

★ **Paradise Sands: A Story of Enchantment****Levi Pinfold**

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Haunting and surreal, this fantasy tale for young readers follows four siblings on a melancholy trip to visit their ailing mother. On the way, they stop to gather flowers; they enter into a mysterious palace that threatens to hold them there forever. The youngest among them—a determined girl—bargains for their freedom, walking a dangerous line whose implications her mother later recognizes in her eyes. Photorealistic and dazzling, the illustrations capture the fine details of spaces both real and imagined in precise, lasting terms.

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