

THE HATMAKERS



Dear Reader,

Have you ever had a dream so vivid that when you wake up, the dream feels more real than the world around you? This copy of *THE HATMAKERS* started out as one of those dreams.

I was in the middle of filming *Carnival Row*, a fantasy period drama (which contains many a splendid hat) the night I had the dream. I woke up at 4.30 in the morning with a vivid picture swimming in my head – magical hats, a shipwreck, an ancient rivalry and a mystery...

I am so thrilled that my dream is now in ink-and-paper form, so that I can share it with you. And I am very pleased to introduce you to the residents of Hatmaker House, Cordelia Hatmaker and her family: Aunt Ariadne, Uncle Tiberius and the ancient Great Aunt Petronella. But there is one very important member of the Hatmaker family missing... Cordelia's father, Prospero Hatmaker. He was seemingly drowned when his ship was wrecked. But Cordelia believes he is still alive, and she is determined to find him.

In these pages, you will also meet Cordelia's secret friend Goose Bootmaker, the pompous Lord Witloof, streetwise Sam Lightfinger, serious Miss Starebottom and the renowned actor Sir Hugo Gushforth. You'll have an audience with King George and Princess Georgina at the Palace, watch a play at the Theatre Royal and even attempt an escape from the Tower of London.

But the most important adventure of all will be one that takes Cordelia and Goose far from home, when they realise there is much more at stake than just clearing their families' names... they are fighting a powerful, unknown enemy who is trying to start a deadly war. And they'll have to make sure that the most magical hat they can make ends up on the right royal head, before all is lost!

I hope Cordelia Hatmaker's adventures delight and entertain you. Perhaps you'll even be inspired to try your hand at Hatmaking?

What kind of magical hat would you make for yourself? Do let me know! I take correspondence via Twitter, Instagram and Quest Pigeon.

Happy Hatmaking and Happy Reading!

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Keep wildness in your wits...
and magic in your fingertips...