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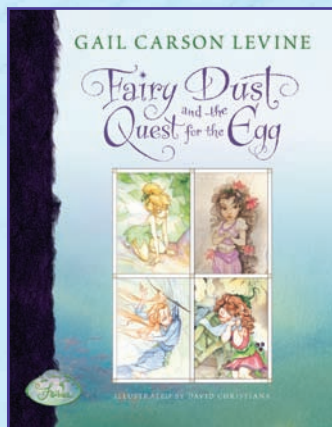
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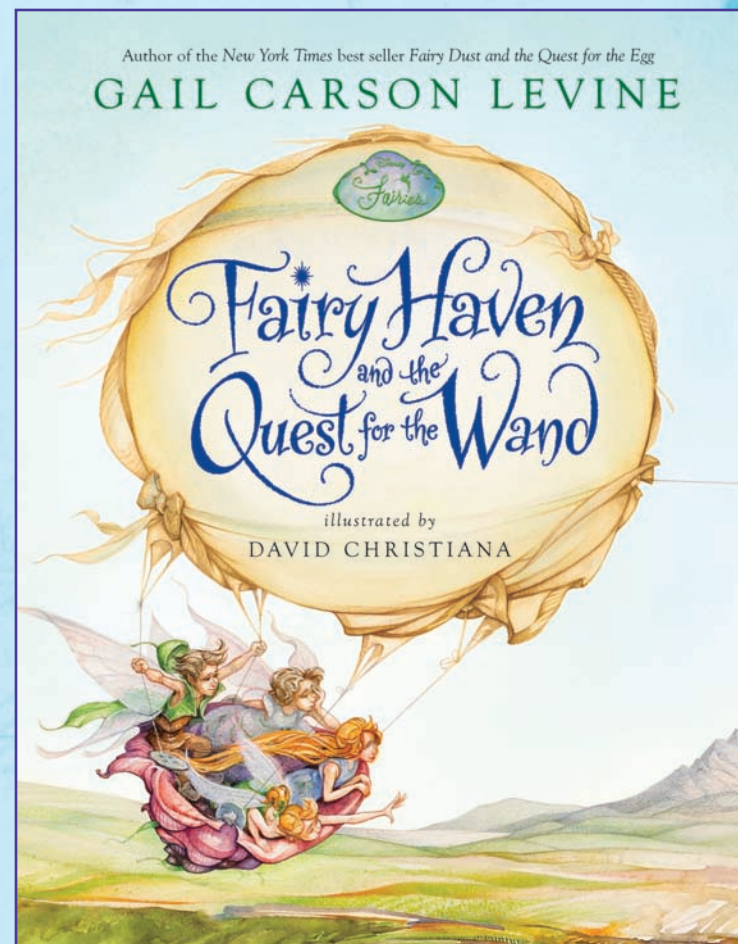
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About the Book

The mermaid Soop is furious. The Never fairy Rani promised her a magic wand and failed to deliver. What's more, Rani has the nerve to come empty-handed to the mermaid lagoon every day.

Although Soop doesn't believe her, Rani wants to keep her promise. It's wise Mother Dove's fault that she can't. Mother Dove says wands are trouble!

When Soop grows too angry to be able to sing, she takes revenge: she sends a flood to drown the fairies and destroy Fairy Haven. She will end the flood only when the fairies bring her a wand.

So Rani, Tinker Bell, and Queen Clarion set out on a quest, crossing the sea to the palace of the Great Wanded Fairies. A bump on the head, a disappearance, and a misunderstanding ensue, but at last the questers succeed and head home, carrying the wand . . . and wand madness!

In this thrilling sequel to *Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg*, the Never fairies battle the greatest danger of all—their own hearts' desires—to save their beloved Fairy Haven.



