

## **The Golden Tower**

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### *Blurb:*

In her wildest dreams, Sophie never thought she might be kidnapped by a cat and taken to a world of flying horses and wonder – but also magic, mystery and danger!

Transported to the land of Tuscia, Sophie accidentally saves the daughter of a wealthy family and is swept along on their journey to the Golden Tower.

Now she is the only one standing between sisters Isabella and Bia and the terrible fate their stepmother has planned.

Sophie doesn't think she is brave enough, but with the help of a talking cat, a stableboy and some very tiny mischief-makers, she might be able to save the day.



### *Lamont Review:*

Thirteen-year-old Sydneysider Sophie has dyslexia and is bullied at school. When Sophie goes to spend a few weeks at her Nanna's in England, the last thing she expects is magic and mystery!

With her Nanna's encouragement to go off on an adventure, and a mysterious cat showing her the way, Sophie suddenly finds herself in Roman times in the land of Tuscia.

She is soon caught up with the daughters of the wealthiest man in the land, as they are called by their stepmother to leave their Nonna and join their father in his Palazzo.

The stepmother is evil and has enchantments and magic potions to make everything go the way she desires. But the stepmother goes too far when she demands that her stepdaughter, Isabella, must marry.

Isabella is only a girl, and when Sophie sees what is happening, she must act quickly and bravely to stop the evil stepmother in her tracks...

This is an inspirational story of a girl finding her way and realising that she has inner power to face her fears and do what she knows is right.

It is best suited to readers 10—14.

*Reviewed by Rob*

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