

Magicsight

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Did you know, that if you close one eye
and cover it with two fingers,
you will get a magicsight?

My grandma has taught me.

Together we could see the sunrise through the dust
and the starry sky behind the clouds,
when no one else could.

Sometimes we would watch movies on the ceiling
above her bed, while the others were asleep.
We would watch sad movies and funny movies
and movies, that no one had made yet.
Grandma laughed so hard the mattress rocked.

There are many magical things in this world,
even in the most unimaginable places,
but you can only see them, if you know
how to look.

With my magicsight I can see green fields and free birds
and open roads ahead.

I can see a tall castle
with golden pillars and soft, green carpets.
I can see mom's warm embrace,
and grandma's glowing cheeks.

I can see mermaids in the deep.

I don't need my magical gaze to see that dad is strong.

But when my brother is sad,
I show him, how he can see
beauty, light and hope.

The others can't see it.
Because no one has shown them how to use their magicsight.
My grandma has shown it to me.

And now I have shown it to you.

Book description / Back-cover blurb

*Did you know, that if you close one eye and cover it with two fingers, you will get a magicsight?
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In a nameless country in a city in ruins a girl learns something very special from her grandmother: By covering one eye with two fingers, you can see things, you otherwise don't have an eye for. Wonderful things, you didn't think existed. Golden castles in dark forests. Mermaids in the deep. Beauty, light and hope.

Magicsight is a sensuous picture-book about a girl fleeing with her family. A timeless, harsh but also hopeful story about a child's amazing ability to keep on believing that beauty and good can be found in the world.