

The *STARRY STEPS* ladder

The Starry Steps ladder numbered 1 - 9 Fairy is a scale that measures and allows skills and capabilities to be given to the trainee Fairy in a careful, controlled way. It's clearly not a good thing if the lowest number 9 fairy can fly around before having the skills and lessons that will make it safe for her to do so. Likewise, complex magic takes a long time to learn and deliver, for the good of everyone. A simple mis-spoken phrase could cause a catastrophe! So the Starry Steps control system has to be imposed on all trainee Fairies.

Positioned in the lowest category, Starry Steps 9, Pillow is assigned Tooblie Town by her superiors, supervised by Miss March.

Armed with a dusty magic book of ancient spells and a trusty wand, Pillow's mission is to help make the lives of the townsfolk just a little bit better and alchemise any threats. In so doing she must also climb the Starry Steps ladder, an arduous test.

The pressure is on. Pillow knows the odds are stacked: she is far from a perfect pupil and doesn't quite fit the fairy mould. Only the best fairies with charm and grace reach the dizzy heights of a Starry Steps 1 fairy. However, when Pillow meets twins Otto and Summer she is lifted by their kindness which in turn encourages her to face every given challenge with huge enthusiasm, enabling her to do her bravest to win over each day as it comes.