Questions to Consider:

- 1 Why is Soop angry with Rani? What will she do if Rani doesn't fulfill her end of the bargain? Do you think Soop is being cruel? Why, or why not?
- 2 Why do so many fairies want to go on this quest? What are they hoping to do? Would you want to go as well? Why?
- 3 The fairies have been told by wise Mother Dove not to use the wand to end the flood. Why is using the wand not a good idea? What might Soop do?
- 4 Why must Mother Dove stay with the egg? What powers does it give her? What would happen to all the fairy dust if she left?
- 5 Describe the palace of the Great Wanded Fairies. How is life different there than in Never Land? How do the Great Wandies treat and feel about the Never fairies? What do they do for them?
- 6 Some wands have big hearts while others have tiny, chilly ones. How do the Never fairies hope to control the wand they've gotten? What will help?
- 7 How does Ree break her promise to Mother Dove? Is it wrong to make wishes when they could help someone else? What would you wish for if you had the wand?
- 8 All the fairies get wand madness. What do Tink, Prilla, Ree, Vidia, Terence, and Beck wish for? Why can't they control themselves? What mean-spirited wish does Tink press upon Peter Pan? Why?



- 9 Are the fairies able to get back to Never Land and stop the flood in time? How? What is the worst thing that happens during the flood?
- 10 What did Soop's mermaid song do to Rani? Is she stuck forever inside this other form? How do her friends try to help her? In the end, what becomes of Rani?
- 11 Describe what happens between Pah and Soop once they have the wand. Why do they behave the way they do? What is the worst spell someone could put on you? Do you think you'd be able to resist the greed that comes with wand wishing? Why or why not?
- 12 Which illustration in the book is your favorite? Why? What do the illustrations add to the story?

Projects

Language arts:

Create a character chart that includes the following information: "name, description, wand wishes," and "in the end". As you read the novel, fill out the chart.

Art:

Create a three-dimensional scene from the book inside a box turned on its side. You can use whatever materials you like to bring it to life, but be sure to use enough details so we know which scene is represented from the story. Paste a piece of paper on the back of the box describing why you chose to work on this scene and why it is important to the story.

Science:

Study bat echolocation and learn how Rani-bat was able to locate and find her meals.

Create a poster, pamphlet, or presentation about one type of bat.

http://www.museumca.org/caves/onli_echo.html

This is a great site to hear bat echolocation and see a demonstration of how it works.

Math:

Pretend that you have a magic wand and you can get any present you want (five wishes!).

Draw pictures or cut those items out of magazines and paste them on a piece of paper. Find out how much each would cost and then add up the total amount of all your wishes.

About the Author and Illustrator



Gail Carson Levine is the author of *Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg* and numerous other books for children, including the recent novel *Fairest* which takes place in the world of her Newbery Honor-winning novel *Ella Enchanted*. She lives with her husband, David, and their Airedale, Baxter, in a 217-year-old farmhouse in New York's Hudson Valley.

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Author Interview:

- 1 What's your favorite part of the writing process?** I love to revise. Once I've written my way to the end, the hard part is over and all I have to do is make my book better. I revise and revise, draft after draft, to improve my sentences, make the story more exciting, eliminate as much confusion as I can. When I revise I may add scenes or dialogue or description, but mostly I subtract—a word here, a paragraph there, sometimes even a character or two. For me, shorter is usually better.
- 2 Which authors or books have influenced you most as a writer?** Well, *Peter Pan* by James M. Barrie was one of my favorite books when I was little, and I'm sure it was an influence. Other authors who have influenced me are Jane Austen, Mark Twain, L.M. Montgomery, Johanna Spyri, Jack London. I loved to read myths and fairy tales and tall tales, too.
- 3 What was the most difficult part of bringing Tink and the other fairies' stories to life?** One of the hard parts of writing *Fairy Haven and the Quest for the Wand* was working out the characters of the two mermaids, Soop and Pah, and deciding how they feel about each other. I also wasn't sure how Mother Dove and her egg would fit into the new story. But I had a fine time writing about Queen Tutupia and the other Great Wandies, and I loved making Tink disappear.

