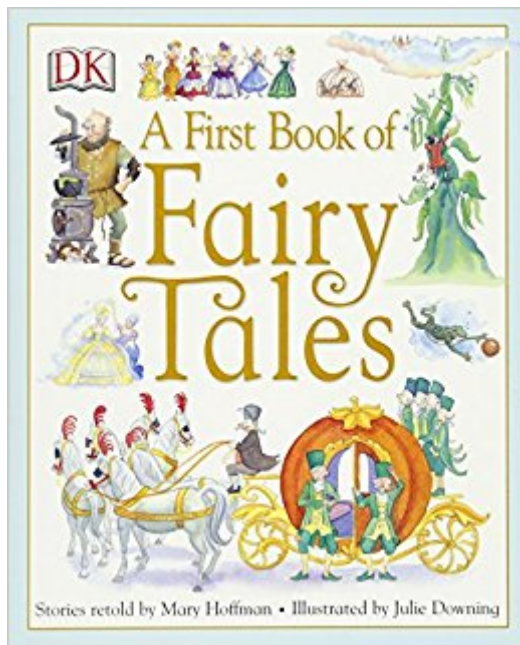


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A First Book Of Fairy Tales



Synopsis

In this beautifully illustrated book, 14 classic fairy tales are retold for young children. Old favorites, such as "Cinderella" and "Jack and the Beanstalk," are presented alongside some lesser known stories, such as "The Fisherman and his Wife" and "Diamonds and Toads." Mary Hoffman's charming retellings use simple, lyrical language ideal for reading aloud, while Julie Downing's illustrations bring the characters to life. The stories in this collection show the consequences of greed, pride, and vanity, but also tell of the love that grows from a kind heart and a cheerful nature. And along the way, there is a wealth of magic and fun to be enjoyed.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Mary Hoffman has written more than 70 books for children, including Henry's Baby and A First Bible Story Book for DK. Julie Downing has illustrated DK's A First Bible Story Book, The Christmas Story, and Come Aboard Noah's Ark.

This has all the classics in it and is in no way a bad book, but it's not great either. Some of the stories are so short that they take away from the story. The illustrations are not as pretty as I was hoping for in a fairytale book. As you can see in one of these photos the cover is very thin. If you are looking for a cheaply priced book with a decent amount of classical fairytales in it look no further. If you're looking for a keepsake book I would look elsewhere for something better in quality.

As a young child, I remember understanding "the moral of the story" when reading the old-school Grimm's fairy tales and Aesop's fables. And I read the old style, kinda creepy ones. However, this book tells the stories in a way where both my husband and I, when reading them to our little one, really don't get it...they are not told in a way that clearly, or even metaphorically! makes sense as far as a "point". In many of the re-tellings, the base storyline makes no sense. I usually LOVE DK books. But I would not recommend this one. Moral of the story? Don't buy it.

You do get the gist of the stories but the magic gets lost in the simplification. As a child I would get absorbed in these stories for hours and hours. They fueled my imagination as I thought about these far away places and times and possibilities of extraordinary things happening to ordinary people. Reading these awkwardly shorter versions made me frown and cringe. This is a classic example of how we sometimes dumb down stories for younger ears but lose the wonder of them in the process.

A great book to have for babies and children as they grow up. As part of learning involves pictures and forming one's own stories the pictures in this book can help a child tell a hundred stories. It's a great book for mum's who wants to read a short story to put little one to sleep. I simply love it.

our grandchild loves to have books read to him. This is a wonderful grouping of stories.

I bought this for a baby shower - yes I realize she won't be able to read it for quite some time. I grew up listening to my parents read me fairy tales and this collection really covers some of the greats. Sure, they're very short and missing a lot of the complex details that really make people connect to them, but the story lines are still the same. This collection is a great way to introduce very young children to fairy tales without boring them or frightening them. This book is for the beginning reader, not for a child that has been able to read for quite some time. I cannot wait for the little princess to grow up so she can read these to her mother and brothers.

Not what I thought it was at all. I am extremely selective when it comes to what my young toddler is allowed to watch or read. I thought it would have cute fairytales but some of them are sort of inappropriate. Or creepy. My opinion.

Our kids love it. We read it over and over.

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