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The Spellshop

Story Crafted by
Sarah Beth Durst



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The Spellshop is Sarah Beth Durst’s romantasy debut—a lush cottagecore tale full of stolen spellbooks, unexpected friendships, sweet jams, and even sweeter love. Kiela has always had trouble dealing with people. Thankfully, as a librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, she and her assistant, Caz—a magically sentient spider plant—have spent the last decade sequestered among the empire’s most precious spellbooks, preserving their magic for the city’s elite. When a revolution begins and the library goes up in flames, she and Caz flee with all the spellbooks they can carry and head to a... The author uses pacing effectively to maintain engagement without causing fatigue. By alternating between moments of tension and calm, the story remains dynamic and enjoyable over longer reading sessions.