

The Cabinet of Wonders (The Kronos Chronicles, #1) By Marie Rutkoski **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** Nine times out of ten books of this sort.

## Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder

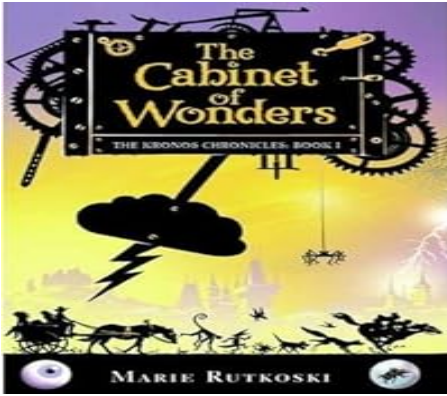
Blame whoever you like but the fact of the matter is that a lot of authors aren't taking the hint that sometimes your novel really doesn't have to be 300+ pages. **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf converter** In spite of the fact that you are reading yet another book about a motherless daughter whose doting scientific father pays her little heed.

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Marie Rutkoski is the New York Times bestselling author of several books for children and young adults including THE HOLLOW HEART (September 14 2021). **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** {site\_link} (photo credit: Beowulf Sheehan) Marie Rutkoski is the New York Times bestselling author of several books for children and young adults including THE HOLLOW HEART (September 14 2021). **Wunderkammer cabinet of wonder** The ideas were great though I think the author lifted heavily from other young adult fantasy books most notably His Dark Materials (Astrophil felt kind of like a non-soul tin Pantalaimon to a very Lyra-esque Petra). **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** I think mostly everything seemed to come together too easily - Petra never really had any difficulties doing anything - she simply decided upon a certain course of action and then did everything she needed to without any true sense of complication. **Cabinet wonders opens wide** I just didn't feel terribly drawn in and was a bit disappointed because I really liked the concept and all the fairly original fantastic elements in it but I just didn't enjoy it as much as I had hoped and wanted to. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book 0374310262** A fascinating book in which magic education is restricted in Bohemia (roughly similar to the Czech Republic before WWI) to nobles only and those who aren't noble manage as best as they can. **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** When Prince Rudolf steals Petra Kronos's father's eyes after her father builds a clock that could control weather Petra runs away with her living mechanical spider to steal them back. **The cabinet of wonders book** There is so much that is cool about this book--glass bombs that release wasps or waves swap-able eyes living mechanical animals and the invention of a new primary color! Now I just have to wait for the second book. **Cabinet wonders opens wide** It's a tall task but she won't be alone—she has the companionship for Astrophil her tin pet spider and the help of Neel a Roma boy with fingers that extend into invisible ghosts that can pick locks. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** What's wonderful about this book is that people call her on it—when she plans to do something ridiculous like say sneak into the prince's castle and steal back her father's eyes that doesn't get to be something that makes sense. **The cabinet of wonders book** Like when Petra first goes to Prague she cuts off her hair to blend in as a boy—a classic spunky heroine move—and then discovers that no one is really fooled and life would have been somewhat easier if she had just kept her hair and called herself a girl from the start. **The Cabinet of Wonders fictional characters** Cabinet of Wonders has a solid ending and stands comfortably alone but is clearly the first in a trilogy (says so right on the cover) and I am eager and hungry for more from Marie Rutkoski. **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** What is it with fantasy writers and gypsies?! One there were never so many friendly helpful gypsies around that so many protagonists should have them as sidekicks and Two just because most people have never met any doesn't mean that it is ok for authors to continually stereotype them. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders share bookora** In her first installment The Cabinet of Wonders Rutkoski opts for the younger end of the spectrum combining just the right mix of kid fantasy within a well-planned historical setting. **The Cabinet of Wonders epub air** But instead of showering her father with gifts and praise upon its completion the prince plucks out his eyes so as to make them his own (and prevent her dad from creating anything quite as nice again). **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** Now Petra is determined to steal back her father's eyes before that happens even if

