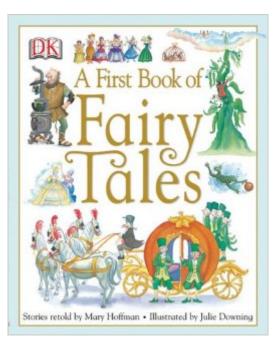
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# A First Book Of Fairy Tales





### 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**

Paperback: 80 pages Publisher: DK Children; Reprint edition (July 3, 2006) Language: English ISBN-10: 0756621070 ISBN-13: 978-0756621070 Product Dimensions: 7.5 x 0.3 x 9.3 inches Shipping Weight: 9.1 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (78 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #44,307 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #43 in Books > Children's Books > Fairy Tales, Folk Tales & Myths > Anthologies #3375 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

#### **Customer Reviews**

It is as if a fairy waved her wand and these illustrations appeared! Julie Downing discovered her desire to illustrate children's books when she was studying at The Rhode Island School of Design. Her characters have believable personalities and the page of art on the first page of The Little Mermaid is ethereal.Mary Hoffman has written more than 70 books for children and has great powers of observation to bring humor to all her stories and retellings. She lives in Oxfordshire, England, and has three daughters who were brought up on a healthy diet of myths and legends of which she and her husband have a extensive collection. Her goal in writing this book was to chose the best-loved and most well-known fairy tales from European tradition. The stories in this collection strive to show the consequences of greed, pride and vanity. They also tell how love comes from a

kind heart. These are the stories you will remember forever because they are so classic. They also teach that good is rewarded and selfishness is punished. Storytelling has played a role in developing character in children for a long, long time. Originally, fairy tales were not just for children...and to tell you a secret: "I still love them!" These stories are easy to read out loud!In this collection you will find:CinderellaThe Selfish GiantRapunzelJack and the BeanstalkSleeping BeautyThe Little MermaidThe Frog PrinceBeauty and the BeastDiamonds and ToadsThe Twelve Dancing Princesses (never had heard of before!)The Fisherman and his WifeThe Princess and the Pea (I tried this as a child to see if I was a princess...

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