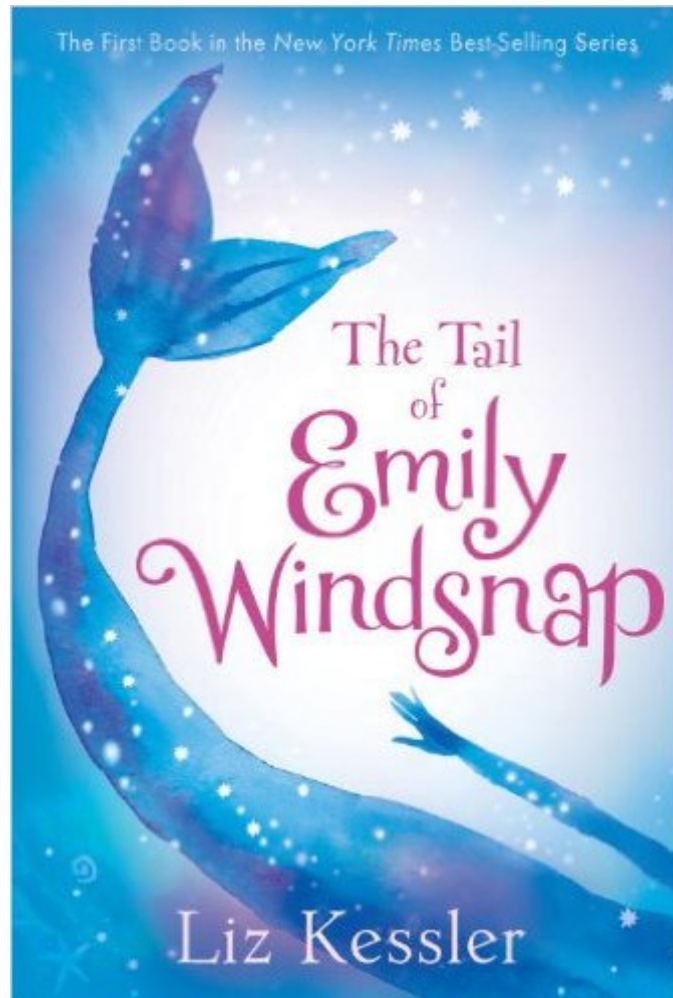




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# The Tail Of Emily Windsnap



## 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

Grade 4-6 Seventh-grader Emily Windsnap has never learned to swim, in spite of the fact that she and her mother live on a houseboat. When she finally takes a swimming class at school, her legs turn into a fishtail. She tries to hide her strange affliction, but something draws her to the

sparkling surf. Soon, she is secretly gliding through the water as a mermaid. Below the waves, she meets Shona, also 12, who takes her to mermaid school and leads her on several adventures. When Emily learns the intriguing history of the Shiprock community and of illegal marriages between humans and merpeople, she begins to look for her merman father. Danger, humor, confrontation, and even a trial before Neptune all play a part in her search. Eventually, she finds her dad and comes to understand the truth about her oddly controlling neighbor, Mr. Beeston; her mother's dislike of water; and her parents' love affair. All ends well when the family is reunited and swims away to live a new life on a secret merfolk island. This fantasy has some delightful moments, but not enough to keep it afloat. Characters are not fully developed, the plot wavers between complicated and oversimplified, and the transition from merworld to human is not smooth. --Beth Tegar, Oneida City Schools, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Gr. 4-7. This first novel opens with a classic teaser: "Can you keep a secret?" It turns out that the secret is a particularly juicy one. Though outwardly a normal seventh-grader, Emily Windsnap transforms into a mermaid when she goes swimming. The phenomenon worries her but thrills her, too, especially when she discovers an underwater "mer-city" not far from where she lives, and begins to learn the answers to nagging questions about her origins: Why did her father abandon her when she was a baby? Why can't her mother remember details about her husband? After a new mermaid friend mentions "illegal marriages" between mer-people and humans, readers will guess where things are headed--long before Emily herself does. Emily's eventual reunion with her merman father seems overly reliant on luck and coincidence, but her determination keeps things cruising along, and the premise of someone slipping easily into a shimmery underwater world has considerable allure. Light, imagination-tickling fare ideal for middle-grade girls, with charming ink-wash illustrations scattered throughout. Jennifer Mattson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I bought the entire set of the Emily Windsnap books for my 10 year old niece as a birthday gift. She loves mermaids and loved the books.

My grand daughter REALLY wanted this for Christmas, but I thought it would be too late to expect getting it through . Surprise ! got the book this morning (7AM). The cover art work on the book is adorable. The sparkles on the mermaid would make any girl want to read this book.Lila (grandgirl)

loves to swim... and she will love this story. She even has a blanket in the shape of a mermaid tail.

Okay I said it! This book is awesome! Not only is it captivating, but it is an adventure that is wild and crazy and amaseing! Surely to please girls of all ages!

I bought this as a birthday present for my 9 year old granddaughter. She absolutely loved it and wants the rest of the series.

my daughter would live in the water if given the choice... she loves this story and begged for the whole set. just ordered the rest of the set today!

This book is a magical tail that takes you into a new world. The only problem with it is that once you pick it up you can't put it back down. It is a funny and hart warming all at the same time I would recommend this book to any one who loves reading fantasy books. I would rate this book 9/10Evie  
age 9

I love the Emily Windsnap series. I bought for my granddaughter to read aloud on our cross country road trip this summer, and ended up finishing on my own! She's only 7 but a good reader. Content and vocabulary was geared more towards 4th or 5th grade, but she loved them. Who doesn't love a good mermaid adventure?

Holy cow! That book was amazing. I absolutely love it and totally want to buy the rest of the series!

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