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- "A much-abridged version of the classic's first five chapters, dressed up with large and properly surreal illustrations."
- ...Pretty...
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"Puybaret's colorful acrylic paintings emit a glow of whimsy perfectly suited for Alice's journey. A Wonderland map, reminiscent of a Candy Land board, graces the end papers. Though lacking the wordplay and darkness of the original Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, this simplified rendition will nevertheless fill young readers with wonder."

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