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If you don't, you will. If you do, you're more than halfway there. For this collection is overflowing with everything mystical, magical, fantastic, and unbelievable. There's Caliph Arenschadd who has a nasty habit of putting curses on everyone. Why doesn't someone put a curse on him? Hmm...Not a bad idea...

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There's lots more. A story for everyone who knows that nothing is as it seems." (From the back of the book)

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### Kim says

A fast read and some of the stories are really good. (It's a bunch of short stories)

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### Eden says

This book is filled with stories of fantasy by some very good and well known authors. I enjoyed the book, but not as much as I thought. Some of the stories I couldn't get into and the ending of one of the stories just really annoyed me.

However, there are definitely some gems in this book. The first story *The Sixty-two Curses of Caliph Arenschadd* by Patricia C. Wrede is a creative, unique and wonderful story.

*Fairy Dust* by Charles de Lint (Author) is a good story and is about how important it is to step in when we see something that is wrong going on.

*The Princess Who Kicked Butt* by Will Shetterly is just seriously funny.

*The Queen's Mirror, With His Head Tucked Underneath His Arm* and *Harlyn's Fairy* are a few others I enjoyed as well as the final story in the book called *Faith* by Sherwood Smith.

Overall, it was a pretty good book with some okay stories and some really wonderful stories.

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### Marissa says

This is a fun collection of stories. I found them all to be readable, but favorites I enjoy rereading are the more light-hearted inclusions - *The Sixty-Two Curses of Caliph Arenschadd* by Patricia C. Wrede and *The Princess Who Kicked Butt* by Will Shetterly, both of which I would particularly recommend.

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### Denae Christine says

For short stories, these were superb. I especially liked Sixty-Curses of Caliph Arenschadd, Princess Who Kicked Butt, Breath of Princes, and Faith. Great authors. I might decide to read some more short stories...and maybe not.

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### Chandra says

I have always loved the characters from The Princess Who Kicked Butt. For that reason alone, this book will always remain among my fond childhood memories. The other stories are also well written and worth the time it takes to read them.

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### **SBC says**

I really enjoyed this book when I read it as a teenager. My favourite stories were Patricia C. Wrede's The Sixty-Two Curses of Caliph Arenschadd and Sherwood Smith's Faith. I also liked Debra Doyle and James D. Macdonald's retelling of Snow White, The Queen's Mirror and Jane Yolen's Harlyn's Fairy.

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### **Kira E. says**

This book is full of short stories, all about magic. I enjoyed reading these stories, but some were more "slow" than others, but still pretty good.

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### **Wealhtheow says**

A collection of fantasy short stories. Patricia Wrede's "The 62 Curses of Caliph Arenschadd" has fun world-building. Charles de Lint's "Fairy Dust" is, like all his other work, filled with facile moral conclusions and immature writing. I loved the main character in Will Shetterly's "The Princess Who Kicked Butt." Tappan King's "Come Hither" also has a very enjoyable main character (another self-sufficient girlchild). I have always thought Bruce Coville is awesome, and he proves it yet again with the imaginative, very anti-war story "With His Head Tucked Under His Arm." Alan Smale's "The Breath of Princes" is a fantastic story in the same vein as Dealing With Dragons or Dragon's Bait. Speaking of Vande Velde's work, her short story "Lost Soul" is a creepy tale of a peasant seduced by the fey.

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### **Jillian says**

A very fun collection, though a few tales were a bit simplistic or anticlimactic. My favorites were the stories by Patricia C. Wrede, Will Shetterly, Bruce Coville, and Vivian Van Velde.

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### **Jkk says**

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