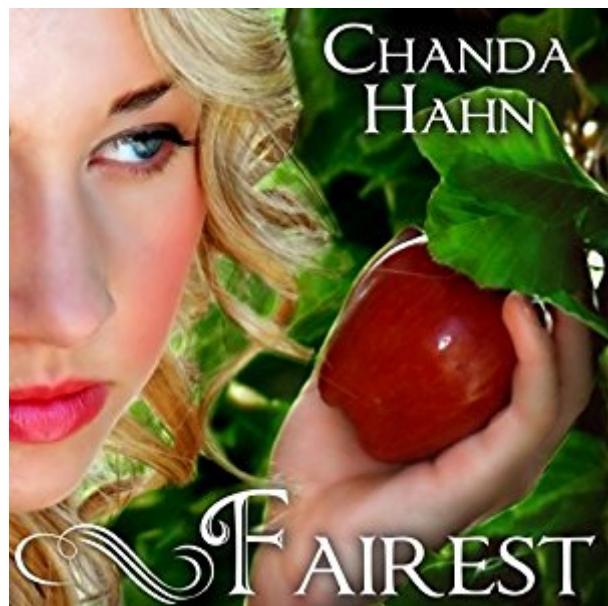


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Fairest: An Unfortunate Fairy Tale, Book 2



Synopsis

Mina Grime discovers that all is not fair when it comes to the Fae and their tales, especially when they don't all play by the rules. Barely surviving the Story's first fairy tale quest, Mina still has hundreds to go before she can end the curse on her family. But a new player arises to challenge Mina while new rules revamp the game she has just barely begun to understand. All the while, people are mysteriously disappearing, including Jared, whom Mina must finally determine to be friend or foe. And with the loss of her greatest weapon, Mina must try to outwit a lethal hunter. Can Mina survive the most difficult quest yet while protecting those she loves from falling victim to one of the deadliest tales of all? Or will she become a pawn when she strikes a bargain with the Queen of Fae?

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Customer Reviews

I downloaded the first book in the series because it was free and it seemed to be worth the time (also had a great cover). I bought the second book in the series because it was just that good. A very easy and carefree read, the dialogue is charming and the story is strong. Occasionally, the characters can be frustrating with their mood swings and almost mercurial demeanors but then you realize that they are teenagers and that the reason they are frustrating to read about is the same reason why they can be difficult to deal with in real life, so it all works out. It was a quick read and while the greedy reader in me would have loved for the author to add more details (just so that I had more to read) its length did not take away from the story. You normally don't find such a great book at this price (\$2.99 at the time of purchase) so kudos to the author. If you like the idea of the whole

Story (with capital 's') being a sentient force that seeks to turn events and characters to fit its will I also suggest the Fairy Tale series of Mercedes Lackey. Same general idea but is set in a mythical world rather than contemporary.

Wilhelmina Grimm (publicly known as Mina Grime), is the great-great-lots more greats granddaughter of Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm, better known as the brother's Grimm. Generally known, the brother's were great fairy-tale writers that traveled the world and wrote incredible stories. Less well-known is the fact that they didn't actually write these stories, they were a part of them. Each story being a quest that they completed for the fae (fairies) and the ruling King and Queen of the fae, known as the Fates. Wilhelm and Jacob made a deal with the fae to stop the evil fae from coming to the human plane and feasting on innocent humans. The Fates agreed, so long as Wilhelm and Jacob could complete all of the fairy tale story quests. The brothers agreed to the terms, unaware that if they failed to finish all of the quests then the agreement would fall to their children. Now, generations later, Mina has been bestowed the family "curse" to complete the fairy tale quests that the brother's originally agreed to. Another unfortunate side-effect of the deal that the Fates didn't exactly explain was that whenever one of the Grimms died, all of the quests started over. All of the quests had to be completed and fulfilled by one individual. Generations of Grimms have fought against the fae, trying to overcome the story, complete the tales, and ride the human world (and their family) of the fae curse. Mina, sheltered and unaware of the family curse due to her mother's constant vigilance, moving, and even going as far as changing their family name and cutting ties with all known relations, has now stumbled into her family curse. The storybook fairy tales and the family curse have finally caught up with her and her family and Mina realizes if her family is ever going to be free or able to live their lives (and further more if she wants to protect her 8 year-old mute brother from inheriting the curse in her place) she has to fulfill the family curse and somehow beat what not other Grimm has been able to before. Mina, descendant of the brothers, sees how things can change over the years and just like when playing telephone with friends, things can get lost over time and details can slip away or become skewed. After surviving her first year with the curse and several quests, Mina now has Jared by her side-someone she isn't sure she can trust and someone she doesn't know if she can survive without. Still torn over losing her crush (who played the Prince in one of her quests), as his and all humans memories were erased about the true events that take place during her quests, Mina is left to face the stories with only herself and Jared knowing the truth about the things she does and faces. Now she is facing even more dangerous and deadly odds as she tackles more fairy tales, this time the tale of Snow White or Sleeping beauty

or both? It's hard to tell which tales are which and which just merge together making for a very crazy and unpredictable way of overcoming the odds. Good book recommend for females, teenage age, high school level. Deals with subjects of magic, fantasy, fitting in, communication, and understanding others differences.

I ran (clicked away) to get to this book. The first book sucked me in and I was doomed. I will make this short with no spoilers. IM IN LOVE WITH JARED. No, wait. That is not the review. *cough* excuse me. I'm in love with this series as of now. I can't stop reading once I start, they draw me in that much. It's so exciting and interesting I can't stop reading until I finish. If you finished book 1 and you liked it, KEEP READING IT GETS MUCH BETTER. And if you read book 1 and don't know if you want to read book 2, Try it anyway. I don't think I can put into words my feelings for this series so far. I don't hate the characters, tho sometimes I do think "DONT DO IT. DONT BE STUPID!", I love the story and how different and exciting and changing it becomes, I love...everything (so far.)

2nd book in Unenchanted series. Mina's life starts out pretty glum in this book. After all the enchantments slip her back to where she was before she saved Brody Carmichael, she is back to being clumsy and ignored, and scared for the next Story the Grimm Curse will throw at her. This was an awesome follow up to the first book with lots of heartache, adventure, romance, and mystery as the Snow White story plays out in a contemporary twist that has Mina fearing not only for her life, but for her friends as well. Questions come up about who she can trust and who she can't, and I really liked what she discovers at the end! It made me so excited for the next book. I don't usually like paranormal books, but these are super cool and I want to finish the series. The twist on the Grimm fairy tale theme is fun and keeps me guessing the whole way through the book.

I would have felt better paying for the first book in the series than this one. I have to say I was disappointed. It is often frustrating and difficult to keep reading. Mina is a teenage girl trapped by her family's curse of being a Grimm, her childish behaviors in opposition to her heroic behaviors left me feeling like my head was spinning. I would be onboard with the story and then it would be so frustrating that I would have to not read for a few days only to go through the same feelings. Maybe a younger audience could relate but this fantasy-SyFy lover did not. On a positive note the writing was good, good flow, only saw one typo, easy read.

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