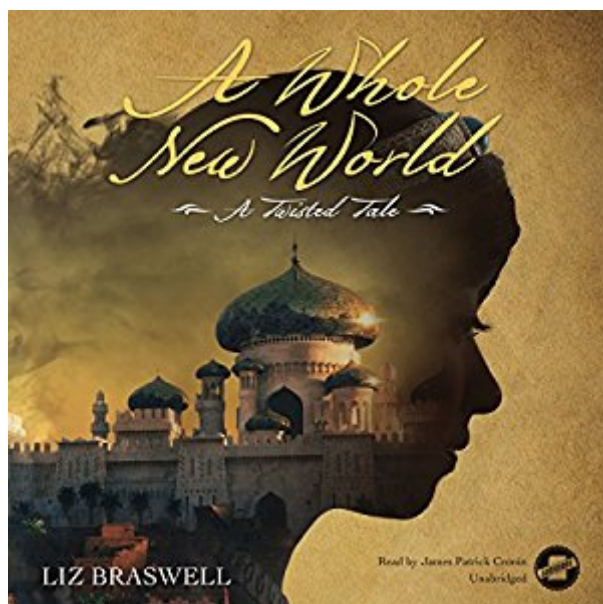


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# A Whole New World: A Twisted Tale



## Synopsis

The first book in a new young adult line that asks listeners: What if classic Disney fairy tales had happened a little bit differently? When Jafar steals the genie's lamp, he uses his first two wishes to become sultan and the most powerful sorcerer in the world. Agrabah lives in fear, waiting for his third and final wish. To stop the power-mad ruler, Aladdin and the deposed Princess Jasmine must unite the people of Agrabah in rebellion. But soon their fight for freedom threatens to tear the kingdom apart in a costly civil war. What happens next? A "street rat" becomes a leader. A princess becomes a revolutionary. And listeners will never look at the story of Aladdin in the same way again.

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## Customer Reviews

~3.5/5 Given how huge a fan of Disney, and Aladdin in particular, that I am, I was hopeful but wary going into this. Depending on the author, this was either going to be amazing or terrible. And I'm surprised to find that I'm in the minority here, thinking it wasn't that bad. Granted, the first twenty percent is pretty much word for word like the movie, only with a little more detail and depth added. But I didn't mind that, actually quite enjoyed seeing it again and being more in Aladdin's head for it. Plus, the small details that were changed made sense to me, though I might have liked some more changes. And, really, this is published by Disney and specifically references Aladdin "what were you expecting? But after the twist in the plot, everything changes. And I liked the thought put into each change. It's made more realistic "Jafar, taking power like

he wanted, is turned really evil. He kills people, including important characters in the movie who I won't spoil. Jasmine is taken captive, unable to do anything. And that means she has to get smart and tactical really fast. Aladdin, on the other hand, is stuck inside the cave and has to figure out how to get out. Then he has to find a way to undo what Jafar did. The biggest change to me was Jasmine's character. And by the end, I do feel like I lost a sense of who she was, and who Aladdin was as well. I don't know if that was purposeful, because of everything that happened, but I didn't like that. But there were also the little things. Like that Jasmine meets the Genie before Aladdin does. And I appreciated that the Genie stayed true to who he was in the movies. There was also the realistic look at what was happening.

Review Originally Posted At:[...]In accordance with current FTC Guidelines, please let it be known this book was received through NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review. 2.5 Stars! A darker take on a cherished tale that will leave you wishing for something more. A couple of notes before the actual review. For one, I admittedly re-watched the movie and listened to the soundtrack in preparation for this review. Why you ask? Any excuse to watch and listen to Aladdin of course! Plus what better way to get into the appropriate mindset? Also despite writing drafts of this review directly after finishing the book, I did not finalize it until nearly 6 months later. This wasn't intentional, but I think it actually helps my review. It proved that in my case, this tale wasn't memorable. I had to go through and reread the last 50 or so pages just to remember what the third and final wish was. For me a truly fantastic book is one that sticks with you long after "The End". A Quick Summary: So this part is incredibly easy. If you are familiar with the Disney movie Aladdin, then you already know the first 25% of this book. It is literally an almost exact novelization of the movie script, down to the inflection of the words. In fact if you are familiar with the movie, I'm fairly certain you'll be saying (and singing) all the lines in the voices of the cast. It'll be difficult for your eyes to keep up, when you already know all the words. What makes this novel "unique" is what comes after that first quarter. What happens when it's Jafar, instead of Aladdin, that rubs the lamp. Does fate still hold true? Or does Jafar win out in the end?

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