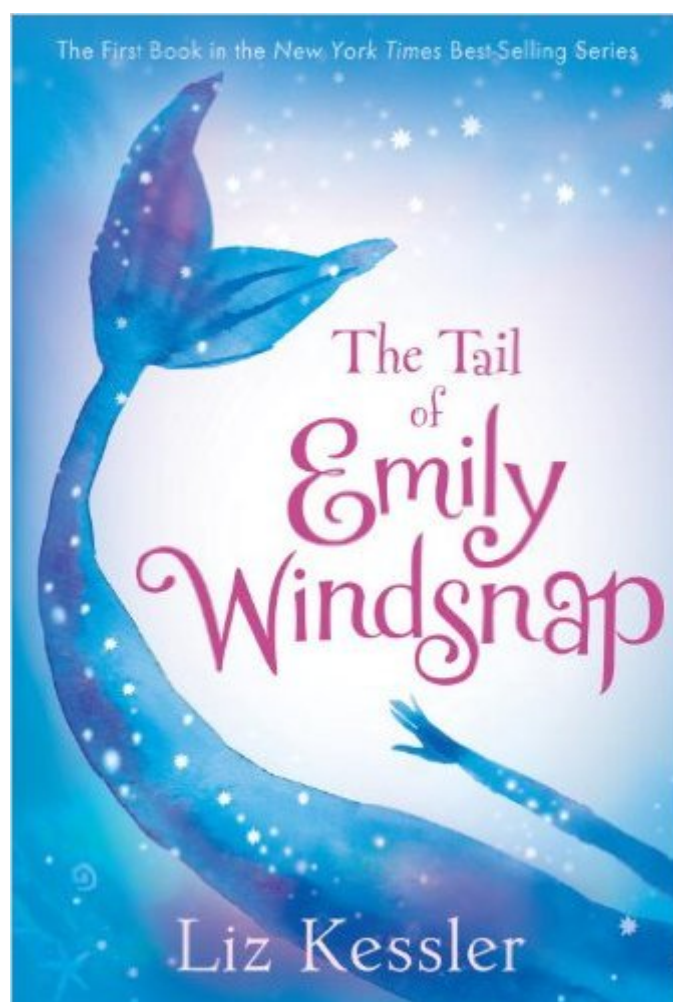


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# The Tail Of Emily Windsnap



## Synopsis

A young girl learns she's half mermaid and plunges into a scheme to reunite with her father in this entrancing, satisfying tale that beckons readers far below the waves. For as long as she can remember, twelve-year-old Emily Windsnap has lived on a boat. And, oddly enough, for just as long, her mother has seemed anxious to keep Emily away from the water. But when Mom finally agrees to let her take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery about her own identity, the mysterious father she's never met, and the thrilling possibilities and perils shimmering deep below the water's surface. With a sure sense of suspense and richly imaginative details, first-time author Liz Kessler lures us into a glorious undersea world where mermaids study shipwrecks at school and Neptune rules with an iron trident an enchanting fantasy about family secrets, loyal friendship, and the convention-defying power of love.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

My 10 year old daughter and I read this one together. It was an impulse buy, so I didn't know what to expect. We loved this book. It really captures what it would be like for Emily to discover the changes she is going through (might also be helpful for girls going through puberty). The mystery

developed nicely with just enough clues to keep the reader (young and old-er) turning pages. My daughter would beg for more time whenever we had to put the book down. Also as a teacher and a writer, this story is well-written, with great characters, good dialogue and terrific description. I am off to look for another Liz Kessler book!

I read and finished this book VERY quickly, why? Because this is a dream that every girl would love, becoming a mermaid. This is a tail... I mean TALE about a girl named Emily that transforms into a mermaid only when she sets foot in the water and is human on land. She is a half mermaid half human because she soon discovered that her mother married a merman. In the deep blue sea this is apparently illegal so the father gets locked up in a underwater prison. Emily wants to meet her father badly so takes the risk of breaking into the jail. Please read this book.....it's a book EVERYONE can enjoy!

\*First things first, anyone who loves Harry Potter and thinks this book will be like it, is wrong. I found it completely different. (I myself don't care for HP). It was written differently and was about a totally different fantasy.\*I read this book with total fascination. I felt like I was going through the hardships with Emily Windsnap. The author could not have described the underwater terrain more clearly and I could really picture what was going on in my head. The feelings characters felt and expressions they made came naturally to me when I read the descriptions. The author timed all of the dilemmas, miracles, sad scenes, and action scenes just right. Even the feeling of suspense was there when you needed it! The tale is dramatic and encasing, I never doubted that what I was reading could actually happen. A perfectly timed, real, fun novel I hope you pick up.

When I got this book I couldn't wait to start reading,I started reading as soon as I opened the box! I actually finished it in one day because it was that good.This book is now officially my favorite book of all time.I read the third book first so I really didn't know what was going on. Oops! but when I read this one it all made sense.The main characters in this book are Emily Windsnap, Shona Silkfin,Emily's best friend, Mary P. Emily's mom, Mr.Beeston a "friend" of Emily's mom,and Millie, Emily's "babysitter".When Emily's mom leaves to a book club, and Millie is sound asleep on the couch, Emily sneaks out and goes into the water.(I forgot to tell you they live on a house boat) She's in the water and realizes,"What am I doing!" While she's struggling and trying to grab on to something,and her legs feel like their glued together, the feeling finally goes away,she realizes that she just turned into a mermaid! This is certainly a TAIL to remember,and it's a real page turner too!

This is a book you have to read! Get this book, its well worth it!

Twelve-year-old Emily Windsnap lives on a houseboat in Brightport Harbor, but she has never learned to swim. Even though Emily begs for swimming lessons, her mom always says no. Finally, Emily persuades her mother to let her take swim class at her new school. When Emily hits the water, she gets the surprise of her life. Her long skinny legs have turned into a tail. That's right --- Emily is a mermaid! All of a sudden, Emily's life is full of questions. Are there more mermaids out there like her? Why does her mom never seem to remember Emily's father, who left when Emily was just a baby? Who is the mysterious, menacing Mr. Beeston, who seems to be spying on Emily and her mother? And how can Emily get out of swim class before the rest of the seventh grade discovers her secret? Emily is torn between happily exploring the undersea world of the mermaids and trying to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance. With the help of her new merfriend, Shona, Emily learns about mermaids and friendship at the same time. Considering that this is a novel about magical creatures, *THE TAIL OF EMILY WINDSNAP* is surprisingly down-to-earth. Emily is a normal girl (in spite of that scaly tail), and her everyday worries about friends and family make the book seem realistic in spite of its fantastic premise. Readers will often be one or two steps ahead of Emily as she tries to solve the mystery --- Emily is sometimes a little slow to unravel the clues. Nevertheless, readers will be rooting for Emily to be reunited with her merfamily at last. --- (...)

Underneath the magic of mermaids, this story is a close cousin of "The Parent Trap" (the 1998 film, not the 1961 one, as the cell phones and cultural references are current) with the marginal flourishes of "Freaky Friday" and "The Little Mermaid" thrown in for good measure. This story has a future Disney production written all over it. It is the emotional daydream of every pre-teen girl without a father at home, who imagines that her father could be a wonderful man who left for honorable reasons, wishes that her mom and dad could get together again, and longs for a new best friend. The mother-daughter dialog rings true; Millie, her mother's New Age obsessed friend is delightful; and the fast paced, first person narrative is captivating. My 8 year old daughter and 6 year old son enjoyed it.

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