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Lesley Howarth's **MapHead** must count as one of the most original creations in contemporary writing for children and readers who responded to his first manifestation will need little encouragement to become absorbed in this sequel. Depicted as a traveller between 'the obvious world of people' and 'the Subtle World', he finds himself a temporary guest of the 'everyday' Stamp family. His arrival in their lives is to provide material for some hilarious scenes of domestic chaos and, more seriously, for fascinating considerations of childhood (and adult) loneliness, of father-son relationships and, above all, of the nature of power, its uses and abuses. This is an ingenious, multi-faceted novel, shot through with humanity and tenderness.

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