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Love and honor can overcome even the fiercest obstacles, as we see in this spellbinding fairy tale, with shades of "Beauty and the Beast." To save her father, a young woman must go to the castle of a menacing lion. She fears for her life, but finds kindness rather than danger there, for the lion by day is a gentle young man by night-a prince under the spell of a wicked enchantress. Soon the lady and the lion fall in love.

Unlike the more familiar tale, however, this story has only just begun. The prince is not yet safe from the enchantress, and it will take all of the lady's strength and courage, through a seven-year quest, to rescue him. Dazzlingly romantic and visually magnificent, this is a book for the ages-an exhilarating tale of virtue, heroism, and the power of love.

Illustrated by Laurel Long.

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### Kim says

Laurel Long's illustrations are gorgeous! And since "The Lady and the Lion" is a variation of "Beauty and the Beast" and/or "East of the Sun, West of the Moon" that I've never encountered before, I can forgive the somewhat bland storytelling.

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### MissInformation says

The sumptuous, lyrical illustrations really draw you in to this book- and the tale is well enough told. The heroine is virtuous, and I like the way Long and Ogburn take time to describe that she fell in love with her prince for his virtues (as opposed to it just being he's a prince so she loves him like other tellings). She isn't so much a clever girl, as pure of heart and determined on her quest to save her love. The quest itself has several steps, and is fun to follow both story-wise and visually. Not quite the gem that the Magic Nesting Doll is, but a great one to share or give.

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### Inhabiting Books says

A combination of "Beauty and the Beast" and "East of the Sun, West of the Moon", this is the story of a young woman who goes to live with the Lion because of a promise made by her father. After finding out that the lion is under an enchantment that makes him a beast by day, but a handsome young man by night, the lady and the lion fall in love and marry, but she still pines for home. When news comes of her sister's wedding, she and her lion husband visit her family's home. But the visit ends disastrously when a splinter of light from the procession touches the prince and he turns instantly into a dove that must fly around the world for seven years. So the lady follows him for seven years, and just as the enchantment is almost complete, a mistake on her part allows the enchantress to snatch the prince and fly away with him. Now the lady must go to the enchantress's lair, and with some magical gifts, trick the enchantress into giving up her husband.

This book gets a lot of love from my three daughters. We love the amazing, sumptuous illustrations that have the color and flavor of India.

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### Elizabeth Heath says

Traditional Fantasy- This retell of Beauty and the Beast is about a lady who falls in love with a lion and ends up having to search all over the world for him. An evil enchantress captures him and the story is about the battle between her and the lady to win him back.

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### **Ann says**

First of all, this book is a feast for the eyes! The illustrations are so gorgeous and the colors are breathtaking! This alone makes this book worthwhile to pick up!

The story, too, is quite enchanting. It starts off like the typical "Beauty and the Beast" - but instead of a rose, it's a lark that "Beauty/The Lady" desires, and the beast is actually a lion. The specifics of the enchantment vary, as does the second half of the book (complete with a fight between a lion and a dragon, a seven year trek, talking wind, and a griffin!).

A nice book to show the lengths someone will go to in order to help a loved one. And again, it's worth looking at if just for the the illustrations!

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### **Dianna says**

I absolutely loved this book. The illustrations are incredible, and the story is excellent as well. At first I thought it was *Beauty and the Beast*, because it started out the same, but it turned out to be very different after the first few pages. Highly recommended!

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### **Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says**

This gorgeously illustrated story is a retelling of a Grimm fairy tale that combines elements of "Beauty and the Beast" and "East of the Sun, West of the Moon." I just love the way Laurel Long draws clothing. In the picture of the girl riding on the back of the lion she's wearing a cloak with lions and birds on it that looks so silky you want to reach out and touch it. I'd love to have a dress like the one she's wearing in the picture of her first encounter with the lion. Long does beautiful sunsets, too, like the little illustration on the page of text opposite the picture of her receiving the little chest from the sun. And the way she depicts how the North Wind spoke to her is so clever and apt. I must have this for my library--and it's still in print! Recommended!!

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### **Nohely says**

Yes! Girl power story! This is more like a mix of Beauty and the Beast, East of the Sun west of the moon and Sleeping Beauty (at the end). What I like about this story is that it starts, where every story ends (the wedding). A beautiful story of fighting for true love and again a story in which the prince is the damsel in distress! Wonderful!