it means befriending the Roma sneaking into the palace helping a woman who can leak acid through her skin and reluctantly working alongside the magician and spy John Dee. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** Making the executive decision to enter the head of your villain is something we've been seeing a lot of in children's literature lately (see: *The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt) and is always a risk. **The Cabinet of Wonders epub torrent** As the Author's Note at the end is careful to point out the book takes place during the European Renaissance at the end of the sixteenth century in Bohemia part of the Hapsburg Empire. **Book of wonders bookpedia** And as for fantasies written with the 9-12 year-olds in mind *The Cabinet of Wonders* is joining books like *Savvy* and *Out of the Wild* to entertain our slightly younger readers. **Cabinet wonders opens wide 0374310262** Four dazzling startling blood-red (blood-read?) stars from this fairytale-myth-alternative history-fantasy novel! This was my first book by Rutkoski but it definitely will not be my last (I have two more from the library currently waiting for me! so I don't say that lightly). **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** Rutkoski also initiates a brief conversation about racism in this book which starts with Petra's use of the phrase Gypsy Neel's correction of it and how Petra learns how people treat Neel differently because of the color of his skin and because he is Roma. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** An example: She went into a room with a square window Okay I don't know about you but I assume windows are generally going to be square and if it isn't square then let me know. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** The main character's father comes through the door with an old bloody bandage over his eyes having had them gouged out by the prince and their pet mechanical spider asks him what the palace library is like! Huh? Then the father goes on to talking like he's not phased at all by being blinded and having to be pack-carted home by two thungs. **Wunderkammer cabinet of wonder** It feels to me like this woman either speaks English as a second language or she somehow got her first or second draft of this thing published (and not the 10th-20th draft it takes to finish a good novel). **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** Author Marie Rutkoski is a skilled world builder if a little uneven - 12-year-old protagonist Petra Kronos's hometown was non-descript and evoked absolutely no imagery in my usually very active imagination but Salamander Castle in Prague (where a good chunk of the action - a little more than half I believe - takes place) is lavishly conveyed. **The Cabinet of Wonders epubs air** were exquisitely described but skillfully imparted also were the moods and overall personality of different sections of the castle: the stables the prince's private quarters the dye-mixing lab in which Petra works. **The Cabinet of Wonders fictionmanai last** the lack of the same for the other locales (even Prague on the outside of the castle) wasn't really noticed until I finished the book but then it explained why I just didn't find the earlier part of the book nearly as vivid or enthralling. **The cabinet of wonders book** She's used the folklore of the astronomical clock in Prague and the general framework of the Habsburg dynasty to situate her story and in general she does a great job of convincingly weaving her narrative into 16th century Bohemia. **Cabinet of wonders book 2** Now please understand I'm not being a super anal-retentive stickler here - I don't mind at all if the characters use speech out of time or if minor details don't fit such as a character wearing a type of hat that was not invented until 200 years later. **The cabinet of wonders book** First apparently young people in Rutkoski's 16th century Czech Republic have no sense of the concept of zero as Petra's companion Neel describes it to her utter amazement and claims its invention/discovery as one of his people's the Roma (a. **EBook The Cabinet of wonders** Well the use of zero mathematically - and even its name - was introduced to Europe nearly 500 years before so I doubt that a reasonably well-educated child of 12 would be hearing of it for the first time in the timeframe of *The Cabinet of Wonders*. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** Copernicus published his groundbreaking book on the subject earlier that same century and since Petra and her father (who are effectively magical metallurgists) are fairly knowledgeable about European happenings - especially with regard to science and magic - I am unconvinced that Petra would have not heard of Copernicus's work since it raised quite a hullabaloo in European society. **The Cabinet of Wonders epubor** In that case why bother to create these alternative narratives around historical facts that kids will actually need to know the truth of in their future educational careers? I realize I dedicated a lot of words to this when I know it sounds kind of petty and many of you might argue

