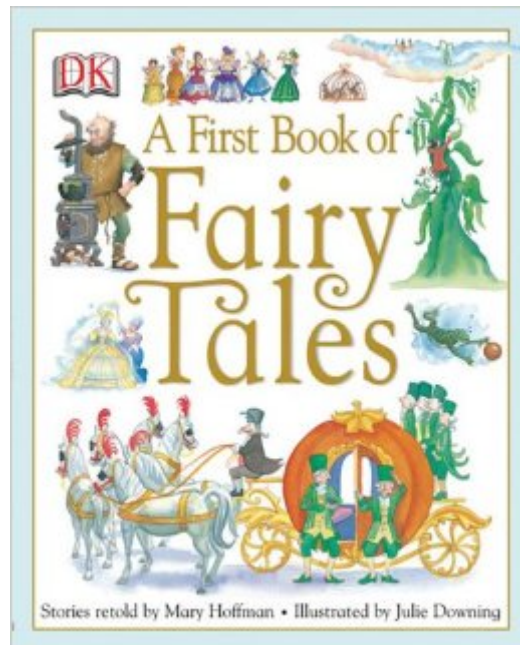


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# A First Book Of Fairy Tales



## 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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## 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 an extensive collection. Her goal in writing this book was to choose 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

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