



The Loblolly Boy and the Sorcerer - James Norcliffe

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Reality is tipped sideways in this inventive novel that explores the possibility of magic existing in the everyday world.

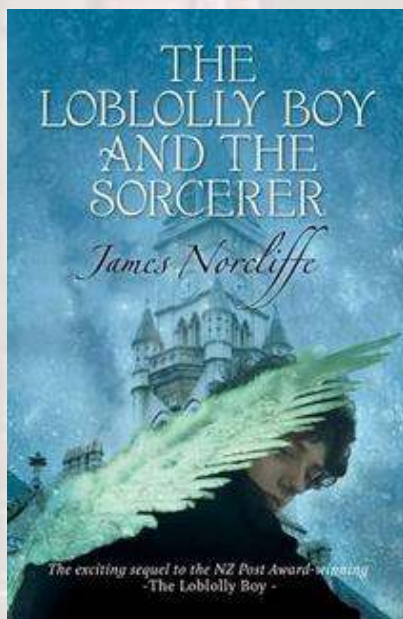
This sequel to the author's award-winning *The Loblolly Boy* reacquaints readers with a boy who can fly like a bird. However, the boy pays a terrible price for spreading his wings and enjoying the freedom of flight. He is invisible to most humans and unable to touch people or eat food.

The boy longs to return to normal life. He's determined to find the young thief who tricked him into swapping his body. His quest is complicated by an assortment of characters who may, or may not, help him. During his search for freedom, he meets three blind jugglers, a Gadget Man, a clever Sorcerer, and a tough-talking girl. Appearances can be deceiving - whom can he trust?

Although the boy's previous family life was often unhappy, he knows that reality is better than being alone forever. His need to belong is a powerful driving force as he leaps from one disaster to the next. The story moves at a cracking pace with swift changes of circumstance and identity.

The loblolly boy discovers that making the right choice is often a matter of trial and error – and to achieve his goal he must keep trying.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.



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