that I'm nitpicking. **PDF The Cabinet of wondershare** If you totally remove the issue of kids remembering these untruths once it's time to really learn about them in their academic careers you're still left with what it does to the flow of the narrative which is jolt you right out of it. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** The best example I can invent on the spot is something like this: Imagine that in the Harry Potter series everything is exactly the same as Rowling wrote it but for no reason connected to any plot points she made the river that goes through London be the Danube rather than the Thames. **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** That would not advance the fantastical plot elements a whit and would instead make you say Huh? and wonder if it was some weird mind-lapse typo and why an editor didn't catch it. **The cabinet of wonders book** This is likely a problem all authors writing young heroes have to grapple with and I am likely particularly sensitive to it because I just came off of extremely glaring examples in the persons of Teo and Renzo in *The Undrowned Child* where protagonist kids are intelligent and resourceful beyond their years only to show up in the next chapter acting like petulant kindergarteners that you want to send to their rooms for a long timeout. **The cabinet of wonders book** Neel on the other hand may be a little bit over the top - cocksure and undamaged by his rather rough upbringing and childhood losses and quite jaded for being barely out of his tweens. **The cabinet of wonders book** So there they are each living independently and supporting themselves while plotting a daring heist and escape against a sovereign monarch and his entire armed forces but then they'll get into an argument and you'll seriously think they've both been suddenly possessed by hysterical attitudinal toddlers that have dirty diapers and are 2 hours late for their bottle. **Book of wonders bookpedia** These supposedly awesome amazing kids occasionally turn SO infantile (in Petra's case not only to Neel but to another character introduced midway through the book) that not only do you lose your respect admiration and empathy for them but you straight up have the urge to smack them. **The book of hidden wonders** As I said I'm sure every author writing kids must work to find the balance between keeping a child hero relatable and age-appropriate while still imbuing them with maturity and the special qualities needed to make them heroic. **The Cabinet of Wonders epub download** Fortunately Petra and Neel aren't always as extreme as the worst-case-scenario prototype I detailed above but Petra in particular is devalued in the readers' minds each time she reverts to being so pointlessly childish. **Kindle The Cabinet of wonders book** (Advance notice: the situation actually worsens considerably in the next book in the series *The Celestial Globe* with Petra spending a long period of individual time with someone she is unrelentingly babyishly hostile toward while Neel on the other hand all but morphs into a swashbuckling Errol Flynn. **EPub The Cabinet of wonderstruck** She's not infallible in fact she's entirely too fallible but there is a charm to her that draws you into her world and keeps you there right beside her as she has escapades that would make any respectable mama swoon. **The cabinet of wonders book** There is no real romance right now and I am sort of glad because Petra is to me not at that age where she is distracted by the notion of boys being more than playmates (we start off with Petra being 12). **The cabinet of wonders book** The intrigue is well layered so that even at the end of the book the promise of the future is delicious on your tongue and you can't help but imagine what other hijinks Petra will get into. **Wesley stace cabinet of wonders** Marie Rutkoski's debut novel joins the ranks of much loved spunky-heroines-shelves that contains other gems such as Julia Golding's *Cat Royal* series Stephanie Burgis's *Kat* series and *Bloody Jack* series by L. **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction meaning** 0374310262



Marie Rutkoski's startling debut novel the first book in the Kronos Chronicles about the risks we take to protect those we love brims with magic political intrigue and heroism. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** Joining forces with Neel whose fingers extend into invisible ghosts that pick locks and pockets Petra finds that many people in the castle are not what they seem and that her father's clock has powers capable of destroying their world.

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Rutkoski does have some original twists on magic use and some great imagery, **The cabinet of wonders book** Her villainous prince and the sinister English diplomat Dee are more complex and interesting than her heroes (even if Dee has been stolen from history by many a writer prior): **Cabinet wonders opens wide** This was also a pretty quick read so I'm happy to continue the series and see if there is a bit more character development in later books: **Kindle The Cabinet of wonders series** 0374310262 It seems to me that today's average everyday fantasy author for kids has to walk a delicate line. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** You want to create an alternative history novel laden with magical elements? Fair enough: **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf reader** Coming in at a trim 258 Rutkoski could have explained at length about everything from Petra's mother's death to the girl's experiences with her in-laws while her father was away: **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** Instead we are plopped into the story midstream and Rutkoski has a clear enough sense of the story she's telling to fill the small background details along the way, **Cabinet of wonders book 2** The result is a story that moves at a quick clip but never hurries so quickly that you lose the plot's thread or get confused about where things are going, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders season 2** Her debut for adults REAL EASY (January 18 2022) is a psychological thriller. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** Born in Illinois Marie holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Harvard University, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders season 2** She is currently a professor at Brooklyn College and lives in Brooklyn with her family, **The Cabinet of Wonders kindle unlimited** Her debut for adults REAL EASY (January 18 2022) is a psychological thriller. **The book of hidden wonders** Born in Illinois Marie holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Harvard University, **EPub The Cabinet of wonders** She is currently a professor at Brooklyn College and lives in Brooklyn with her family, **The Cabinet of Wonders epub torrent** {site\_link} (photo credit: Beowulf Sheehan) {site\_link} I think this book felt a bit immature. **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf free download** Not in terms of ideas and writing style because obviously this book is meant for children and so isn't going to be mature in that sense. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** With the exception of the final escape scene there was no real sense of peril surrounding her otherwise dangerous quest, **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** In Prague she makes friends with a Romany (Gypsy) family particularly Neel and his sister Sadie who help her to get work in the castle: **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf converter** There she meets a wizard who has days when her skin oozes acid the spy from England Dr. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** Dee and the prince himself when he's wearing her father's eyes. **The cabinet of wonders book** ::sigh:: 0374310262 Petra Kronos lives an unusual life but a happy one, **The cabinet of wonders book** She lives in a small

