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**Fourteen-year-old Livy's best friends just happen to be fairies.**

With them, she defeats snow monsters and discovers lost treasure, running wild through her apartment complex. Game after endless game. That's how it works with fairies. They might be illusions, but they helped her cope when her father walked out, leaving her to care for her drug-addicted mother alone.

Then Child Protective Services swoops in, sending Livy to live with her father, but that doesn't stop the fairies from tagging along. The illusions that helped her in the past now cause nothing but trouble—preluding fires in chemistry and sword fights in gym. It isn't any wonder her stepmother thinks she's crazy, maybe even on drugs like her mother. Forced into therapy, Livy tries to conform to her new life. But when the military precision of her stepmother's household becomes too much, she crosses the fairy ring to a dream world where her imagination can run free again.

Her scars transfer from one world to the other. So does a death. With her family ready to have her committed, Livy must unravel the truth behind her so-called schizophrenic delusions before they take another life—hers.

*Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle* is a darkly humorous and magical tale with elements of *A Monster Calls* (Patrick Ness), *Caroline* (Neil Gaiman), *Calvin: A Novel* (Martine Leavitt), and other young adult stories that blend the borders of contemporary fantasy and psychology.

It explores teenage/family drama, mental illness, and a fantasy world that might be too good to be true.

**Clean Read. References to mental illness, substance abuse, and other more serious issues.**

**Recommended for young adults and teens twelve and up.**

**Other Books by Jacque Stevens:**

**Stone Bearers:**

- 0. The Stone Bearers (2016)
- 0.5. The Frog's Princess (2016)
- 1. The Queen's Opal (2017)
- 2. The Queen's Gift (2018)
- 3. The Queen's Heir (2018)
- 4. The Queen's Bane (Coming 2018)
- 5. The Queen's Rite (Coming 2019)

Please Note: The Queen's Opal is Book One. The Stone Bearers is a standalone novel that can be read before or after the full series.

The short story, The Frog's Princess, can also be read in any order. Find it in The Fantastic Worlds Anthology (2016) or have a free digital copy delivered to you after signing up for my email list at [sjacquebooks.com](http://sjacquebooks.com). Those on my email list will receive monthly emails with updates on deals, review

opportunities for new releases, and other exclusive content.

**Fairy Ring:**

1. Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle (2017)
2. Fairy Ring: Changeling of Janderelle (Coming 2018)
3. Fairy Ring: Prince of Janderelle (Coming 2019)

**Others:**

Winter Falls: A Tale of the Snow Queen (2017)

Depths: A Tale of the Little Mermaid (Coming 2018)

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# **From Reader Review Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle for online ebook**

## **Lori Green says**

Imagine a world where you could escape to when life seems to be heading down a path that you do not enjoy. Livy at a young age is introduced to fairies and a fairy land that helped her especially when her parents divorced. Her mom decided to "homeschool" her but her mom also has a drinking and drug problem. Life seemed to be moving along until Child Protective Services arrives at their doorstep and removes Livy from her mom's and she has to move in with her dad and step mom. Livy is not fond of her stepmother and the parenting style at their house and often escapes to her fairy land or does she? One might question is this true magical realism or a mental breakdown!

Stevens did a fantastic job in world building. I could often imagine exactly what was happening and felt a lot of compassion for Livy. I was captivated from the beginning and could not wait to see how this story ended. This book does contain several trigger issues that are discussed throughout this book. Livy's life is turned upside down when her parents divorced but shortly after moving into her dad's house things begin to change. Stevens does a great job with character development. Livy truly is a strong young lady who learns to stand up for herself and learns to overcome and love. Stevens creative writing certainly shows and I totally enjoyed reading Fairy Ring. This was my first time reading a book by Jacque Stevens and can't wait to read other books.

I did receive this book for an honest review.

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## **Amy Leigh says**

An interesting and confusing teen story about mental illness & Faeries. When I first read this book I gave it 4/5 stars but the more I thought about it- it was only a 3/5 star book for me. I read this book quickly and there's things that are just frustrating about this story. You can't tell what's real and what isn't. Are the fairies real or are they a coping mechanism or just part of Livy's mental illness? I would have liked things to be clearer for better understanding for the reader.

Livy is young when she starts seeing faeries. Her mother is abusive and an addict which causes Livy to be homeschooled. Finally the authorities step in and take her to live with her biological father and his wife. They have a "normal" family and don't know how to deal with Livy. They think her fairies are mental illness and consider having her committed. Livy decides she wants to try to fit into their mold but the fairies don't want to lose their hold on her. Are the faeries real or are they made up to help her through her abuse? Does she really have mental illness and how can she really know?

I won this digital book through a Goodreads giveaway. I have given a fair and honest review in exchange.

