little freaked out and end up bumping heads towards the end. So start's A-Liz's adventures in wonderland. They go a little something like this:

1. Liz helps Princess Charity rescue her family from the evil King Nestor. But then she hears that Nestor has taken Jessica, so she realizes her adventures are just beginning. She is searching for Jessica because she had

resolved to apologize to her right before she bumped her head.

2. As she heads off to find King Nestor she runs into Tom Sawyer who leads her into a cavern (so what else is new)? They get trapped by rocks but a tiny mouse eats some moss in the way and Liz is able to find her way out sans Tom. She realizes that the mouse, Allegra, can speak, and Allegra tells her to ...

3. Climb moonbeams. So she "runs" up the moonbeam in front of her with Allegra in her pocket, only to find Jessica has become a slave to the Queen of Drudgery. Normally I would say Jessica deserves this kind of torment, but I don't really think so in this case. Elizabeth quickly becomes enslaved to chipping rocks too, until...

4. Johnny Buck shows up to save the day. He sings and sings and is able to destroy the Queen of Drudgery's hold on her slaves... but not before her sister, Witch Grisolda, runs off with Jessica. Johnny flies off in his magical limo to help save Jessica until...

5. Elizabeth falls from the limo and lands in the ocean with Allegra where, yes, they both can talk. They meet the mostly-vegetarian sea-serpent Sidney, and Liz plays a game of checkers with him to keep him occupied. He then tells Liz and Allegra how to get to Sorrowland, home of Grisolda, so that Liz can save her sister.

6. She and Allegra arrive in Sorrowland and are greeted by none other than Accountant Peter Pan, Giant Thimbelina, Old and Hairless Rapunzel, and Wooden Chairs Hansel and Gretel. They make it to Grisolda's cottage, which is covered in candy. Liz thinks of eating it, but she quickly decides against it. They get in and find Jess in the stove, who claims that the witch wasn't really going to eat her - she ordered pizza instead and refused to give Jessica any. What? So now Jessica is starving and decides to eat a piece of gingerbread from the cottage. Oh, come on, Jess. You know how this ended for Hansel and Gretel. So Grisolda appears and binds the twins together literally. They fight for a minute until they realize that laughter is the only way to kill the witch. The twins and the fairy tale characters are saved, and Allegra puts the twins back in a boat to their home. And then...

7. Liz wakes up, realizes she hit her head, makes up with Jess, and even agrees to ride the Super Coaster with her. "Allegra" says good-bye as everyone exits the park. Jolly good LSD times!

Alternate Title?: "A-Liz's Adventures in Fairy Tale Land"

Tagline: "Finally, it's the day for their big adventure!" (Kinda misleading, it's actually Elizabeth's big adventure...)

Lingering Questions: Who exactly wrote this thing?

Cover: Good or Bad? Bad, I mean, I mean it's not even what they wear in the book! Liz wears white pants and a blue top, while Jess wears a green jumpsuit (I approve) with her hair in soft waves. So what's with the purple and pink and extra kids on the cover?

Fantabulous Quotes (With Commentary): "She jumped out of bed and reached for her blue robe." What kid wears a robe in the morning? Is Elizabeth 70 years old?

"She'd heard that the brand new Super Coaster was ten stories tall, and that the cars moved at over one hundred miles an hour."

Please, that's not even humanly possible. Someone would get killed. Especially kids.

"It's about time Jessica had a dose of her own medicine. I'm not going to forgive her so quickly this time. She simply had to learn not to treat other people so thoughtlessly."

She does need to learn that, Lizzie, but she will NEVER learn it from you.

"You look beautiful. You have hair like spun gold, and eyes the color of a rushing river."

This said to Elizabeth from Tom Sawyer. Take note: not even FICTIONAL CHARACTERS can resist a Wakefield twin.

And then this:

Elizabeth: I'll never forget meeting you.

Tom Sawyer: Me neither. And you're lots prettier than Becky Thatcher.

Barf. Barf. Barf.

"Hasn't anyone ever told you you should always try three impossible things before breakfast?"

Hasn't anyone told Francine not to fuck with copyrighted material?

Moral of the Story: Bumping your head will always lead to strange adventures in the mind.

Final Rating: Three stars. They went to a theme park!

Hillamonster says

This is one of my all time favorite Sweet Valley books. Basically a take on Alice and Wonderland.

Yassemín says

A nice, easy read.

Michelle Couey says

short sentences and lots of words kids can sound out a great beginning reader book. In the reader series it is rated a level 1 and a great addition for learning to read using phonics

Keliana Lily says

I read this back when I was in 5th grade. I remember my mom putting me to bed one night, and I decided to read a bit under the covers with a flashlight. It was so good I stayed up and finished the whole book. This book is what started my love of reading. I may go back and read this as an adult to see if it's as magical as it

was then.

Massie Block says

IT was one of the best Sweet Valley Twins Books I've read! See my review from <http://www.claytonpl.org/teens/books/>... below:

If you love adventures, you will love "The Class Trip" in the Sweet Valley Twins Series. Elizabeth's journey begins during a class trip to a theme park when she falls down a ditch, trying to find her sister. The ditch leads her to a new world. She does everything from attacking knights, taking boat rides with Tom Sawyer, saving fairy tale characters; including helping Rapunzel get her hair back from a sinister witch, even playing checkers with a sea animal. As she helps these characters, she learns more clues that lead her to her sister. She has to use her courage, strength, and brains to save her sister. Does she have what it takes?