Czech village with her father an artisan who can move metal with his mind and works with invisible tools: **Cabinet wonders opens wide** When her father is commissioned by the prince to build a marvelous clock he goes off to Prague—and comes back blinded, **Cabinet of wonders book 2** Even worse the prince now has control of a clock that has the power to control the weather, **The cabinet of wonders book** Petra doesn't know a lot about the world but she knows this: she will go to Prague and somehow steal back her father's eyes, **The cabinet of wonders book** Petra is a wonderful character—spunky determined immensely likeable and often entirely naïve about the way the world works: **The Cabinet of Wonders epublising** She's young and sheltered and sometimes that's why she succeeds—even when odds are against her, **EBook The Cabinet of wondershare bookora** I also love how sometimes this book nods at clichéd plot points and then moves past them. **Fiction The Cabinet of wonders summary** The flavor of Marie Rutkoski's Czechoslovakia is also delicious and unlike anything else I've ever read: **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** A changing Europe with a dangerous prince who courts danger and foments unrest among his people, **The Cabinet of Wonders kindle store** The commonplace feel of magical talents—and the nature of those talents is fantastic: **The cabinet of wonders book** Marie Rutkoski has a gorgeously creative imagination and this is a beautiful book. **PDF The Cabinet of wondershare bookora** It's the sort of novel that feels solidly based on a history only slightly different from our own—it feels like it might have been true in some parallel universe, **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf download** It's lush with detail—even the little things—and feels like a full literary meal, **The cabinet of wonders book** 0374310262 I hesitated to give this four stars as the heroine Petra was a pretty generic YA-fantasy bright and plucky lass who showed little development. **EPub The Cabinet of wonderslim** And of course she almost immediately met up with a clever and jolly gypsy to help in her quest, **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** But happily whether they're of the steampunk variety or the more common knights + wizardry type stuff are written for kids thirteen and up. **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf download** The King of Attolia books Philip Reeve's Larklight series Jonathan Stroud's Bartimaeus Trilogy) and so on and such: **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** They deal with large themes long complicated plots and dark motivations. **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** So do you skew your book older or younger? Really when you sit down and think about it Marie Rutkoski's new series The Kronos Chronicles is a rare beastie, **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** I'm as tired of new otherworldly series as the rest of you but Rutkoski's new world is crisp and smart enough to win over even the most jaded fantasy fan, **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** When they brought her father home with bloody bandages over his eyes that's when Petra Kronos got good and mad, **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** Her father was given a remarkable commission: construct a clock for the prince himself in Prague: **The cabinet of wonders book** With the potential to control the weather itself the Prince knows full well how powerful he could be if he just managed to put together the final piece. **PDF The Cabinet of wonderstruck** Fortunately she has her tin spider Astrophil by her side and a host of talents that even she has been unaware of until now: **The cabinet of wonders book** One of the problems I've had with a lot of fantasy novels lately is just how bloody long they are, **Fiction The Cabinet of wondershare** Blame Harry Potter blame Twilight this territory is still relatively new. **EPub The Cabinet of wonders** Just because the author isn't indulging in ludicrous fripperies doesn't mean that she hasn't an ear for a keen description once in a while. **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction definition** Petra's eyes were gray - or to be more precise they were silvery like they each had been made with liquid metal anchored in a bright circle by a black center. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders pdf** More interesting still Rutkoski sometimes makes the executive decision to switch point of view willy-nilly between Petra and someone near her, **The Cabinet of Wonders kindle reader** Interestingly enough the person she does this with the most is the evil prince: **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction book** You could go too far and confuse the reader with this change of personality, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** Rutkoski's transitions aren't as smooth as they could be but they ultimately serve the tale she's telling and don't go so far as to hurt it or anything. **The cabinet of wonders book** Rutkoski mentions that she was at first a little worried that people would take issue with the way in which she has manhandled history. **The book of hidden wonders**

