Perennially Popular: The Appeal of Classic Fairy Tales for Children

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Abstract

Fairy tales were not initially intended for children. “Originally told at fireside gatherings or in spinning circles by adults to adult audiences,” as Maria Tatar points out, “fairy tales joined the canon of children’s literature (which is itself of recent vintage) only in the last two to three centuries.”

A gorgeous collection of five famous fairy tales: Hansel and Gretel, Cinderella, Aladdin, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Puss in Boots will tug at any big kid’s heartstrings. Based on the original Ladybird retellings by Vera Southgate, these wonderful stories carry a sense of tradition and are a wonderful start to any budding book lover’s library.