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## Castles Details

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## From Reader Review Castles for online ebook

### **Erinn says**

A cousin of mine gave me this book when she saw how I kept going back to it at her house to page through it. I don't think I had any clue at that time that this was one of the same authors that did the Faerie book I loved so much.

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### **Laura says**

I love the mystical art work of Alan Lee and his drawings in this book are breathtaking. The section on faeries was my favorite. :)

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### **Lucia says**

Brilliant, fantastic!! The drawings are (as usual) completely breathtaking, Lee paints & draws lands you want to throw yourself into. The writing is also extremely interesting & perfect if you (like me) adore legends & faerie tales.

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### **Stephanie says**

Alan Lee's illustrations were amazing, but the text was a mix of fictional encyclopedia and storybook, and didn't succeed at either one very well.

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### **Ian says**

Came for the illustrations of castles, stayed for the prose survey of castles throughout European storytelling.

Wonderful art, of course.

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### **Kara says**

A good introduction to a lot of the myths and legends of Europe, told in a very well strung together interlocking chain of stories.

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### **Chris says**

Lee's artwork with stories from myth and legend. What more do you want in book?

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### **Stephen says**

One of my favorite books growing up. I used to make the castles in his artwork out of legos. I think the hardest one was doing the castle of skulls. Don't ask, yes it worked. lol.

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### **Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says**

I'm not sure whether to class this as fiction or non-fiction, but the artwork is beautiful.

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### **brian tanabe says**

Yes, this is the Alan Lee of Tolkien illustrations fame. BUT, I would actually recommend this book more for castle fans than anything else. The author and Lee tie together stories and castles of folklore quite nicely.

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### **Anne says**

5 stars for Alan Lee's art, 4.5 stars for the prose. The fact that this book introduced me to several new myths - particularly some Arthurian tales I was unfamiliar with is what makes me rate it a 5 as a whole.

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### **Stephen says**

Alan Lee's art is amazing! He does a wonderful job of summarizing various legends and myths as he illustrates them. From early Celt through the Arthurian Romances, and beyond he does a fantastic job of catching the very essence of the story. My mother bought this book for me many years ago, and I've held on to it. It is like a fine wine that gets better with age. One of those books I keep returning to.

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### **Scott says**

I LOVE THIS BOOK. I first found it at a library when I was young, and my brother recently found a copy for me online (it's been out of print for years). It is filled with Allen Lee's gorgeous artwork (the #1 Tolkien artist) and includes very descriptive, awesome summaries of all the major myths and tales about castles and heroes. Every boy should read this.

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**Margot says**

Brian, thanks for tipping me off to this. I know of Alan Lee's work and I'm excited to see this book.

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**Gareth Jones says**

I've loved Alan Lee's work for 25 years, ever since I saw his illustrations for *The Mabinogion* and *Titus Groan*. This is a great book too. I'm lucky enough to have several of Alan Lee's works hanging on my walls, and every time I pass them, they give me joy.

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