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内容简介

The two Alice books--Lewis Carroll's masterpieces--are ranked by many as peers of the great adult works of English literature. And despite their riches of andquot; untranslatableandquot; puns, nonsense, and parody, they have been happily translated around the world. The matchless original illustrations by Tenniel share with Carroll's text the glory of making Alice immortal.

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- "A book of wonder and nonsense laced with lethal wit."
- --Guardian
- "Precise, dream-like, subversive."
- --Independent on Sunday--From the Paperback edition.

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glassand What Alice Found There pursue what lies beyond and down rabbitholes and on reverse sides of mirrors. But mainly their subject iswhat comes after, and in this sense the books are allegories aboutwhat a child can know and come to know. This quest, as in manygreat works of literature, unwinds against a larger backdrop: whatcan and what cannot be known at a particular historical moment, amoment that in Lewis Carroll's case preceded both Freud'sspeculations on the unconscious and Heisenberg's formulation of theuncertainty principle. Yet because the books were written by ateacher of mathematics who was also a reverend, they are also concerned with what can and cannot be taught to a child who has aninfinite faith in the goodness and good sense of the world. ButAlice's quest for knowledge, her desire to become something (agrown-up) she is not, is inverted. The books are not conventionalquest romances in which Alice matures, overcomes obstacles, andeventually gains wisdom. For when Alice arrives in Wonderland, sheis already the most reasonable creature there. She is wiser than any lesson books are able to teach her to be. More important, she is eminently more reasonable than her own feelings will allow herto express. What comes after for Alice? Near the end of Through the Looking Glass, the White Queen tells Alice, "Something's going to happen!" Quests for mastery are continually frustrated in the Alice books. In comparison with the ever—sane Alice, it is the various Wonderland creatures who appear to be ridiculous, coiners of abstract word games. Yet Carroll also frustrates, with equalprecision, Alice's more reasonable human desires. Why, after all, cannot Alice know why the Mad Hatter is mad? Or why will Alicenever get to 20 in her multiplication tables? In Carroll, the logicof mathematical proofs runs counter to the logic of reasonablehuman desire—and neither logic is easily mastered. To his radicalepistemological doubt, Carroll added a healthy dose of skepticismfor the conventional children's story—a story that in his day camepackaged with a moral aim and treated the child as an innocent ortabula rasa upon which the morals and knowledge of the adult couldbe tidily imprinted.

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