There is only one thing more frustrating than trying to describe a dream you've had, and that's listening to someone else describe their dream to you. Even if they remember every single detail, the heightened emotions and other-worldliness of a dream just can't be recreated in the waking world.

Travels with the Snow Queen by Kelly Link may be an exception to this rule. This is a contemporary story of a weary young woman who takes off her shoes and sets out to find the lover that has just left her. He went to buy a pack of cigarettes and never came back — come to find out he hopped right into the Snow Queen's sleigh. In the same way one never questions the fantastic things that happen in dreams, the reader never questions the way the story sways between fairytale and reality. Hilarious, magical and haunting, this is a story that you want to crawl right into and curl up. This is a story that can convince anyone that they're living in a fairytale.

*Travels with the Snow Queen* can be found in the compilation:

<u>The Best of Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet: Unexpected Tales of the Fantastic & Other Odd Musings.</u> Edited by Kelly Link and Gavin J Grant. Ballantine Books, NY. 2007