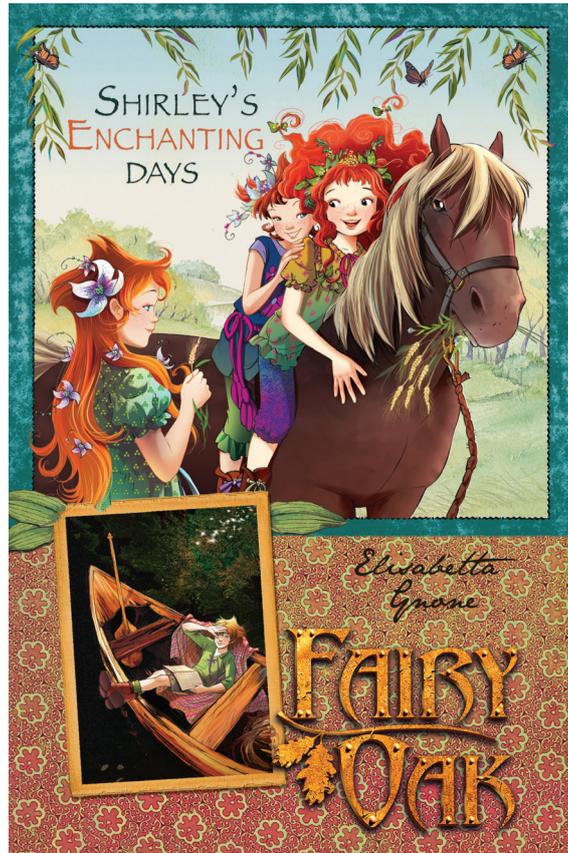


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SHIRLEY'S ENCHANTING DAYS

A Tale of Sublime Spells and Amazing Adventures

Genre: Fantasy Novel
Pages: 247 + 2 sixteenmo in colour
Age level: 9 and up

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

“On the second evening I told my companions about those enchanting days, amazing magic, courageous, palpitating hearts and the mystery of the wood.”

Spring has come to Fairy Oak.

The air is scented with narcissus, and games fill the long days. The gardens of the village are in bloom and the sight is a breathtaking one.

But the rain is coming. And in fact it pours down, it even hails! For long, endless days. A good job Shirley Poppy is there to hearten the youngsters of the village, with a new, complicated mystery.

It all begins on the day when Lavender, to take Heather’s mind off Jim – who has not been heard of for over two months – organizes a trip to Woodsend. The vivacious Witch of the Dark is sure this will please her sister because at Woodsend fun is guaranteed: Shirley is their best friend, together with Flox, and knows mysterious, enchanted places and how to cast amazing spells. A surreal and amusing day awaits them, La is absolutely positive about that. But what she doesn’t know is that that day will only be the first of a long series.

Shirley has found a very, very strange recipe book hidden in her aunt’s sewing room. Its creased old pages make no mention of eggs or flour, but of swords made of salt, pieces of sky, hearts of stone and a secret, the Secret of the Wood!

Determined to get to the bottom of it all, Shirley involves the twins Heather and Lavender and all the Captain’s Band in a series of amazing adventures.

It will be dangerous, the children know that, but what they will see and learn will repay them for every wound and fear. Forever.

This is the second book in the series The Four Mysteries, the most surreal and the most magical.