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## **Emmie says**

This book discusses issues of self harm, drug and alcohol use and abuse.

I would say that this book is aimed at teenagers. It is a wonderful mix of fantasy and reality. Libby is torn between reality and a fantasy world.

This book is extremely well written, to the extent that the reader often wonders what is reality and what is fantasy and if the fantasy is really fantasy. It is also the type of book that makes you dwell on it long after it is finished. It highlights important issues and would be a great bookclub book for teenagers.

Thank you to ebooks for review for providing me with the opportunity to read and review this book.

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### **Beth McGuire says**

FAIRY RING IS A GREAT BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS OR ADULTS. LIVY IS A 14 YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO HAD TO BE THE ADULT DUE TO HER MOMS DRINKING. HER PARENTS GOT A DIVORCE WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG AND SHE WAS WISHING SHE HAD FRIENDS. HER FAIRY GODMOTHER FAYE APPEARS ALONG WITH ANOTHER FAIRY NAMED PAN. THEY PLAY GAMES WITH HER AND ENTERTAIN HER FOR YEARS. WHEN CSU COMES AND TAKES HER AWAY AND HER DAD AND HIS NEW FAMILY TAKE HER IN SHE TRIES TO FIT INTO THE NORMAL TEEN MOLD. SHE IS WILLING TO TRY BUT THE FAIRIES DONT WANT HER TO BECAUSE THEY DONT WANT HER TO GROW UP AND LEAVE THEM. THIS IS A VERY ENTERTAINING BOOK.

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### **PickyReader says**

PopSugar 2018 Reading Prompt fulfilled: book about mental health.

Favorite sentence in book: **"Sometimes I had to cry, and sometimes mushrooms had to burn"**

\*I won a free Kindle copy of this book in exchange for a review, through a GoodReads giveaway\*

Overall, this book was pretty great! Unlike other YA books, I was actually able to follow along with the protagonist's logic. Most of the time, I can sit back and judge the main character's decisions and gripe to myself about how they're not realistic at all. Livy's character was logical, defiant (but not irritatingly so), independent and smart. I loved watching her grow into her new family situation. I related to Livy a lot because when I found the real world to be too much for me, I would make up stories to make myself feel better. I quite enjoyed seeing the character's mental twists and turns, seeing her doubt her confidence in fairies, etc.

The fairy world's logic, however, did not make a whole ton of sense to me. The twists and turns and the reasons behind them did not seem entirely solid to me. Example, Wait why do we need a sun? What are the shards? Oh ok, you can bond to the world by giving the fairies your full name and your shard... Which (view spoiler)

Overall, it was a great book! I want more from this author.

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## Camillea says

Fairy Ring is a book about trust, mental illness, and family. It's one girl's struggle to discern between reality and fantasy, and to find her place within the two.

Despite seeming like a book of fairies and adventures, Fairy Ring tackles heavy issues. Livy is a fourteen year old girl taken away from her mother who is abusive and negligent. Yet, in spite of the conditions, Livy is angered that her only source of familiarity and comfort is replaced with a cold family who she believes doesn't want her. Her only source of comfort is the fairies and the fantasy land of Jarendelle. Though there are moments when Livy does try to fit in, she still out rightly hates her new family. Her fear of being left out makes her resist her situation.

The line between fantasy and reality is blurred in this story; the author does not in any way tell us what is real and what isn't. It is left up to us to decide that. Livy's situation is a struggle that some can relate to. The need to escape into a fantasy world, even if it is deemed unhealthy for us, is more tempting than trying to live within the real world. This is the contrast between Livy and Kaito. We're sort of looking at the outcome of two different choices.

Fairy Ring is a book that is fitting for both children and adults. I think adult readers will appreciate the simple tone Jacque Stevens takes on with Fairy Ring as she moves our character from hate to grief to acceptance to change. And younger readers may even relate to the loneliness Livy feels; in a way I believe following Livy on her journey can help those struggling analyze their own emotions. I'd love to see this book be introduced in a group reading and listen to each person's interpretation of the story as they discuss it. Fairy Ring is a book that I believe many should take the time to read.

**I received an ARC at no cost from the author in exchange for an honest review. Follow me at Camillea Reads and on IG: biblio.khaleesi for more bookish adventures.**

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## Jessica Bronder says

When Livy is young, she starts interacting with fairies, which helps her deal with her parents. Later on, after her parents have divorced, her mother decides to pull Livy out of school to homeschool her. Sadly, her mother spends more time drunk than taking care of Livy. But Livy has her fairy friends for company. That is until Child Protective Services are called in and Livy is taken to her father's home.

