

The Map Across Time

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retells two fairy tales—The Water of Life from *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and

Prince Ivan and the Firebird, a Russian fairy tale—in a new and compelling way

in *The Map Across Time*, book two in The Gates of Heaven series. She

offers an adventure-filled story with loving relationships, as well as

treacherous characters.

As the title

implies, the king's son Adin—whose prominent birth defects include one leg

shorter than the other—uses a unique map to take him into the past to discover

the origins of an ancient curse that plagues the kingdom of Sherbourne. His

twin, Aletha, follows in his footsteps as they travel through time, attempting

to save the kingdom, their family and future—and follow their destiny. Hebrew

is used in the story as an ancient language, and so the author provides

background knowledge of Hebrew words and biblical quotes to explain this

allegory that points to the importance of a deliverer.

Readers of

the prequel, *The Wolf of Tebron*, will want to continue following this

epic adventure. The use of “magic” and “spells” may confuse some, and these

words should be discussed with younger readers.

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