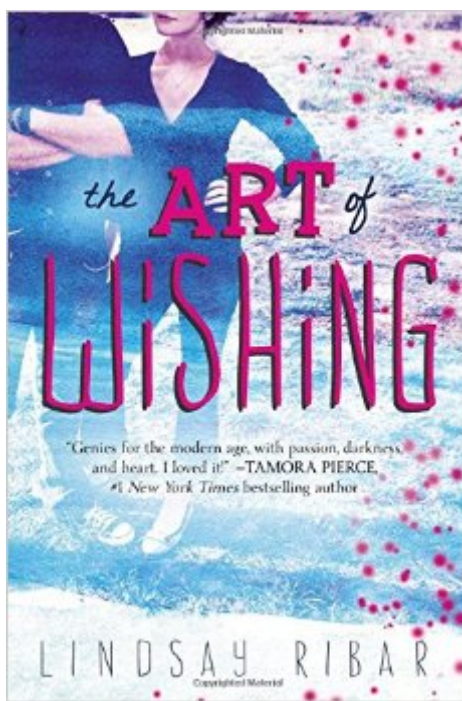


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# The Art Of Wishing



## Synopsis

"Genies for the modern age, with passion, darkness, and heart. I loved it!" —Tamora Pierce, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Sometimes the most terrifying thing is getting what you really want. Oliver's skin was still warm, even though there wasn't a wish waiting to be granted. That strange, spicy-tingly heat spread through my fingers again, and I squeezed his hand a little as we walked. Maybe it was just a reaction to him being inside my head, or to feeling him use his magic, but I suddenly found myself thinking about his pretty eyes, and wondering what it would be like to kiss him. I wondered if his lips felt like magic, too. He glanced curiously at me, and I remembered: He could hear what I wanted. Our eyes locked, and my heart leaped into my throat. What did I want? Oliver's magic binds him to Margo until she makes three wishes. And while she tries to figure out what to wish for she begins to realize he might be what she wants most. *The Art of Wishing* is a modern romance with a touch of magic that is perfect for fans of Stephanie Perkins and Susane Colosanti!

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## Customer Reviews

Review courtesy of Dark Faerie Tales. *Quick & Dirty*: Not your typical tale of a genie in a bottle. A contemporary tale of magic, music, and wishes. *Opening Sentence*: The plan was this: I'd get up on that stage, blow them away with the best damn audition they'd ever seen, and walk out knowing the

part I wanted was mine. The Review: Genies and kissing. That's what was said to me when I first heard about Lindsay Ribar's *The Art of Wishing*. In this wonderful story mixed with equal parts fantasy and contemporary, I was first lured to the cover. The font used was whimsical enough to draw me in, allowing me to stay with the sweet images used everywhere else. I really gravitated towards the byline "He can grant all her wishes. But only she can save his life." I detected swoon instantaneously. And let me tell you, Ribar did not disappoint. Margo McKenna has dreams and plans. First off she plans to have an amazing audition to get the star lead that she wanted. But nothing goes as planned and she finds herself with a genie's ring. With all the wishes in the world, Margo now has the tool to fulfill her dreams and carry out her plans. But Oliver isn't an ordinary genie. The relationship that forms is close and tight-knit, enough so that he reveals he's on the run from someone who will harm him. As Margo and Oliver's relationship grows, she realizes that there aren't enough wishes to save him. Margo is not your average teenager. She has plans and is serious about carrying them out. Margo is musically talented and writes songs behind her closed bedroom door. Her parents were together, then not, and just recently remarried. She misses her mom and how things were before. Margo is a normal girl who tries to plan her life so she isn't disappointed.

I'm about to say a phrase I vowed never to say. And once I say it, I need you to forgive me for it, okay? Okay. Here it is: "The Art of Wishing is totes adorable (I cannot believe I actually said that). It's true. I sank into this book at once, and read it all in one sitting. I giggled. I smiled. I happy sighed. And the best thing? The Art of Wishing is about 85% ADORABLENESS, 15% adventure & danger. . . just how I like my adorable books (I wouldn't be the reader I am if it wasn't for my love of some grand adventures). I've never read a genie book before, but *The Art of Wishing* took the few things I thought I knew about genies (mainly from *Aladdin*), and completely turned everything around. Oliver is not a sad, trapped genie who longs to be free. Being freed would kill him, and what's more than that, he enjoys being a genie. He enjoys using magic, creating illusions, and then creating reality with the wishes. He's quite happy to be who he is. He's also really old. . . but also a sixteen-year-old at the same time, completely real. I loved this aspect, since one thing that always bothers me about paranormal books is these century-old creatures falling in love with high school girls. The way Ribar tackles this problem is genius, because Oliver is a sixteen-year-old who likes eighteen-year-old Margo: "Oh God. I'm one of those girls." "What girls?" he asked, perplexed. "Those girls. The ones in all those books and TV shows. Some dumb high school girl falls in love with some supernatural guy, and he's all, "Behold, I am five million

years old!â™ and sheâ™s all, â^Oh my god, how can you ever love pathetic little me!â™ and heâ™s like, â^Because of destiny!â™ or whatever. Itâ™s just soâ™ jew. You know?â•The whole genie story line was fascinating.

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