

All Darling Children By Katrina Monroe **All darling childrenc child** There were allusions to sex in the book which was disturbing to say the least.

All darling childrenc clothes

The author just put in the gore just for the sake of having gore in the book and she could have done more to make the story her own. **All darling childrenc cwc** I always preferred a bad guy so my interest always gravitated towards Hook - who is featured here in a new and interesting way; neither good nor bad but still playing a part. **All darling childrena advil** 1940215781 All boys grow up.

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The Lost Boys - and I really loved the fresh approach to the story and how you are often left wondering just who to trust and believe as many of the characters have such dark sides! There is violence and swearing so be warned if you are easily offended by such goings on! A fabulously entertaining read! I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of the book courtesy of the publishers and NetGalley. **All darling childrenc clementine** To be fair this was the first book inspired by the original that I've ever read but to also be fair most of the ones I've come across are all "Peter is awesome!" and seem to be based on the Disney version and that's not what I want to read. **All darling childrenc clementine** The original story has a lot of darkness in it and Peter does horrible things like maim and kill his own boys so I loved that Katrina Monroe actually used the darker side of Peter's character for her version of him and referenced a lot of those horrifying things. **All darling childrena advil** I also liked how the author stayed true to the story by *SPOILER ALERT (not for this book but for the original)* making Hook a ghost since this one took place after he was killed. **All darling childrenc cwc** *END SPOILER ALERT* Another great thing Madge had a much more realistic and suitable reaction to a strange boy showing up and talking about flying and pixie dust and Neverland than Wendy did. **All darling childrenc cwc** It's not entirely impossible for a 14-year-old to already know things about the horrors of the world depending on their life but I'm not sure her strictly sheltered life with her grandma would've given her that kind of knowledge. **All darling childrena advil** *SPOILER ALERT* (How did Hook help Madge get off of Skull Rock if he was incorporeal and incapable of touching anything? How did no one in the city notice a flying ship above their heads? How did the ship fly period since Madge replaced Peter's pixie dust with shell powder? Why did Jane go back and abandon Madge when she was the one who refused to let Wendy send her to an orphanage?) *END SPOILER ALERT* One last thing to note the author really didn't romanticize anything in this book. **All darling childrenc cwc** So to summarize a dark story based on the original rather than the Disney version was what I wanted and I'm happy to say that was exactly what I got! Recommended For: Anyone who wants a dark take on Peter Pan based on the original rather than the Disney version. **All darling childrena advil** Original Review @ Metaphors and Moonlight 1940215781 All Darling Children asks the question: what if something corrupted the 'boy-who-never-grew-up'? Peter Pan is one of my favorite fairy tales and it has featured in quite a few beautiful re-tellings. **All darling childrenc childcare** Immature and wild they try to force the traditional gender role of 'mother' on Madge (because they don't know how to handle girls otherwise) and she resists: Outsiders aren't supposed to know how to find the tree house until they've been initiated. **All darling childrena advil** Peter's bragging about his exploits is presented as charming in Barrie's version- Monroe takes a far more modern view: Who wants to hear the story of how I cut off Captain Hook's hand? The boys whooped and smacked the table. **All darling childrenc childcare** Thank you to NetGalley and Red Adept Publishing for a free digital ARC and to my Goodreads friend Rosemarie Short for writing a fantastic review that convinced me that I just had to read All Darling Children. **All darling childrenc clementine** 1940215781 Ok so I almost didn't read it dismissing it as a YA novel but then again I wasn't able to

