

There is a secret that every child knows: Magic is real. But by the time children turn thirteen, they forget that magic is anything but make-believe.

Mengyao wants to remember. Born in a village nestled in a secluded vale, Mengyao dreams of becoming a Divine Healer. But with her thirteenth birthday fast approaching, she is losing hope that she can hold on to the magic.

Young emperor Kai is on the run from traitorous advisers. He's searching for the fabled Dragon's Pulse, a magic capable of defeating his enemies. On the brink of his thirteenth birthday, Kai doesn't have much time left. So when he meets Mengyao—the girl whose name is mentioned in his legend—he forces aside his instinctual distrust and asks her to join him on his quest.

As they journey together, Kai and Mengyao find aid in unexpected forms, such as a jade hare, a moon goddess, and a handful of promises. But as enemies close in and time runs out, secrets are revealed that will change the fate of their kingdom forever.

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