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Return to Andersen's beloved fairy tales--and take a child with you as you venture into this special world of dreamlike delights. Includes "The Ugly Duckling," "The Emperor's New Clothes," "The Little Mermaid," "The Red Shoes," 68 more. Ages 9-14

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Melissa says

Haven't read all the stories yet, as there are many, but it's a handy collection to have. Most recently read The Snow Queen, which Frozen was based off of.

Vincent says

Nico and I tackled most of these 72 classic tales together -- well, I read and he listened, most of the time. :) It took us nearly half of the year of inconsistent bedtime story reading to complete, as Nico has his own ideas of what we should read before bedtime now. I believe I read aloud about 67 of the stories, but not the longest one (The Ice Maiden). Several of these classic stories I read in abbreviated or abridged versions in my youth, but not directly from the source. And there were several stories making their first introductions. We have the The Brothers Grimm tales, but I think first, we will read "Where the Sidewalk Ends," and then maybe "The Hobbit," as well as all of Nico's picture/board books, over, and over, and over again. :)

Lisa says

Reminds me of my time spent with my Grandparents, my granddad now deceased and my Nana who's now 84. Eagerly running to the spare room, frantically searching for the extremely large hardcover book among all the worn, well-read, cast-off, garage sale paperbacks and Reader's Digest magazines. And there it would be. Lovingly open, and read cover to cover. Carefully place back on the shelf until the next time I would visit over the holidays. Memories.

Jessica Cooper says

Absolutely adored this collection! Read a story each night at bedtime, except for the occasional stories that lasted several nights.

Ariana says

I'm in the habit of collecting classics and books of fairy tales, and I'm very glad that I was able to find this one. It's got 72 different tales in it, all of varying length. Some of the language (mostly names of people and places) can be difficult to pronounce because of its Dutch origin, but the tales are easy to follow, descriptive, and easy to imagine.

I've thought about how one day I might like to read some fairy tales to my children, and that's the only place I hesitate in this collection. Aside from the fact that you'd be hard-pressed to find a tale that doesn't mention

God (religion being something I'm not sure I want to push on any children I might have), there are also mixed signals about masculinity, femininity, gender roles, and patriarchy. Of course, it's good to know about all of that and they can easily be explained and taught correctly.

All in all, a good collection of fairy tales.

Tonee says

Great book! Not just for kids either. Anyone can enjoy fairy tales whether you're 5 or 95.

Clare says

I thought I knew some of these stories, but even some of those that were familiar in name had a different outcome than what I was expecting. Apparently when these were written parents had no qualms about scaring the heck out of their children or in dashing hopes and dreams. Body parts being lopped off, homicide, and tragic endings abounded. At times it seemed a story was heading for a finale with a moral but along the way it became twisted and obscure. Only a few of the tales were pleasant and one, The Shadow, I found quite terrifying.