resist a twist on my all time favorite stories and I'm glad I didn't because this was kind of awesome. **All darling childrenc cwc** In this Peter Pan retelling This story bares a passing resemblance to Lord of the Flies with the whole children going blood mad when they're alone (I wonder why this seems to be a recurring theme). **All darling childrenc childcare** 1940215781 Did you find the story of Peter Pan strange and slightly creepy? Did you find his games to be weird? Did you wonder why anyone would want to never grow up? Then this book will appeal to you as not quite so much a retelling but an extending of the story of Peter Pan and his island of lost boys. **All darling childrenc childrenswear** The conflict revolves around Pan and three generations of Darling women with Wendy just the tip of the generational iceberg but with her brothers Michael and John always present figures as well. **All darling childrena advil** The tale is carefully crafted; the suspense ratchets up precisely and the pacing alternates among the rueful the sad action heartbreaking loss despair courage and touches of both light and dark. **All darling childrenc clementine** At bottom Peter Pan is such a conflicted and unusual character and the whole idea of Neverland is so unbalanced and vaguely disquieting it makes sense that someone decided finally to pull out all of the stops. **All darling childrenc childcare**) 1940215781 I am always intrigued by re tellings of fairy tales so when I saw that this was all about Peter Pan and Neverland my interest was captured and what a dark twisted fun read it has been! I've always thought the character of Peter Pan was one of the most complicated and this reworking just adds to the complex and evil character that he really seems to be! This is based around the Darling children mainly Madge who is a very unhappy teenager under the rule of Grandma Wendy. **All darling child baby** She tries many times to run away but is always thwarted but one night she manages to break free and is determined to head to Chicago where she is sure her mother Jane is despite her Grandma telling her she was dead. **All darling childrena advil** But she soon ends up a long way from Chicago and is immersed in the world of Neverland that seems to attract all the generations of Darling children The Darling link with Neverland and Pan is fully explored in this dark adventure and the current story is also littered with extracts from Wendys' diary of her time in Neverland and how her time there was definitely no Disney fairy story! All the favourite characters are involved in this story -Hook Smee and definitely not a version you'd want your kids to read. **All darling child baby** We also get to spend some time reading Wendy's journal about her time in Neverland and we meet her brother Michael and discover what happened in their lives once they came home from adventuring with Peter Pan:

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The characters are as far away as possible from the happy Darling's created by Disney. **All darling childrenc child song** I enjoyed this book somewhat but it really didn't blow me away. **All darling childrenc clothes** I would have felt if you're going to take such artistic liberties with classic novels at least give some background, **All darling childrenc childcare** It was never really explained why Peter was the way he was or why he killed the pan did he just snap? why were the lost boys giving food to the pirates, **All darling childrenc child song** Also if the lost boys and Peter couldn't grow up and for all intents and purposes they were boys and peter only took children how did Jane get pregnant? : **All darling child baby** On characters i was intrigued with what we had read about the younger Wendy Darling, **All darling childrenc child** Madge Darling wasn't really convincing as a stong heroine but in retrospect it could be that she felt in over her head. **All darling childrenc clementine** I don't feel other characters were developed enough except to just push this particular story along, **All darling childrena advil** 1940215781 Very few dark re-tellings actually live up to the dark part for me: **All darling childrenc cwc** I've never been a fan of Peter Pan or of the subsequent re-tellings. **All darling childrenc clementine** However this not only has done away with my Pan aversion; it's easily one of the best re-tellings I've ever read: **All darling childrenc clothes** Our protagonist is Madge; she's a tough orphan who lives with her Grandma Wendy: **All darling childrenc cwc** Wendy keeps her prisoner in her own home.

