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VICTORIA STITCH BAD AND GLITTERING



Reading Notes

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Victoria Stitch is a wickedly gripping tale of **BETRAYAL, SIBLING RIVALRY, AND A FIGHT FOR THE THRONE**. Twins Victoria and Celestine Stitch have been denied their royal birthright. Celestine accepts the decision with **GOOD GRACE**, but Victoria Stitch is **CONSUMED BY HER OBSESSION FOR POWER** and will stop at nothing to get the crown . . .

Pre-reading Questions

- * *The Cover* – What expectations do you have of the story from looking at the cover? Who is the story written and illustrated by? Have you read anything else by that author?
- * *Setting* – Where and when might the story take place? Have you read any stories with a similar setting?
- * *Characters* – What do you know about Victoria Stitch from looking at the cover? How do you think she will behave in the story?
- * *Storyline* – What do you think might happen in the story?
- * *Genre* – Based on the cover, what genre do you think this story is and why? Have you read any other books in this genre?

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Reading Group Notes

- * Why do you think the author named the main character Victoria Stitch? Do you have any other ideas for the character's name?
- * The book includes a letter from Victoria Stitch before the start of the story. What is the tone and purpose of the letter? What does it tell you about Victoria Stitch?
- * The story is set in a miniature world. Why do you think the author chose to do this? How do you think it changes the story?
- * Twins Victoria and Celestine are very different. Victoria wants to reclaim the power of the throne, and Celestine wants to be a jewellery apprentice. Think about your friends or family. In what ways are you similar or different?
- * Victoria Stitch is a bit of an 'outsider' in the Wiskling World and is very different to the other wisklings at school. Why do you think that is? How does that affect her and Celestine in the story?
- * Victoria Stitch keeps a secret from her twin sister. Do you think it's wrong to keep secrets, or is it okay if you have a good reason? What role does it play in the story?
- * Do you think that Victoria Stitch is a likeable character? Have you read any other stories with characters you might not like at first? Why do you think the author chose to make her a troublesome character?
- * What role does magic play in the story? Would you like to have magic powers? How would you use them?
- * Look at the illustrations in the book. How do they affect the meaning of the story?
- * If you could only use three words to describe the story, what would they be?
- * Victoria Stitch believes she was destined to be Queen. Do you think our lives are predetermined, or can we change our fate? Can we write our own stories and pick our own endings?

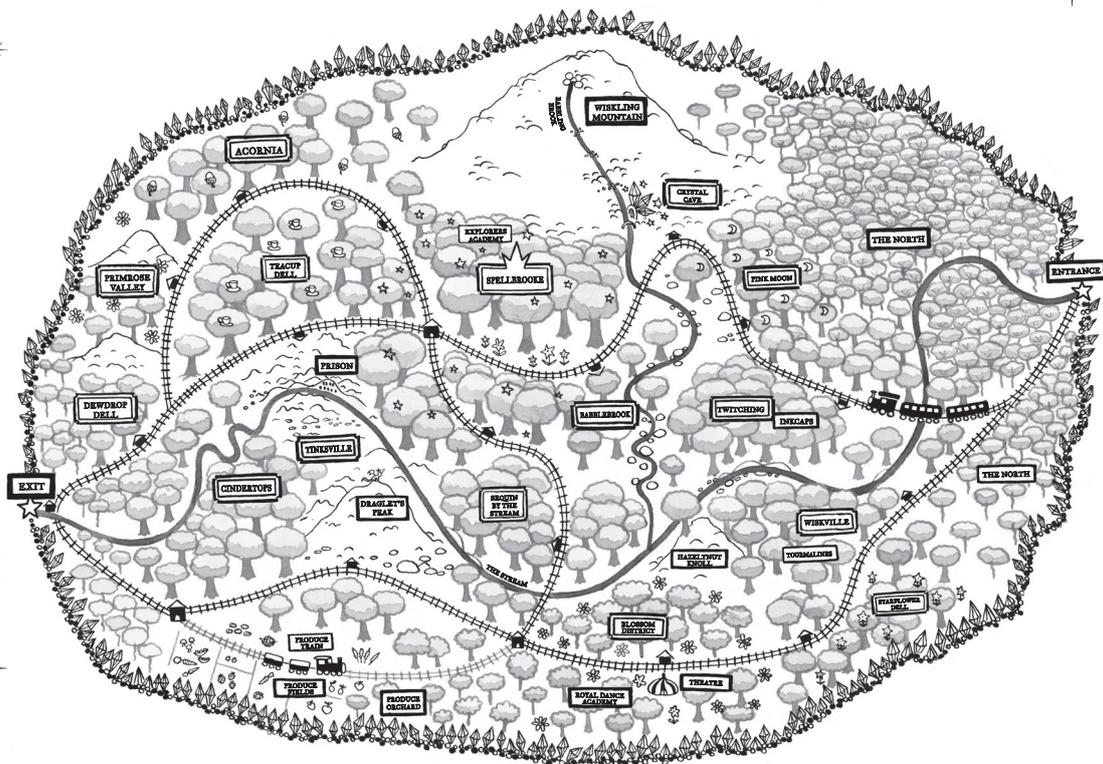


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Make Your Own Map

Victoria Stitch: Bad and Glittering is set in a magical world called Wiskling Wood. Here is the map of the wood you will find at the start of the story. What other books have you read with maps at the start? How does it affect your understanding of the story?

Create your own map of a magical world using the tips below.



- * **Scale.** How big is your world? Are you showing different streets, different towns, or different countries?
- * **Terrain.** Is your world a wood? A mountainous area? A magical land? Or a combination?
- * **Placenames.** Invent names for the places on the map. You can add the suffix *-ville* to a magical word to create a town name, for example 'Tinksville', or use the suffix *-ia*, which is commonly used to form the names of countries, for example 'Acornia'.
- * **Roads and paths.** Think about how roads and paths connect different places, and how this might affect the storyline.

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Creating Character Names

Here are some of the characters' names in *Victoria Stitch: Bad and Glittering*.

Tiska	
Nanny Evelina	
Queen Cassiopeia	
Lord Astrophel	
Ursuline	

Write a bit about the character in the box above, and whether you think their name reflects their actions and behavior in the story.

Challenge!

Invent a name for a character with these characteristics:

A wiskling boy who is a very skilled baker and always uses ingredients he has foraged from the woods. He lives near the beach and loves rescuing injured draglets. He was born of an amethyst crystal.



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