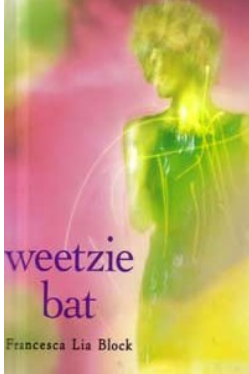


2009 Phoenix Award Winner

Weetzie Bat

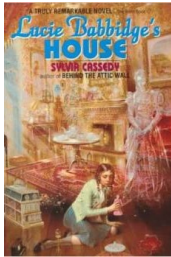
by **Francesca Lia Block**
(HarperCollins, 1989)



“I wish for Duck for Dirk, and My Secret Agent Lover Man for me, and a beautiful little house for us to live in happily ever after.” From the moment Weetzie Bat tells the genie her wish, life changes. She and her gay friend Dirk have been falling for the wrong guys. Now Dirk finds Duck, My Secret Agent Lover Man drops into Weetzie’s life, armed with a movie camera, and they inherit Grandma Fifi’s fairy tale cottage. Happily ever after, however, is only the beginning because, as Direk says, love is a dangerous angel; it can lead to break-ups, abandoned babies, drug abuse, suicide, AIDS, and run-ins with a witch coven called the Jayne Mansfield Fan Club. Amid the grit and glitter of Los

Angeles, Weetzie’s slinkster-cool, nontraditional family allows love to overcome grief and fear in this magnificently original and magical novel.

2009 Phoenix Honor Book



Lucie Babbidge’s House

by **Sylvia Cassedy**
(Crowell, 1989)