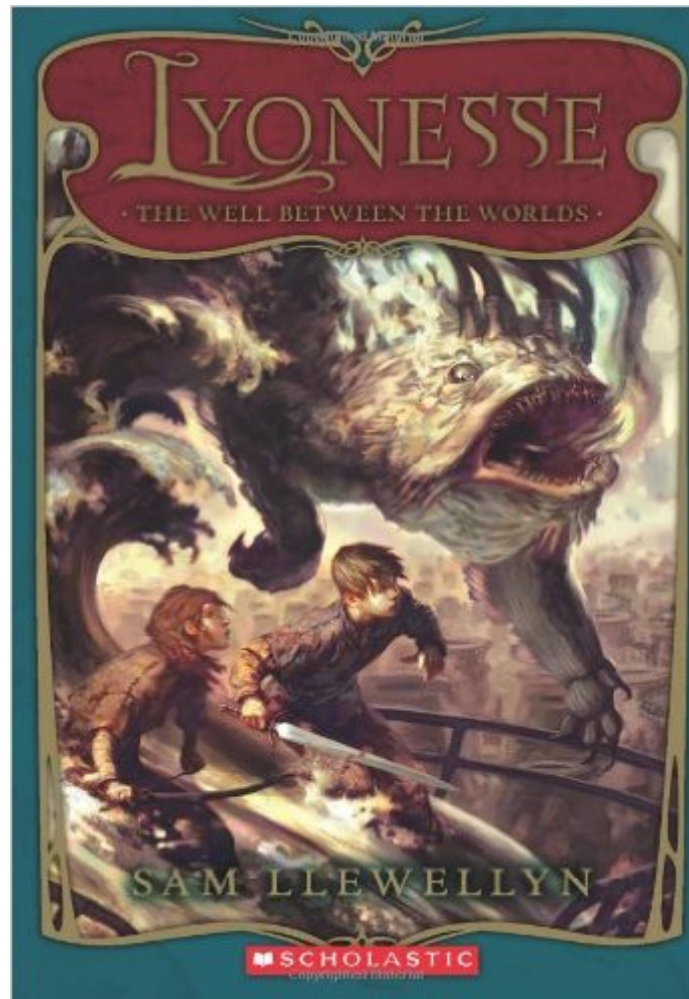


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# Lyonesse Book 1: The Well Between The Worlds



## Synopsis

An epic legend of magic and monsters is now available in paperback! The land of Lyonesse is sinking, and the sea batters its walls; it has become a place of poison and danger, and its people live in an uneasy truce with the monsters that inhabit its bottomless Wells. Idris Limpet is an ordinary boy, until the day he is rescued from a terrible death and finds himself thrown into an astonishing new adventure. Can it be that it is his destiny to save Lyonesse? As Idris begins to discover his true self, he learns he must rely on his wits, his courage, and his friends in the face of an overwhelming darkness that threatens to swallow up everything he loves.

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It all begins when Idris falls from a plank and into the ocean. Several people see his fall, and he is saved from drowning. But in a world where swimming is forbidden, the fact that he emerges from the sea unharmed means he will be arrested, tried and executed as a monster. It is only the daring rescue by a stranger that saves Idris from this fate. He is delivered into another fate, stranger than the first. Idris is now linked to the fortunes and future of a country that is slowly sinking into dark and mystical depths. LYONESSE: THE WELL BETWEEN THE WORLDS is a radical re-imagining of Arthurian tales. Idris is the young Arthur, learning all the skills he will need to rule and perhaps save the country of Lyonesse from sinking beneath the waves. He is aided in this task by Ambrose, who

is surely Merlin transformed into a mage of "star and stone" and also a lord of the land. Lyonesse is presented as a place ransacked by greed and poisoned by the wells from which it fishes its wealth. Idris is handpicked by Ambrose to train as a monstergroom. Monstergrooms care for the monsters that are fished from the wells that pockmark Lyonesse until they are burned as fuel. These combustible beings catch fire as soon as they hit the air. They burn "...hotter than trees... burn stone and make metal run like water." So they are kept in tanks by the monstergrooms and frequently doused with a fishy sludge until they are needed as fuel. Being a monstergroom is considered a good, if dangerous, profession. It is an honor to be chosen to train as one, though many die in the testing that is part of the apprenticeship. At first Idris is excited to be picked for this apprenticeship. But then he sees the horror of fishing for monsters.

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