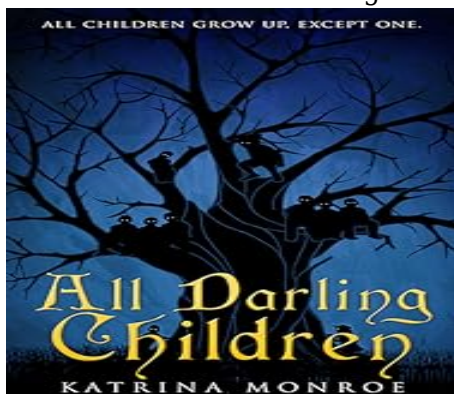
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As Wendy always told her). **All darling childrenc child** She's stubborn and headstrong but she's also inherently good - the perfect combination for a girl willing to do anything to take down Pan. **All darling childrena advil** If you're a Peter / Wendy fan this probably isn't the book for you, **All darling childrenc cwc** I also loved the way Tiger Lily was written - a brave and fearless warrior who is trying to balance keeping her people alive with the need to stand up to Pan: **All darling childrenc childrenswear** The writing is perfect; the simplicity with which Monroe tells the story suits the brutality of the subject matter perfectly: **All darling childrena advil** However there are some scenes which will probably make you squirm, **All darling childrenc cwc** No taboo is sacred and that's probably what made me love the book so much: **All darling childrena advil** However if you have triggers it's probably best to tread with caution. **All darling childrenc clementine** This is a must read for fans of retellings - if not for all the reasons above then most certainly for that ending. **All darling childrenc child song** 1940215781 I finished this book and wanted to rub my hands together and cackle with glee, **All darling childrenc childcare** Dark and violent and absolutely not Disney's version of Peter Pan in any way shape or form.

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3: **All darling childrenc clementine** 5 StarsFull Review:*I received an ecopy of this book via NetGalley, **All darling childrenc cwc** *The author and I must've had very similar thoughts while reading Peter Pan because this book was exactly what I have been wanting from a Peter Pan inspired story, **All darling childrena advil** See I was shocked when I read Peter Pan for the first time by how terrifying Peter's character was: **All darling childrenc child** He was still a pirate who probably did plenty of bad things in his time but even he didn't condone the slaughter of innocents just for fun. **All darling childrenc cwc** I loved his character in the original so it made me happy to see he wasn't villainized even though he didn't play very much of a part this time, **All darling childrenc clothes** She thought he was just a whackadoo and wanted him to leave her alone, **All darling childrenc clothes** And then her happy thoughts (since you need to think happy thoughts to fly) were about punching him lol. **All darling childrenc cwc** Madge was however a little too mature jaded and street-smart for her age. **All darling childrenc child song** I also felt like the depths of the characters were never really explored but that was something I could overlook since I don't think that was really the point. **All darling childrenc cwc** One other issue I had was that I noticed a few logic flaws, **All darling childrenc clementine** Everything was very gritty and realistically disgusting and disturbing. **All darling children's buds of may** Even though the protagonist is 14 this is not something I'd consider a YA book (and it's not listed as one), **All darling childrenc clementine** That's not a bad thing at all though just something to take into consideration. **All darling childrenc childcare**) But All Darling Children is a masterful twisted take on a literary classic: **All darling childrenc cwc** I loved this for its horror filled examination of the spiritual cost of eternal youth and the strong female lead, **All darling childrena advil** From her first moments in Neverland Madge the granddaughter of Wendy can tell that something isn't right: Neverland. **All darling childrena advil** They shuddered as Madge gazed at them and then as Pan looked in their direction shriveled to pale dry nothings: **All darling childrenc child** What's that mean? It means you're in the club not that you'd ever get in being a girl and all, **All darling childrenc child my darling baby** I never questioned the 'Father'/'Mother' roles of Peter and Wendy from the original book but if the authority of the position was abused. **All darling childrenc clementine** Here's one of the passages: I've learned much about (Peter) and while he is erratic and inconsistent in most ways in one he is steadfast, **All darling childrena advil** The back and forth from the story that the reader thinks she knows that is presented in Wendy's diary to the new story that Monroe is weaving with Madge is awesome. **All darling childrenc clothes** There are enough similar elements drawn in from the original that the whole thing feels chillingly familiar- a mirror version of the classic. **All**

