

**Title:** *The Drowned Woods*  
**Author:** Emily Lloyd-Jones  
**Genre:** Young Adult, Fantasy

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Nitya M., 9th Grade

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*The Drowned Woods* is a young adult fantasy book by Emily Lloyd-Jones. This book is set in a world from Welsh mythology. The story is about a mythical woman named "Mer" who can find water wherever it is, anywhere in the set world. This ability has its highs and lows, due to this ability she can help people who need water but now she is caught up in a situation where she is abducted due to this ability. Mer is abducted by a Prince whose name is "Garanhir" who is now forced to serve as well. Due to her magical ability with water Garanhir uses Mer to keep in touch with a magical well full of water that shields the prince's land. After a while Mer is tired of this captured state and wants to try to find a way to free herself from this abduction and find her way back home to live her normal life. When an opportunity opens Mer uses the chance to try and escape from the prince. Mer joins a rebellion taking place against the prince due to his tyrannical behavior. Her new friends that are setting up this rebellion include a sneaky thief, a mystery man who is burdened by a curse, and a corgi dog that can sniff out any secret. With this lineup of people Mer and her crew together form a plan to destroy the prince's beloved well and cease the prince's power. With this plan the heist takes place, Mer can locate the well due to the water supply and the group go towards the well. Once arrive at the well the thief can pick and lock the entrance so they can enter the well. The mysterious man with the curse reveals that he knows about curses and magic himself and helps the team navigate through the well which is covered in magic. The corgi dog can communicate with animals which helps them further into the well. *The Drowned Woods* is a great fantasy story about a mythical woman who desires to come back to her normal everyday life.

***Did the plot keep me interested??***

No, because I did not know this was a fantasy book.

***Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?***

I would say it was a little fast paced, but I have never read a fantasy book, so I don't know whether my opinion is correct or not.

***What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?***

I think this appropriate for grade levels 6 and up because the themes are light-hearted and easy to understand.

***What type of reader would you recommend this book to?***

I would recommend this to someone who likes fantasy books as this was not my favorite read.

***What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?***

If you do not like fantasy this book is probably not for you.

***Rating:*** I will give it 3 stars not because the book is bad, it is just that I am not into fantasy books and if I had known this was a fantasy book I probably would not have read it.