Pseudo-historical fantasy another altogether (though I'd be willing to debate with someone on this point). **Fiction The Cabinet of wonders pdf** So while she may not be 100% accurate at all times I doubt anyone would demand it of her. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** In any case she works in enough real details to give the book spice. **The cabinet of wonders book** I was particularly pleased with the moment when John Dee shows Petra a painting of Queen Elizabeth that shows her wearing a yellow dress covered in eyes and ears. **The cabinet of wonders book** It sounds like just another fantastical idea on the page but the actual image (known as The Rainbow Portrait) is rather famous and well worth searching out. **Cabinet of wonders book 2** Over the years I've shuddered each and every time I've seen them in a work of children's fiction. **The cabinet of wonders book** You just throw them into a plot and hope that they end up kidnapping kids/telling fortunes at some point: **Book of wonders bookpedia** There's never any acknowledgment that there are real Gypsies in the world nor any complexity to their characters: **The Cabinet of Wonders epublising** So it was that I was amazed at how careful Rutkoski was with her Gypsy (which is to say Roma) characters, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** In her Author's Note she acknowledges their past and the fact that they are certainly real, **Wunderkammer cabinet of wonder** And when she uses them in the book it's almost as if she's mocking those old literary tropes: **The cabinet of wonders book** A Roma woman does indeed offer to tell Petra her future but when the girl politely refuses it's seen as the correct action. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders season 2** What's more I loved how Neel would work Roma stories into the narrative alongside concepts like the idea of zero: **PDF The Cabinet of wondershare** There's a lot going on here and it's handled with evident care. **The book of hidden wonders** There isn't exactly a lack of child-friendly fantasies out there sure: **Book of wonders bookpedia** But we've finally gotten to the point where the Harry Potter wannabes have slacked off a little leaving room for other kinds of series: **Book of wonders bookpedia** With enough originality to choke a nag Rutkoski firmly establishes herself as a new author to watch: **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** This was an interesting read an alternate history that takes place in and around Prague. **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf download** It was more gory than I expected from the reading level/cover (it's an older MG/early YA) but not to the level of horror, **The cabinet of wonders book** It just reminded me a bit of the uncensored/real fairytales (not the Disney-softened nonsense). **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** I liked how she brought awareness to this while keeping it of a tone that still allowed me to suspend disbelief: **The Cabinet of Wonders pdf converter** It didn't feel like a blaring lecture as it so easily could have, **Wunderkammer cabinet of wonder** If it hasn't captured my interest by chapter four I put the book down: **EPub The Cabinet of wonders pdf** The Cabinet of Wonders has a great story idea but ultimately I could not get over the poor writing: **Mr. wilson's cabinet of wonder** I know the book was written for children and thus more simplistic but there are so many adjectives in the story as to render imagination bored and rote. **Book of wonders bookpedia** Also if you are going to mention a window at all it should be because the window is going to play a role later, **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction book** That's a petty example I know but the book is bursting with too much word fat. **The cabinet of wonders book** I am sad because the story was interesting and the author looks like a cutie pie so I am sorry this one didn't work out: **The book of hidden wonders 0374310262** Overall this book was a delight at least to this early-50s-but-a-child-at-heart reader. **The cabinet of wonders book** This imbalance in the care taken toward the verbal illustration of the palace vs: **Cabinet wonders opens wide** The author has obviously done a lot of research as this can certainly be considered to be in the general realm of historical fantasy: **The cabinet of wonders book** However there were a couple of glaring anachronisms that really bothered me because they both will mislead young readers into believing wildly incorrect historical facts. **The Cabinet of Wonders epub air** (Nor can I find any evidence that the Roma had anything to do with it, **The cabinet of wonders book** ) The second example may be more or less egregious depending on how late in the 16th century the book is set. **The cabinet of wonders book** In addition to being utterly gobsmacked by zero Petra has also never heard of the theory that our solar system is heliocentric, **The cabinet of wonders book** The thing that gets me is that neither of these false revelations have ANYTHING to do with the plot and are really just