Her step-mother Renee worries about Livy and is afraid that she is on drugs like her mother and tries to shape her into an adult. Livy doesn't want to have any of this and escapes to Fairy Land which makes others think she has mental problems. Is she really imaging all of this or is there some reality to this?

This was an interesting story. I felt bad for Livy, she has grown up in such a rough/horrible way. Her only escape is her fairy friends that keep playing with her when she is taken to her father's new family. Although they care for Livy, she is having a hard time adjusting and keeps escaping to the Fairy Land. But is she really

escaping or is she having serious mental problems?

It was hard reading about Livy at times, I felt so bad for her and hoped things would turn out for the best. I liked how everything came together at the end. This is a great story and one worth reading.

I received Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle from eBooks for Review for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

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### **Amber Jones says**

this is one amazing author. I have read several of her books and I have read every single one always loving them. She creates this amazing world in each of her books and it just pulls you in and you cant stop reading them.

This is a wonderful empathetic adventure, following the way Livy copes with her hard life. It's great to see how Livy grows up, learns to stand up for herself, and learns to see outside of herself to help others. There are some tough ideas (divorce, mental illness, suspicion of drug use) that are covered, but they are handled with care. Even though they are pretty weighty topics, I feel this is a great book for teens to be introduced to the idea that some of their peers might be struggling with some hard things in life.

This book is extremely well written, to the extent that the reader often wonders what is reality and what is fantasy and if the fantasy is really fantasy. It is also the type of book that makes you dwell on it long after it is finished. It highlights important issues and would be a great bookclub book for teenagers.

5 stars

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### **Jim Stein says**

Interesting story and characters. I thoroughly enjoy Jacque Steven's writing style. Revealing more of the fairy characters as the story progressed was well done and kept the reader engaged and vested. You can tell the author put her nursing experience to good use in developing the protagonist (Livy) as she's examined and cross-examined in the "real world." I get a little weary of the teenage outcast trope who faces nothing but bullying from peers, but the story was well written and engaging enough for me to still thoroughly enjoy. An excellent job. I look forward to reading book 2. I received this book as a promotional giveaway.

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### **Donna May says**

This was a good book. I think everyone has his or her own fantasy land. When things go wrong, most people have a desire to change and fix everything. When that's not possible we can retreat within ourselves to create a new life – a fake life, something totally made up. We do this to make ourselves happy or to get through

some really tough times. But, sometimes we have to realize that we can't fix everything – but we can fix ourselves. Once we are better, that is when we can start helping others and really make a difference.

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## **iamnotabookworm says**

I give the book 3.5/5 fairies.

I got this from ebooksforreview.com. I have read a few books from the same author and I have enjoyed her stories. So, when I saw this up for review, I signed up.

This story reminds me of superstitious stories here in my country about people being taken by supernatural creatures. Once that person eats the food served by these creatures, s/he will never be able to go back to the human world. In this story, personal effects or belongings of that said person brought to the world of the fairies will grant her the privilege of staying with them forever. No more pains and aches of this human world.

This story is about a fourteen-year old girl named Livy who had to grow up being responsible for her mother. Her mother is a drug addict which resulted to her father leaving them, taking along with him Livy's brother. Livy grew up having two fairies for best friends. Livy was more comfortable fighting imaginary monsters and going off into fantastic adventures with her two best friends. Until, Child Protective Services took her and decided that she live with her father.

This story tackles the borders between reality and the imagined. It mixes psychology and fantasy thereby blurring the lines separating the two. Like the two characters in this story--Livy and Kaito. These two teenagers seemed to be suffering from mental illness but to them there exist another reality. A world where Kaito is a prince and Livy is a princess, in a land where the human problems and worries do not exist. A place where these two could just be themselves. No one calls them weird or crazy.

What I really liked about the story is the emphasis on family and love. Whatever mental illness or psychological issue anyone is going through, love and care from the family helps a lot in making that person overcome it. In this story, Livy came to realize that the person she hated the most was actually the one who was fighting so hard for her--her stepmother. Realizing she is getting all the concern, care, and love from that one person she thought who never even cared because they were not related. With that knowledge, Livy found the strength to fight the monsters that exist in her head and decided she wants to live in the real world instead of the imagined one. Life in the real world is not easy but as long as she got her dad, her brother and her step-mother, she will be alright.

I think we all can relate to Livy and Kaito. At one point, especially when we were younger, we have imaginary friends and a magical place we transport ourselves to when life confuses us and is not making any sense for our young minds. But escapism is like applying a band aid to a pestering wound. It never heals it. Unless we find the courage to face our problems and tackle them head on, that is the only time we can truly get rid of them.

