

PEARL, middle-grade fiction

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Diving Boy Books

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Pearl can't move. She's never wanted to, until now. Life above the waves beckons to her as she watches the boats moving along the surface of the water above her. Pearl is a statue carved of milk-white stone that has stood on the floor of an ancient sea for a thousand years, but she's waking up, and she wants more. As desire builds within her, it propels her on a journey that takes her to an exotic island grotto, into the midst of a bloody revolution, underground into a rat-infested tomb, and, at last, to a magical mountain paradise. Crazy rebels, wise philosophers, greedy grave robbers, and a few other friendly people and fish accompany her along the way, as she asks the question, "Is desire enough?" She'll have to have faith in the stars. She'll have to muster more courage than she's ever imagined. But perhaps by journey's end, Pearl will believe in herself, experience a miracle, and realize her greatest desire of all.

Praise for PEARL:

"*Pearl* is a creative and imaginative juvenile fantasy with memorable characters who tap into the magic and mystery of the universe. This is an enchanting, literary dive into the lightness and darkness of the world, its beauty and casualties, and a glimpse of the emotions that can arise out of young love." – Foreword Reviews

"...Brian Kindall's *Pearl* is an all-ages fable about an ancient statue of a girl carved from "the purest milk-white stone" whose life is irrevocably changed when a diver pulls her from the sea. ...a story about internal growth—a fantastical journey of self-discovery ... thematically powerful." – BlueInk Reviews