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Oz: The Complete Collection (Illustrated)



Synopsis

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Oz! Fans of L. Frank Baum's Oz books, you are in for a treat. Collected here is the ultimate Kindle edition of the beloved series starring such timeless characters as Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion, and the Wicked Witch of the West. Included in OZ: The Complete Collection are:

- All fourteen Oz books written by L. Frank Baum.
- The first book, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, is illustrated with the classic W.W. Denslow artwork.
- Links to free, full-length audio recordings of all the Oz books in this collection.
- An individual, active Table of Contents for each book accessible from the Kindle app.
- Perfect formatting in rich text compatible with Kindle's Text-to-Speech features.
- A low, can't-say-no price!

Fourteen Complete Works

All fourteen of L. Frank Baum's Oz books, in order and unabridged. Books included:

1. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (1900)* Includes Original Illustrations by W.W. Denslow!
2. The Marvelous Land of Oz (1904)
3. Ozma of Oz (1907)
4. Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz (1908)
5. The Road to Oz (1909)
6. The Emerald City of Oz (1910)
7. The Patchwork Girl of Oz (1913)
8. Tik-Tok of Oz (1914)
9. The Scarecrow of Oz (1915)
10. Rinkitink in Oz (1916)
11. The Lost Princess of Oz (1917)
12. The Tin Woodman of Oz (1918)
13. The Magic of Oz (1919)
14. Glinda of Oz (1920)

Beyond the Yellow Brick Road

Also included are special features for any Oz enthusiast, including:

- A complete list of all Oz books in the official canon by other authors.
- A list of Oz films and television series, both directly and indirectly inspired by L. Frank Baum's masterpiece.
- Links to free, full-length audio recordings of all the Oz books in this collection.

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Customer Reviews

Even though it says "Illustrated," please note that the pictures are only included for the first book, NOT the complete collection. The stories, of course, are wonderful, but there are typos, and I was hoping for more pictures, so I could keep my little one engaged.

Well worth spending the extra buck to have illustrations and solid navigation. Even though the items are available "free" elsewhere, they're so well organized and presented here that I have no problem paying the (very) modest price for the effort to organize and present well.

The only book to have illustrations is the first Oz story, and even then, not all of the illustrations are actually in the Kindle version. This was a real let down for me. The other issue I have with this collection is that you can't choose which book you want to read. You have to go through it from beginning to end as though it was all one book.

I am only doing a review for the first book. I want to make this clear. I am reading a few books that have been made into movies. I'm interested in seeing if the storyline is followed faithfully or if it deviates. With the first book I found it to be very similar but different in very key instances. Without disclosing too much, if you are interested in the read for yourself I will mention one item. Dorothy wore silver shoes and not ruby slippers. In discussion with my son, he tells me the book was written as a satire. The shoes may have represented the changing monetary system of that era. I am just not sure. The illustrations are neat but in spite of that I found myself creating images of this land and its people. I love how the pictures we make in our minds eye can be so descriptive with no limitation to the cost of production. For me, it's a wonderful story, both as a book and a movie. No wonder it has been so long lived! If I had young children I think they would love this as a bedtime story. Who knows, maybe that's exactly what you will choose for this timeless classic.

I so loved this series! I don't understand why movies or tv don't make this in the original form. It took me a while to read them but almost regretted them ending. It was so enlightening to see what happened to all the characters after the original book. These would be wonderful for kids to read instead of the vampires and gore they read and could still keep their attention.

After seeing the new Oz movie, my daughters were curious about the original story. I had read the first book as a child, so I thought it might be fun to revisit them with my kids. Wow, these books are great. I had no idea there were so many Oz books. To have them all in order is a big plus. They also love the illustrations. For .99, this is a definite must.

It took a little over a year, reading to my daughter every night before bedtime, but we finished all 14 books. It was so fun to move beyond the first book and really get to know these characters. It is too bad that the movies created do not follow the story lines in these books. Who knew that Dorothy's slippers were silver, there were no farm hands to speak of, the wicked witch did not begin to torment Dorothy and her friends until they journey to her from the Emerald City and the flying monkeys are not owned by the witch. The books are so fun and interesting there is nothing needed to change them for cinema. Baum had a unique writing style that makes you feel he is with you telling a story aloud. The stories are well-written and flow so smoothly. The action is never too much for a young child (mine is 4), and there is nothing too scary about the stories. The wild imaginative creatures and scenery described makes you want to live in Oz. It is a fairyland where interesting things happen all the time. Very curious inhabitants are just representative of our different cultures, and it is wonderful how Baum attempts to want peace and utopia throughout every novel. Read a little on his back story. It will make you appreciate the stories even more and help you picture him writing these for his children, well initially.

I like the collection in that it has all the books together, there were always a few I couldn't find when I was younger. Looking at the cover you'd think that ALL the books are illustrated, but if you look closer you'll see that ONLY the first book "The Wonderful Wizard of OZ" is illustrated, the rest are all just the story. I did find that not having the illustrations on the 13 sequels lost a LOT of the impact of the stories. It was free when I got it so I'm not complaining, but I would prefer to have spent a couple of dollars and got the full illustrated editions. Baum's creations are so fantastical that even with his rich descriptions it can be hard to picture what something like a Woozy or a Li-Mon-Eag looks like.

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