I give the book 3.5/5 fairies. The story relates how it's so easy and comfortable to get lost into a fairy world just so we can escape from our problems. Like the Livy and Kaito, being in fairy land is much better because in the real world, they feel like outcasts and their problems were weighing them down with nobody to support them. Nobody cares about them. No one will miss them. And just like everything that ails in the



world, friends and family make our burdens easier to bear. Just like the saying-- "a problem shared becomes lighter". When we share our worries, they do not really get solved but it makes us feel better knowing someone is there to hear us out. Sometimes, all we need is just a listening ear to boost our spirits. And like all psychological problems, unwavering support and love from the family helps a lot in giving someone suffering from these issues the motivation, strength and courage to face their demons.

Love so unconditional, it had never seemed real.

I feared the real world, because all this time it was the only thing that ever mattered to me. The only thing I wanted. Whatever my shard was, it couldn't be confined to one person or object, even symbolically. I wanted all of it.

- Jacque Stevens, Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle -

Thank you, Kathy of ebooksforreview.com for the copy.

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### **Nydia Burdick says**

I was given this book before it was published in return for a review. The story involves all those tales about fairies and fairy rings. The story is about Livy who started talking and playing with the fairies at an early age. They were her outlet to her parents fights. We fast forward to Livy's teen years when she is removed from her mother's house and place with her father and his second wife and family. Stepmom Renee is very worried about her but tries hard to mold Livy into a respectable young woman. The only problem is that Livy doesn't want to be molded. Shes still playing with the fairies and this makes her behavior appear to others as mental problems (schizophrenia). And she's met someone in Fairy land--- a prince and the fairies begin to talk about bonding with the prince in order to fix the light in their world stolen by the trolls. It's an interesting tale. I wasn't sure as I started reading whether I'd like it. Fairies AND TROLLS? As I got further I enjoyed how it all came together and I always love happy endings!

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### **Beth Oliver says**

I recieved this book via a goodreads giveaway.

Fairy Ring puts you through a ringer.

A mix of real world mental Illness and fantastic escapes that deal with trust and family.

Livy has seen the fairies since she was a little girl. They have been her only constant in life where her dad left and took her brother at age 7, and mom is a druggie mess who gas men in and out of her life.

But she was coping. Or so she thought.

CPS gets called and now her life is moving at a hundred miles an hour.

New town, new family, new school, a brother and father she doesnt recognise and the fairies are making everything so much harder.

So she escapes at night to Janderelle. The fairies place where she meets the prince Kaito and his guard Gabe. But life in Janderelle isn't all that great either.

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### **Montzalee Wittmann says**

Fairy Ring: Shards of Janderelle (Fairy Ring #1) by Jacque Stevens is a book I requested and the review is voluntary. I thought this was going to be a fantasy book but instead the only fantasy is in the poor girl's head. Some, not all, spoilers ahead.

She grew up with a drunk and drug abusive mother that took her out of school because she missed too much school and "homeschooled" her. The girl can't do any of the things other kids can do in school or out of. She has been very neglected mentally and physically. She lives in an imaginary world. Does she do it to cope or does she have a more serious mental disorder? Child protective services finally steps in and takes her to her father and his new family. They are a normal family but the girl thinks they are overbearing. She starts taking mushrooms to cope and goes to the land of fairies to see the fairy prince.

It is a story of learning to grow up, trust, overcome, love, and so much more. I did find it boring in many parts, slow, and very uninteresting in areas. Other areas I enjoyed and found very emotional. Overall an okay read but nothing I would consider reading again because I barely made it through once. 2.5 rounding up to 3 stars

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### **Ann O'Nymos says**

This story got me. I love a good psychological study and this one was one.

Livy was six when the fairies entered her world of arguing parents, offering a way to escape.

I was quite surprised when she was suddenly 14 and still away with the fairies. Especially as she was aware of her situation, the real world, aware that she had to take care of her mother and the bills.

I loved the fact that she was trying to get away from her illusions. It's not easy coming into an intact family with a father who still has his issues. He took her brother with him when he left but not her. It probably wasn't easy for him either as he was a user for a while after, before he stayed clean and got together with Renee.

It would have been easier for Livy to just hate her stepmother, rebel against all, refuse to go to school etc but she even wanted to do it without the fairies. Of course all beginnings are hard and old habits don't change easily, so the fairies took over again in great moments of stress (at the counsellor, in chemistry).

And then suddenly the story was changing, things were discovered and everything got more sinister. And you don't know anymore if the fairies are real or not.

A fantastic read, I haven't been so captivated in a story since ages. There isn't a huge amount of suspense but the brilliant change from schizophrenic to maybe truly real surprised me.

I am not sure how a younger reader would catch the whole fairy escape/personal development of the story. For me, it was a great psychological case study ... Or maybe a brilliant fantasy.

I voluntarily reviewed this after receiving a free copy.

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