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REVIEWS OF BARBARA ELSE'S TALES OF FONTANIA SERIES

"Something that you just can't tear yourself away from!" - *The Guardian (UK)*

"A heaping plateful of adventure, spiced to perfection with dangers, deft humor and silly bits." - *Starred Review, Kirkus*

- An original story set in a fully imagined and engaging world—part fairytale, part time-travel, all adventure
- Harsu is a strong and relatable hero
- Strong writing, frequently funny

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Harsu and the Werestcoat

Fairytale, time travel and adventure

Harsu has five droplets of god blood and a treasured cloak to remember his father by.

Now his father is gone, he lives with his mother, his only friend an old onager donkey. And something is not right with Harsu's mother. She has started kidnapping children, and sometimes her skin grows a soft down, little sharp ears emerge, and she turns into a horrible stoat.

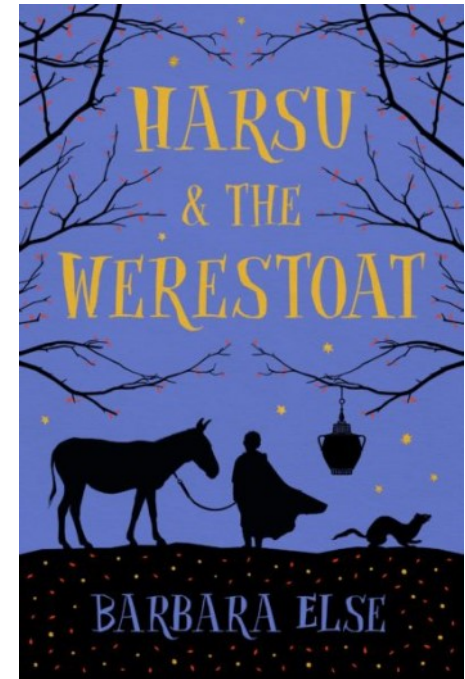
Harsu doesn't know if five godlet drops are enough to help him rescue the kidnapped children and turn his own mother to good. And now that he is twelve, he too might be becoming a were-animal ...

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This is an original and unusual story with all the best characteristics of Barbara's writing: brilliant word-building, frequently funny and a morally strong, engaging hero."

- *Julia Marshall, Publisher*

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