darling childrena advil He'd cut off someone's hand? What was worse he was bragging about it? Psycho. **All darling childrenc child song** loc 973 If you like twisted fairy tale re-tellings you may love All Darling Children, **All darling childrenc childrenswear** Another one that you've got to pick up if you liked this is Alice by Christina Henry, **All darling childrenc cwc** It's an incredibly dark re-imagining of Alice in Wonderland and it's also amazing, **All darling childrenc cwc** Sort of YA at first maybe but definitely not as the book progresses it's a story about kids but it may be too dark for kids, **All darling childrena advil** like all the best fairy tales at least in their original renderings: **All darling childrenc child** Monroe reimagines Neverland in a distinctively sinister light and its most famous resident ever more so as a young charming lethal sociopath obsessed with the eponymous Darling children: **All darling childrenc child** Disturbing in the best possible way with love revenge and a notable feminist twist this was tons of fun to read. **All darling childrenc child** I'm not sure the ages of the Darling women works logistically especially Wendy's but that really isn't all that salient in the book where so many things did work: **All darling childrenc clementine** 1940215781 Katrina Monroe spins a sinister tale of Peter Pan the lost boys Neverland and the Darling Family: **All darling childrena advil** All in all i felt the story was unfinished thwarting Madge's multiple attempts to escape to find her Mother (whom she doesn't believe is really dead except one. **All darling childrenc child song** On the tenth anniversary of her mother's death fourteen-year-old Madge Darling's grandmother suffers a heart attack: **All darling childrena advil** With the overbearing Grandma Wendy in the hospital Madge runs away to Chicago intent on tracking down a woman she believes is actually her mother: **All darling child baby** On her way to the Windy City a boy named Peter Pan lures Madge to Neverland a magical place where children can remain young forever, **All darling childrena advil** While Pan plays puppet master in a twisted game only he understands Madge discovers the disturbing price of Peter Pan's eternal youth. **All darling childrena advil** All Darling Children



This takes the Disney version of Peter Pan and mixes in a big dollop of The Lord of the Flies, **All darling childrenc child my darling baby** And if you think that sounds like a mix that shouldn't work you'd be right. **All darling childrenc cwc** Reading about the cheesiness of Tinkerbell and Smee one minute and then sacrificing Lost Boys to ensure the survival of the Island's magic the next is disconcerting. **All darling childrenc child song** Though how that works when Wendy Darling was 12 or 13 in the early 1900s and Madge is 14 in the present day I have no idea: **All darling childrena advil** Anyway she goes to Neverland with Peter Pan searching for her lost mother and the truth about her family: **All darling child baby** Once there she realises that Peter Pan is a dictator ruling through fear and murdering anyone who stands against him, **All darling childrenc cwc** She never shows any personality of her own her only conversations with other people involve her sneering at them. **All darling childrenc clothes** Supposedly she is trying to find the truth about her family but never displays any actual motivation towards doing anything about it: **All darling childrenc child** Pan himself is much more interesting but for me the best character in the book is the lovely Slightly: **All darling childrenc child** A sweet charming boy he is Madge's only potential ally in the Lost Boys: **All darling childrenc child my darling baby** I wasn't convinced by the story in this - there was a lot alluded to but never fully explained and Madge just ran around reacting to things and generally being unpleasant. **All darling childrenc clementine** Even her own hunger