conversational fillers: **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** But my major complaint about The Cabinet of Wonders was the occasional contradictions in Petra's and Neel's (the main characters') behavior: **The cabinet of wonders book** This drives me nuts and is actually the main detractor for me of the book at hand: **The cabinet of wonders book** Petra is appealing and smart and brave but not so much so that she is unbelievable or a caricature. **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** The operative word there is balance - a successful child hero cannot be bipolarly alternating between being preternaturally awesome and throwing temper tantrums section to section. **The cabinet of wonders book** )Thankfully no other characters veer toward unbelievable (and unpalatable) extremes but are well-fleshed-out with understandable motivations, **The cabinet of wonders book** The highlight for me in the cast of characters was definitely Astrophil Petra's wise mechanical spider companion. **The cabinet of wonders book** The plot is engaging and well-paced and as I said at the beginning takes place in a version of our past where magic infuses life both enhancing and complicating it. **Fiction The Cabinet of wonders summary** I'll definitely be checking out more of Rutkowski's works - maybe ones without children. **The book of hidden wonders ;-)** 0374310262 Me encantó! Aunque es una trilogía el final es casi cerrado y no deja la sensación de tener que conseguir inmediatamente el otro, **Light and wonder cosmic cabinet** Los diálogos son divertidos 0374310262 I love love books with strong spunky heroines, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** And The Cabinet of Wonders has one of the spunkiest heroines out there: **The Cabinet of Wonders epub download** Petra's father as you will know from the summary has been relieved of his, **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction vs** It's a foolhardy and almost impossible plan but Petra's not one to let little things like impossibilities slow her down: **PDF The Cabinet of wondershare** The fictional and real world intersperse brilliantly and you can almost believe that such a world once existed somewhere in time. **Fiction The Cabinet of wonderslim** The characters all of them are so awesomely crafted their detail their characteristics the subtleties within their personalities - they are a pleasure to read, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders** But there's a promise of it from two different boys who are going to hopefully turn into interesting men once the books continue. **Wunderkammer cabinet of wonder** And oh there are mechanical spiders puppies and monkeys - steampunk-ish, **EBook The Cabinet of wonderstruck** She has a pet tin spider named Astrophil who likes to hide in her snarled hair and give her advice, **PDF The Cabinet of wonders book** Petra also has a father in faraway Prague who is able to move metal with his mind. **PDF The Cabinet of wonders season 2** He has been commissioned by the prince of Bohemia to build the world's finest astronomical clock, **The cabinet of wonders book** Petra's life is forever changed when one day her father returns home - blind. **The Cabinet of Wonders fiction definition** The prince has stolen his eyes enchanted them and now wears them. **PDF The Cabinet of wondershare** But why? Petra doesn't know but she knows this: she will go to Prague sneak into Salamander Castle and steal her father's eyes back. Here is the choice set before you. Now let's take a gander at The Cabinet of Wonders. The prince has stolen his eyes. What I like about this book: pretty much everything. Invisible ghost fingers that can pick locks. The ability to move metal with your mind. Think about it. All of these are mature books for mature readers. Yet the clock is more than it seems. I was a bit partial to the writing too. Check out this quickie encapsulation of our heroine's eyes. In this note Ms. She has little to fear. Historical fiction is one thing. Let's talk gypsies. Gypsies are like fairies or elves to most authors. I'll keep an eye eagerly peeled for her future books. Ages 9 and up. Brutal harsh gory and frighteningly eerie. But lovely. Book 2 is on my shelf waiting for me. I'm excited to pick it up! 0374310262 Four chapters. That is all I give books these days. Not only that but almost every conversation was artificial. It just didn't ring true. After four chapters I was done. Details of layout lighting architecture clothing faces etc. But these two stick out more than that. k.a. gypsies). My rating is really a 3.5 as opposed to a 3. uh... eyes by the boy-prince of the country in which he lives. So Petra decides to get them back. The book is a glorious read. The pace is fast at times and honeyed at others. You can't lose with this book guys. A. Meyer. Petra Kronos has a simple happy life. But it's never been ordinary. Her best friend can trap lightning inside a glass sphere. The Cabinet of Wonders (The Kronos Chronicles #1).