

Jewel and the Missing Key to the Vault of Souls

By Sharon Loeff



TAGLINE

A teenaged fairy girl enters the realm of humans, falls in love, solves a mystery, and returns home—without her boyfriend.

SALES HOOK

Tension between humans and fairies is well established in literature for young adults; cooperation between humans and fairies is new. Confident Jewel, and her two unusual bird-like protectors, charm human teens to solve several mysteries...then create more tension when romance is at stake...that leads to a second book.

DESCRIPTION

The kingdom of the Fae coexists with the human realm and there exist portals where, on occasion, each may cross into the world of the other. Jewel and the Missing Key to the Vault of Souls is about a teenaged fairy princess who wakes two days before her 16th birthday to learn a burglary occurred overnight in the castle. This is also the day her wings appear. That same afternoon, she endures a surprising, terrifying passage through a portal to Earth. It is her fortune to befriend Samantha, a human who just got her driver's license. Samantha convinces her mother that Jewel is an exchange student who needs a host family. When Jewel meets Ethan at school, the mystery of how she'll get back through the portal meets the delight of a crush. Everything reveals when Jewel meets a key adult on Earth who is also of the Fae...and he's evil.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Young readers appreciate mystery involving otherworldly characters, such as the protagonist fairy, Jewel
- The story's pace in unfolding the mystery in both realms is tight and credible
- Though evil characters and violence are portrayed, both are written as mild and entertaining—bodily harm, curse words, death, destruction are minimal

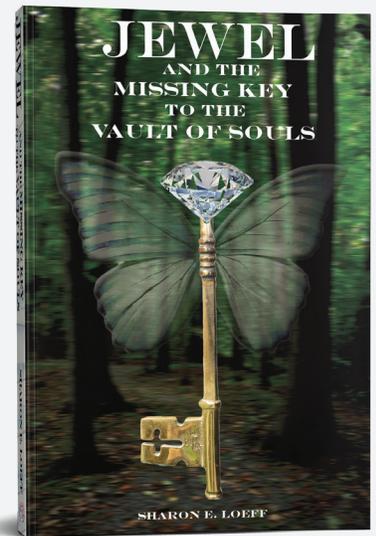
AUDIENCE

Children between the ages of 9 and 12; teens through age 16. Grade school teachers and librarians.

AUTHOR BIO

Sharon Loeff began life with a love for creativity, and studied fine arts at Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri. Her career began as a pushcart merchant at Faneuil Hall in Boston, the first retail environment to develop the concept of specialty leasing within the mall industry. She founded Pushcarts, Inc. in 1980 to design, build and operate retail pushcarts with in Florida

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shopping malls. In 1988, she joined Equity Properties and Development Company, a large shopping center developer in Chicago to work with hundreds of merchants to implement start up common area unit businesses. In 1992, she founded Shopworks, Inc. to become a consultant with the primary focus of developing every aspect of specialty leasing programs across the United States and in Russia, the United Kingdom and Europe. Shopworks, Inc. has worked with many notable clients, including Pokémon, DDR, Avon Products, Tupperware, Simon Property Group, Sky Harbor International Airport and Disney. Ms. Loeff is a frequent speaker and course instructor at industry conferences. Ms. Loeff is on the advisory board of Specialty Retail Report and is a contributing writer for the magazine. By 2002, her interest in design led her to create a wholesale line of jewelry that is manufactured in Thailand. In 2009, she began writing her first novel, Jewel and the Missing Key to the Vault of Souls and in 2016 submitted paintings to a juried art show in Peoria, Arizona. She lives in Scottsdale with her husband Tom and welcomes their two grown daughters when they return home from New York and Boston. An avid hiker, rock hound, armchair archaeologist, dog lover and traveler, Sharon treats her pet roadrunner, Seymour, to fresh worms delivered in the palm of her hand.

REVIEWS:

“Jewel...although she is the daughter of a royal family in the Fae realm, she ends up as a 'foreign exchange student' on Earth. How many other fairies arrive in the Earth's plane, go to high school, shop for underwear, learn how to swim in a P.E. class and then solve an important mystery? Put aside thoughts of the Cottingley fairies, Tinkerbell, Puck, Holly Short and Queen Mab (to name a few other famous fae) and meet Jewel. She's the fairy for 2017 and beyond. This novel splits itself into the two worlds of Fae and Earth, the reason for the two worlds, and the blessings and curses within each one--as shown by two very unusual, smart, savvy and entertaining young women protagonists. The book is good enough to play like a movie in your mind as you read it, and, as you read it, you'll wish that at age 16 you could get a 'special power' to go along with that driver's license!”

~ **Amazon review**

“An enchanted tale for today's reader! As Jewel found herself thrust into a world that she had no firsthand knowledge of, or experience in, I was reminded how many times life can land us in uncharted territory and we too must find our way. The characters are likeable, the detail is exquisite, the story takes you along with it and leaves you wanting more! I hope there will be continued adventures for Jewel!!!”

~ **Amazon Review**

“This book was so much fun. I know it's supposed to be for teens, but I love fantasy stories. I love the idea of two concurrent worlds. The only part I didn't like was finishing it and not having the next one to read! Come on Mrs Loeff, write the next one!”

~ **Amazon Review**