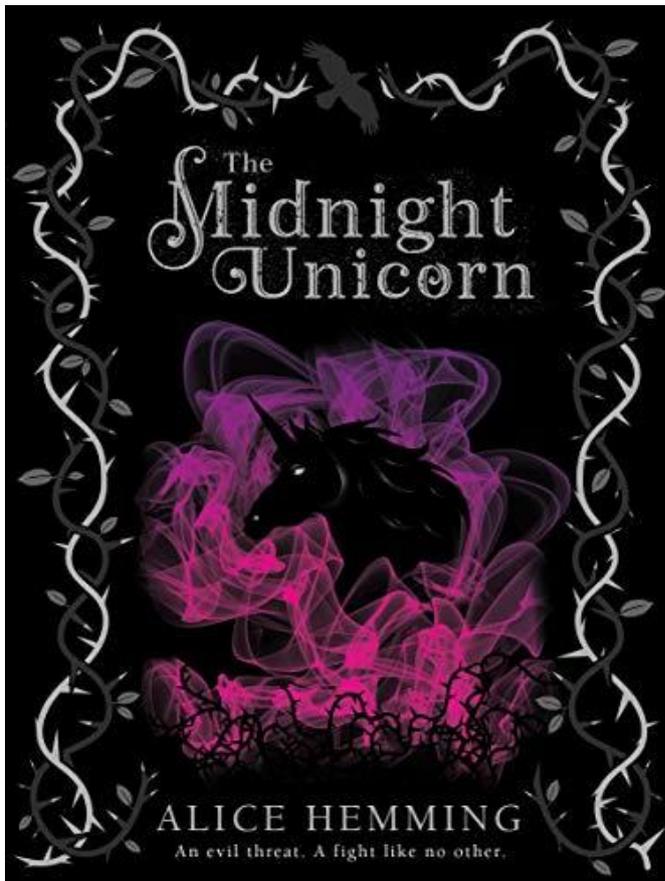


The Midnight Unicorn by Alice Hemming

A book for Year 3 reviewed by Natasha Kimber Binmore



The blurb:

An epic unicorn fairy tale filled with adventure, magic and a fight like no other... In a faraway kingdom, two girls live separate lives. Growing up in the wilderness of the west, Alette is the daughter of a sorcerer. In the warmth of the east, Audrey is the daughter of a baker. The girls could not be more different... and yet something draws them together.

Are they connected by the unanswered questions of their pasts?

Or by the identical pendants they both wear around their necks?

Whatever it is, the girls are on a collision course that cannot be avoided, as a past they never knew they had leaves them hurtling towards a future they could never have dreamed of.

Danger, mystery and enchanted unicorns await them.

Their story began once upon a time. But how will it end?

I love unicorns so my Mama bought me this book for Christmas. It was full of unicorns so it didn't disappoint me. I have counted three so far. I also like the two main characters as they are so different to each other. Audrey is sweet and kind but Alette is more angry and outspoken. Audrey has never been outside except to get essential things – sounds familiar? Alette lives in the woods and she knows about her secret power – Audrey has the same power but doesn't realise.

It is a good book because it gives a lot of clues which you can work out. For example, the story starts with a king and his pregnant queen. One day, while the king's mother was making breakfast because the baker was bad at making breakfast, as she cracked an egg it had a double yolk. Then she cracked another one – another double yolk. This is a clue about when the queen gives birth. There is another clue about the pendants.

I am looking forward to seeing how the story resolves. Although I have cheated and read the last page already!

I am reading it so quickly that Mama has looked for the next one. I hope I get it soon!