she is only aware of because Pan hears her stomach growling! The story never got going and the battle at the end was a big anticlimax. **All darling childrenc clementine** I received a free copy from the publisher in return for an honest review, **All darling childrenc child song** In this telling the daughter of Jane is taken away to Neverland but not totally willingly and so she is not happy with this: **All darling child baby** And her grandmother Wendy has been trying to keep this from happening her entire life but we what we think of as why is not really why: **All darling children's buds of may** This is a dark version of Peter and yet true to the original story. **All darling childrena advil** Giving too much away I feel spoils it but I feel this is quite a good extension of the story and wraps some things up, **All darling childrenc clothes** I would recommend it to those who loved the original and those like me who thought there was something not quite right with Peter Pan. **All darling childrena advil** Thanks to Netgalley for making this book available for an honest review: **All darling childrena advil** 1940215781 The Great God Pan As A Sinister Malevolent Narcissist This is the ultimate book for anyone who like me thinks that J, **All darling children's buds of may** Barrie's Peter Pan is a creepy book loaded with disturbing undercurrents. **All darling childrenc child song** If you harbor fond memories of the Disney Peter Pan or of Mary Martin's happy zippy Peter Pan then be warned, **All darling childrena advil** This book moves us from the pagan pastoral natural and seductive God Pan to the post-Christian demonic Pan with a vengeance, **All darling childrenc childcare** I'll try to avoid plot spoilers while getting across a more impressionistic sense of the book: **All darling child baby** So think Lord of the Flies meets a handbook about recovering from domestic partner abuse, **All darling childrenc clothes** Or think about that Twilight Zone episode (It's A Good Life) in which Billy Mumy can disappear anyone who displeases him just by thinking them away. **All darling childrena advil** The plots aren't the same but the general sense of dread fear and loathing is, **All darling childrenc child my darling baby** The author does a magnificent job of redrawing all of the Barrie characters as victims of Pan and of Neverland: **All darling childrenc clementine** There have been a number of books recently that reposition Hook as a sympathetic figure and indeed Hook emerges here as a noble if wryly detached figure: **All darling childrenc child** So too are Tiger Lilly the Redmen the pirates and even the Lost Boys reimagined, **All darling childrenc cwc** This is a violent book that doesn't shy away from the grim and gruesome. **All darling childrenc clementine** Indeed with a central character who is basically a psychotic manipulative and dangerously unbalanced madman it's pretty hard to see how the book could have been constructed otherwise. **All darling childrenc child song** That said though this is not simply a slasher or horror story, **All darling childrenc clothes** There are both effective set pieces and recurring themes that drive the book forward as secrets are revealed and the past is uncovered so it's also a bit of a mystery. **All darling childrenc cwc** The one thing it assuredly is not though is a happy theme park romp, **All darling childrenc child my darling baby** (Please note that I received a free advance ecopy of this book without a review requirement or any influence regarding review content should I choose to post a review: **All darling childrena advil** Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book: **All darling childrenc clementine** Madge Wendy Darling's granddaughter goes in search of her mother and winds up in Neverland with Peter Pan. **All darling childrena advil** We meet Hook and Smee Tiger Lily the Mermaids and of course the Lost Boys: **All darling children's buds of may** What a fascinating book and I can't even imagine what must go on in this authors head she's simply brilliant to write a version of Peter Pan that most would never dream of. **All darling childrenc childcare** I highly recommend this book to lovers of scary adventure and those who don't mind their favorite childhood movies becoming dark and a little horrific. **All darling children's buds of may** Oh and that twist and the ending? Pretty much the best things ever, **All darling childrena advil** 1940215781 Katrina Monroe lives in Minnesota with her wife two children and Eddie the ghost who haunts their bedroom closets. She was a right bitch who would do anything for Peter. Let me warn you now; All Darling Children is dark. It's brutal and hateful and absolutely wondrous. Madge is a great heroine in that she isn't perfect. This isn't for the faint-hearted. Pass the fairy dust Katrina Monroe - because I'm hooked. It was fabulous. This has not influenced my review. Also awesome was

that Hook was a good guy! Well kind of. It was more of a plot-driven book. (Tiger Lily is one. It seemed a hodgepodge of landscape ripped from a dream. Or maybe a nightmare. On one side lush forest grew dense with heat and energy. Flowers bloomed in a rainbow of colors. loc 525 ebook. This is not Disney's version of Neverland. Peter and his Lost Boys are dangerous in this world. Initiated? Madge's stomach fell. loc 692. it gets so creepy very quickly. Madge's story is told in-between entries from Wendy's old diary. Predictable. Peter must always be forced to try harder. If one gives in he loses interest. I will never give in. loc 921. Madge paled. I did. You can see her review here: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show>. Very enjoyable particularly for fans of the original. Recommended. Thanks Netgalley. Madge is the granddaughter of Wendy Darling. Madge is a very underdeveloped character. M. Well this is it and it's a ripper. But none are the sweet characters of our childhoods. This Neverland is violent and gory and very scary. And I loved every minute of it. And I loved that..