

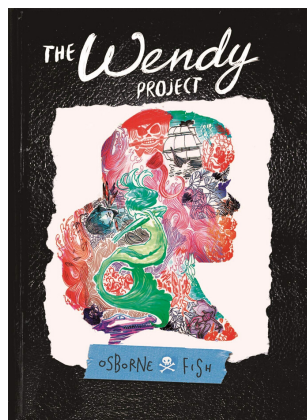


# CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS...

## *Peter Pan Retellings*

For some reason, I read two retellings of **Peter Pan** last week. The first one is a graphic novel illustrated by the wonderful Worcester-based artist **Veronica Fish**. Remember when she visited MPL last summer?

In this story, 16-year-old Wendy crashes her car into a lake with her two brothers on board. When she finds out her brother Michael died from the accident, Wendy insists that he is alive. . .in Neverland with the flying boy who took him away. As you read the book, you can decide if this is Wendy's way of coping with her loss or if there really is magic at play. The beautiful illustrations contain clues about the balance between fantasy and reality.



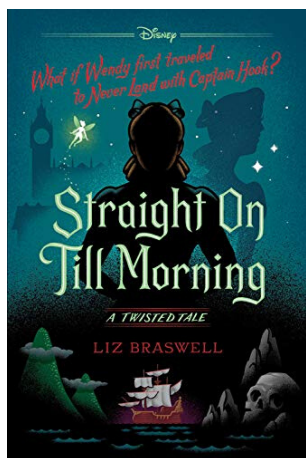
### **The Wendy Project**

by Melissa Jane  
Osborne,  
Veronica Fish  
(illus.)

**Available right now from JLG  
Digital High School Stream**

### ***Straight on Till Morning***

by Liz Braswell



**Available as an e-book  
on the Libby app**

You probably know the traditional story of Peter Pan. In this version, Wendy believes in Neverland with all her heart and she is convinced that Peter Pan visited the nursery years ago, but all she has to show for it is the shadow she snatched. Craving adventure and independence, Wendy makes a deal with the devil to finally go to Neverland. And by the devil I mean Captain Hook. What could go wrong?

If you were a Disney kid or you're just a fan of twisted fairy tales, this one is for you. My favorite part was the development of the female characters, Wendy and Tinkerbell, who are pretty much cardboard in every other version. They are friends and allies in this one, instead of jealously fighting over a boy. Hooray!

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