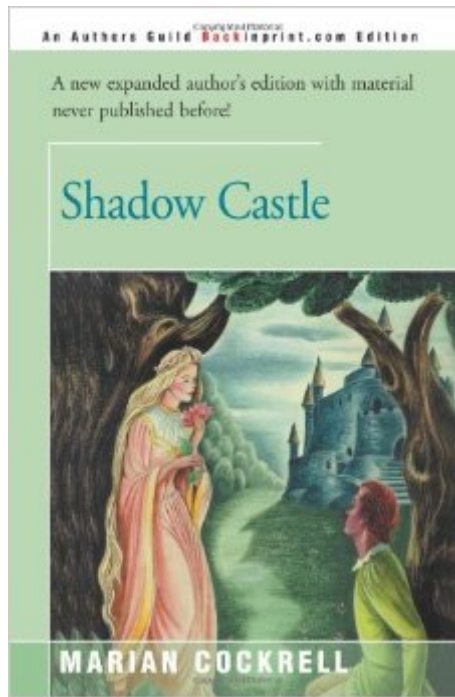


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# Shadow Castle: Expanded Edition



## Synopsis

In the middle of a deep forest is an enchanted valley and a castle where only shadows live, shadows of kings and queens who have waited for hundreds of years for the spell cast upon them to be broken. One day, a girl named Lucy follows a little dog through a tunnel into the valley and meets the mysterious red-haired Michael, who takes her into the shadow world to meet Prince Mika and his mortal wife Gloria, their children and their children's children, and learn the magic that will lift the spell. This new expanded Author's Edition contains additional chapters never published before!

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## Customer Reviews

Shadow Castle was my favorite book for years. I bought my copy from the Scholastic Book Club in 4th or 5th grade, about 38 years ago, and read it over and over until it fell apart. I was captivated by the story of Mica and Gloria, and a love that could last for longer than I could even imagine.

Somehow, the book vanished along the way, probably during a family move about 30 years ago. I was crushed by its loss and tried to find another copy, but no one seemed to be able to find it.

Meanwhile, I kept finding other writings that reminded me of it: from Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" to "Alice in Wonderland" to "The Princess Bride". When I had a daughter 19 years ago, I started trying to find it again, but no library had a copy and every bookstore told me it was out of print. Over the years, I have read "The Hobbit", "Lord of the Rings", and the "Chronicles of Narnia" to her several times. But still I wished I could share "Shadow Castle" with her, as I knew she would love it as I had. Tonight, I logged on to [.com](#) to search for another book, but typed in "Shadow Castle" on a whim. I almost fell off my chair when I realized the book was truly available and that I was not alone in my

search. After reading all of the reviews to my (now 19-year-old) daughter, I realized this book has a mysterious quality of disappearing once someone becomes attached to it. So I have ordered two copies, one for me and one for my daughter. Hopefully, at least one of them will still be found when she has children of her own to pass the story on to. I look forward to that, and am grateful to for reprinting this wonderful book, and allowing Mica, Gloria, Lucy, Bluebell, and all the rest to live again.

One Christmas when I was 8 or 9, Santa brought me a wonderful book---Shadow Castle. I am sure through the years I must have read it 100 times. Today I am 60 years old. Like so many others who have reviewed this book, my copy disappeared, and I have searched and searched for a replacement. Just on a chance, I typed in the name on .com, and there it was. Those who have tried to find this book know the feeling that I had after all those years of serious searching. And the book is just as imaginative and romantic as it was when I was a little girl. The first thing I looked for was the picture of Robin and Bluebell. It is just as I remember it. The wonderful ending where the shadows move around is still so exciting. To think that a thousand years and seven days have gone by. What a love story! I shall read it 100 times more, and those times shall be even better because there are grandchildren to read it to.

I had a dream about "Shadow Castle" yesterday night. This was my most absolute favorite/treasured childhood book but tragically, I lost it. For years, I thought about this book and I missed it so much. I had forgotten the title of the book. Prompted by my dream, I went on-line yesterday to .com and I first typed "Enchanted Castle". After briefly reading some of the reviews, I knew this wasn't the book. I was a bit disappointed but undaunted. My next guess was to type "Shadow Castle". I was sure this would be the wrong title as well. To my shock and amazement, I started reading some of the reviews and saw names like, "Bluebell", "Robin" and "Gloria". It all came back to me--flooding my memory not only with the details of the book, but the feelings I felt as a 12 year old girl when I read this wonderful magical enchanting book! It had the PERFECT elements of romance, fantasy, hope and excitement. The characters were SOOOO real--I know I'm gushing but it's because I'm so excited about finding this treasure of a book. Read it and you'll know what I'm talking about! I want to thank the reviewers who mentioned some of the details of the book as well as the characters' names--I wouldn't have known this was the book without the information!

I am so happy to see this back in print. Like many, I have the Scholastic edition with the gorgeous

cover picture of Gloria in pink and Mica under a tree. Even the description of the book in the Scholastic Books catalogs was memorable! I read and read this book so many times that finally a teacher gave it to me. I too had a ring with a little green stone, and a "cave" (really just a funny growing bush) in the backyard. But the stories lose nothing with age-- there is subtle, quaint humor and truth of human behavior throughout. As I approach my mid thirties I often think of Gloria looking in the mirror... and the story of Bluebell and the goblins really sticks with me. How Robin said that that goblin hadn't looked one little bit like his Bluebell! All the choices made throughout are as rich as those in the Harry Potter books-- characters are tested for loyalty, must choose whether or not to be mortal-- and the "framing story" is as good as the individual tales. This is my all-time number one favorite.

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