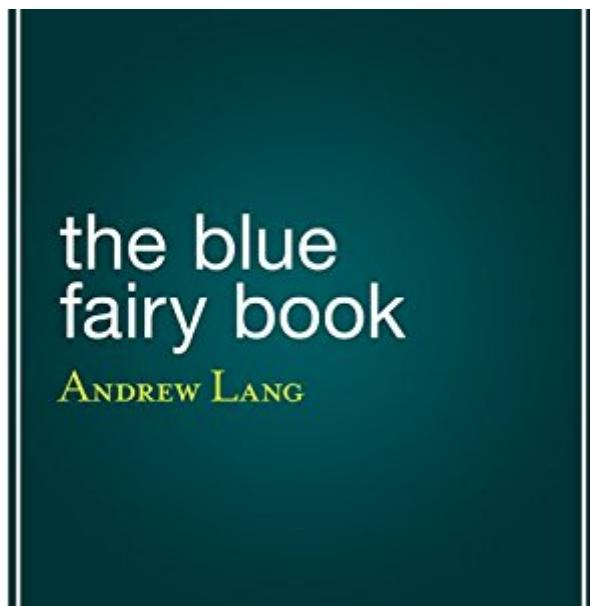


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# The Blue Fairy Book



## **Synopsis**

Here are some of the finest fairytales from around the world - most of them old favorites: "Sleeping Beauty," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Cinderella," three from "The Arabian Nights," and many more. Andrew Lang was one of the most famous literary critics around 1900. He also edited a series of children's fable books that preserved and illustrated a host of tales which are still used extensively today.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was a gift for my 5 year old niece. She loves the book and finished reading it in two days! But I have yet to find a book I like more than Polish Tales Books (Ã¢ÂœThree Lamps and Other Polish TalesÃ¢Â• [www..com/gp/product/B014JMZ8GA](http://www..com/gp/product/B014JMZ8GA) & [Ã¢Âœ52 Fairy TalesÃ¢Â•](http://www..com/dp/B01I2ER1LQ) [www..com/dp/B01I2ER1LQ](http://www..com/dp/B01I2ER1LQ) )this is a great book.I was really surprised at how different the original tales are from what we generally hear today or see on TV and in movies.

Love the stories in here :) This book is well made, although the words on the spine were facing the wrong way. I don't know if it was just my copy or not, but it looks strange when it's on the shelf because of this.

Look, if you haven't given your child a few Andrew Langs fairy tale books (they're separated by colors) you should give these a try! all of my children love these books.

This delightful book is full of familiar and not-so-familiar fairy tales in what would appear to be their original form. It's not necessary to read them all in one sitting, but I couldn't stop.

If you are new to Lang, it started in 1889 with the blue fairy book, and then a series developed, yellow, crimson, orange, red, and so forth. The fact that this series has endured to now is a testament to its quality. As you read, you will discover fairy tales and myths from all over the world, including the well known writers such as Grimm, Andersen, Perrault, and Mme D'Aulnoy. These are not the politically correct stories you might expect, and I believe you will find them useful whether it's for your own reading pleasure, or for passing on stories to children. In fact, if you look beyond the surface of the story, there is a cautionary aspect for children who might get lost, and the evil characters they might meet like the wolf in sheep's clothing, or the boy who cried wolf, or the nice person who offers a gift, but is really a wicked queen in disguise. There may be a young prince who helps a hairy man escape, and the king embarrassed and enraged orders the child to be killed. Naturally the woodsman slaughters an animal instead, and returns those to the king instead as evidence of performance of the deed. There are stories of boys becoming men, being tested by the princess, and doing great deeds to prove their worth. Some characters are wicked and evil, and so the protagonist has to develop resources of their own to defeat the deceit, trickery, jealousy, ambition, and wickedness of the people they encounter. I recommend you start with the blue book, because it has most of the best known stories, for example, Aladdin, Sleeping Beauty, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Bluebeard, Puss in Boots. You can check the contents of each book at mythfolklore, and even read the stories online. If you are buying Lang, you need to know which publisher, because there are many editions through different publishers, some are good with nice print and pictures, others have small print and no pictures. I highly recommend the Dover edition which has pictures and good size print. These pictures are black and white drawings. The Boomer books edition has good size print. If you want a durable hardcover library style book with a red string bookmark, I recommend the D N Goodchild books. Avoid the compilation book, and buy them individually. One of my favorite stories not in this edition is The wooing of Olwen. It's unusually cruel and bloodthirsty from Wales and King Arthur's court. I know you will enjoy these wonderful stories, and I hope this review was helpful.

My parents spent months searching used bookstores to find the entire collection to give to me for my birthday. This was in the dark ages of dial-up internet. I've since read and reread and I still treasure these books, so much so that I had to order a new one after someone borrowed it and

never returned it. Because I'm pretty sure that stalking them, breaking into their house, and ransacking it until I found my book would land me in jail. But seriously, these books are captivating, both for adults and children, and I'd recommend them to anyone.

My grandson finds his way to dreamland listening to Alexa read these stories. We have the Audible version, too, but he's 'friends' with Alexa ^\_ ^

I'm giving it 3 stars as this particular book published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform has print that's insanely small. Within the description for the product, it stated "Here in one attractive paperbound volume" with enlarged print," which is why I chose the book as I have a hard time reading small print. I can't attest to the contents within to their accuracy or not.

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