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**Description:**

**From School Library Journal** Grade 5-8-Felix, a sickly 13-year-old on vacation with his parents in Costa Rica, stands astride the Continental Divide and is transported into a world in which mythological creatures are real and humans are believed to be myths. Felix first meets a griffin, called a brazzle. Soon he meets Betony, a tangle child, known to humans as an elf. They enlist some brittlehorns (unicorns) to help Felix try to find a magical cure for his heart defect. Things go badly, though, because Snakeweed, an evil japegrin (pixie), has a plan to make a great deal of money selling bogus healing potions that are sometimes fatal. After a series of adventures, Felix is indeed healed by magic and manages to be transported back home, but Snakeweed and a couple of other evil creatures join him. This leaves the way open for a sequel. Unfortunately, while Felix and Betony

do brave things, they are not well developed as characters and it is hard to become emotionally involved with them. Unicorns and brownies die, and other wonderful beings are placed in grave danger, but no one seems to care as much as they should. Felix himself is cured without much cost or sacrifice on his part, and the whole concept of a world in which mythological creatures are real but have different names begins to wear thin after a while. This is a light, enjoyable read, but one cannot escape the feeling that it has not lived up to its potential.

*Bruce Anne Shook, Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC*

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**From** Gr. 5-9. While visiting Costa Rica with his parents, 13-year-old Felix, who has a life-threatening heart condition, passes out. When he comes to, he finds himself in a magical world populated by griffins, unicorns, dragons, pixies, and elves. Humans, their science, and their culture are considered mythical, totally nonexistent. When he meets Betony, an elf about his age, Felix proves that he's human by showing her his flashlight, ballpoint pen, and compass. With the help of some unicorns, Felix and Betony journey toward the city where Betony's brother and sister are, but the travelers soon find themselves sought by evil pixie Snakeweed and his vicious shadow-beasts. Kay's grand adventure, which includes a search for a cure for Felix's illness and the means to send him home, is packed with humor as the protagonists work to turn the tables on Snakeweed and his minions. The conclusion points to a sequel. *Sally Estes*

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