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### **Art says**

The youngest daughter of a merchant takes a journey to a castle to fulfill her father's promise to the great princely lion who lives there with his 12 lion courtiers. This begins a tale of riding griffins, following a dove for 7 years, battling dragons, and of sitting in night-blooming flower gardens. Jacqueline Griffin's retelling of the Grimm brother's classic "The Lady and the Lion" is alluringly illustrated by Laurel Long (don't ya love

alliteration?). Long's paintings are the perfect compliment to the story. She does fabric, architecture, and landscapes like you wouldn't believe, with a medieval flare.

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### **Dolly says**

Simply breathtaking illustrations highlight this retelling of a Brothers Grimm story. The Author's Note at the beginning explains that the story is based on the fairy tale also known as "*The Singing, Springing Lark*" and combines the stories of "*Beauty and the Beast*" and "*East of the Sun, West of the Moon*." The story is truly enchanting and the illustrations are amazing - the single page illustrations look like woven tapestries (did I say that we loved the illustrations?!?) We really enjoyed reading this story aloud together at bedtime. This one earns a rare five-star rating.

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### **Bookworm says**

This book is soul catching. The story is a classic tale of the power of love and kindness. This book truly illustrates the lengths of which a person is willing to go for love. I've loved this story since I was a little kid, I can't express how much I have fallen in love with the illustrations and classic story. Its drawings are gorgeous. Each picture is a show of the illustrators talent and dedication. They take my breath away and even after countless rereading of this book they still leave me spellbound.

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### **Kathryn says**

4.5 STARS An absolutely gorgeous picture book retelling of the Grimm fairytale "The Singing, Springing Lark" holds similarities to "Beauty and the Beast" and "East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon". I enjoyed the story, though not as well as the other original fairytale by this team, The Magic Nesting Doll. Still, I heartily recommend this book especially for the amazingly beautiful illustrations! They are the perfect representation of a fairytale, in my opinion. I just love them! My friend Abigail has included a few in her stellar review here, so I encourage you to check out her review (<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10...>) then do yourself a favor and get this book, pore over the illustrations, and allow yourself to be whisked away to the land of enchantment and happy ever after.

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### **Morgan says**

### **Brenna H. says**

My sister got this out of the library (she's an artist and loves fairytales) and I randomly picked it up since it looked akin to Beauty and the Beast, which is, in my opinion, the best fairytale of them all. (Definitely the

best Disney fairytale movie.)

The Lady and the Lion was kind of trippy, with shades of Beauty and the Beast; East of the Sun, West of the Moon; Donkeyskin; and Sleeping Beauty (and probably other fairytales as well) within its pages. The illustrations were quite beautiful, in that fairytalesque style.

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### **Hannah says**

If you have little kids or siblings, this is a fun book to read with them. Both my little brother and sister loved it. It's an excellent mix of East of the Sun West of the Moon and Beauty and the Beast. It also teaches a good lesson about following instructions, so that's a bonus when reading to little kids.

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### **Zoe says**

Any one who reads it will like it (maybe:)).Its about a princess who finds a group of lions and they are lions by day and people by night and the prince said"Please do not be afraid.A wicked enchatress cast a spell on me when I refused to marry her.My court and i are lions by day and men by night.Stay with us."but i shoudn't give any more away. :)

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### **Miri says**

I wonder why I've never heard this fairy tale before—it's a Brothers Grimm story, and I like it much better than Rapunzel, Cinderella, or any of the others that have become so popular. (Maybe it's because Disney hasn't made a movie of it...) Anyway, aside from liking the story—and loving that it's the princess who saves the prince—I like the illustrations, and that the princess isn't depicted with an absurdly tiny waist. Overall, a win.

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### **Meg McGregor says**

My favorite fairy tale has always been Beauty and the Beast! I am not pretty so realizing that someone can love you for what you are inside was a revelation to me. Even as an adult and having been married 26 years, I sometimes worry about not being pretty. But then I try to remind myself that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. This is a great variation of the tale that includes references to East of the Sun and West of the Moon - another tale I have always enjoyed!

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### **Jessica Marcum says**

Picture Book: This story is kind of a "Beauty and the Beast" type. It is about a lady who falls in love with a lion who is a Prince at Night. After he is turned into a dove the Lady follows him around for years and then has to fight to win him back from the Sorceress. I thought it was a beautiful love story. I also thought the illustrations were intricate and beautiful!

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## **Kaethe says**

Wow. The paintings here are breath-taking. Every time I turned the page, I gave a little involuntary gasp. The story is pretty standard fairy tale, less appealing than Ogburn's original stories. But the art has got to be seen.

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