

Classic Fairy Tale Stories

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Induction

Read the Brother Grimm's [Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Story](#) online. A vain Queen becomes jealous of her beautiful step daughter Snow White. Snow White must escape her stepmother's wicked ways and meets seven dwarfs in the forest who become her good friends.

Read Hans Christian Anderson's the [Little Mermaid](#) fairy tale story online. This a beautiful story about sea mermaid princess who is curious about the human world. One day she sees a Prince on a ship and falls in love with him. Her desire to visit the land above grows so much that she makes a visit the sea witch.

[Peter Pan story](#) Wendy Darling tells her brothers bedtime tales of swordplay, swashbuckling, and the fearsome Captain Hook. But the children become the heroes of an even greater story, when a boy called Peter Pan flies into their nursery and leads them over to a magical place called Neverland. Wendy and her brothers join Peter and the Lost Boys in an exhilarating adventure, free of grown-up rules whilst also facing the inevitable showdown with Hook and his bloodthirsty pirates. Read the [Grimm's fairy tale story](#) online about a princess who escapes from a King and works as a kitchen maid in another Castle. The princess takes with her three dresses, one as golden as the sun, one as silver as moon, and one as

dazzling as the stars, and a mantle made from the fur of every kind of bird and animal in the kingdom.

Read the fairy tale story online about a Princess who was very beautiful but also very proud. No suitor was good enough for her, that is until she angers King Grizzlier who vows to teach her a lesson.

Count Silver Nose Story Read the Italian fairy tale that is like Bluebeard. The devil disguises himself as a nobleman and marries the three beautiful daughters of a widow. Each daughter discovers the horrifying secret behind a forbidden door and perhaps the clever third daughter can finally escape her sister's fate.

Read the Fairy tale story online Bluebeard. A pretty girl decides to marry a very wealthy man who has a blue beard. Although Bluebeard owns lands and castles there is something sinister about him as all his previous wives mysteriously disappeared.

Read the fairy tale story online about the girl who chooses to wear a donkey skin to save herself from the king and she later works in the castle for a Prince. What happens when the Prince catches a glimpse of this beautiful princess in disguise?

Read the fairy tale story online about Hansel and Gretel getting lost in the forest and meet a witch who lives in a cottage made from sweets. But is the witch as nice as she seems? read their adventure to find out!

Read the fairy tale story online about a beautiful, but spoiled, rude, and shallow princess who criticizes all her suitors because she is too proud. She is impressed with the last of her suitors, but her pride will not let her accept him. He is a young king with such a thick beard that she dubs him King Thrush beard. Her father, exasperated and angry that she has scorned all her suitors, vows that the first man who comes to the palace the next day will become her husband.

The Canary Prince is a fairy tale that is like Rapunzel. It is about a princess locked away in a secluded castle by her stepmother. One day she receives a

magic book that allows her to turn her lover, a prince into a Canary so that he can fly through her window and spend time with her. Her stepmother finds out and hurts the Prince, and it is up to the princess to save him.

Read Brother Grimm's the Rapunzel fairy tale story online. A woman promises to give a witch her first born child. The child, named Rapunzel is then taken by the witch and lives in a tall tower until one day a Prince visits her.

Read Maria and the Seven Robbers Story online. This tale has some similarities to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It is story about a girl named Maria who gets abandoned by her wicked stepmother in the woods. She meets seven kind robbers who lets her stay in their little home.

Read the fairy tale story online about Princess who gets sent far away on a journey to marry a prince. On the way, the jealous waiting-maid steals the princess' place and tries to marry the prince instead.

Read the Crystal Casket online. This tale has some similarities to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and originates from Italy. Ermelinda's jealous stepmother wants her dead. An eagle takes Ermelinda to an enchanting place called Crystal where she lives with the beautiful fairies. But her stepmother asks a witch to chase Ermelinda down and kill her.

Read the Twelve Oxen fairy tale online. This fairy tale is like the Six Swans. A witch turns 11 brothers into oxen and one into a lamb and their sister must save them. A prince marries the girl but the witch pushes her down a well and takes her place as the prince's bride.

Read the Brothers Grimm's fairy tale story online about a Queen who turns six brothers into swans. Their sister must save them by sewing six shirts whilst staying completely silent for six years. A king from another land finds the beautiful princess and takes her home to be his wife but the evil Queen will not give up on ruining everything.

Tear not is a fairy tale about a girl who was born with both the curse and the gift of not being able to cry.

Read the Russian fairy tale about a Prince who meets a frog who is a princess. The princess frog helps him impress the king and the prince eventually falls in love with her.

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Chapter 1- Little Mermaid Short Story

Once upon a time far out into the ocean where the water is deep blue lives the Sea King in his magnificent Kingdom. The Sea Queen passed away a long time ago and the King's mother looked after his beautiful daughters. They were six beautiful children but the youngest was the prettiest and purest of them all.

The princesses all had their own garden decorated with flowers and objects they found from ship wrecks. The youngest princess garden was different from her sisters, all it had was a marble statue of a handsome boy. The youngest princess yearned to see the land above the sea and her grandmother promised that when she turned 15 she will have permission to rise the sea and watch the land above.

Each year one of the sisters would turn 15 and rise to the surface of the ocean. As the years, past, each sister had different stories to tell. The eldest loved the moonlight and gazing at the twinkling lights of the town. The second sister saw the sun set and the third sister found a troop of human children playing around in the water. The fourth sister watched the ships from afar and fifth sister saw them sail through lightening.

The youngest sister listened in awe to each story and the day came when she finally turned 15. She rose lightly as a bubble to the surface of the water and saw a large ship sailing along the calm sea. The little mermaid swam closer and through the window panes there was a handsome young prince who was rejoicing his birthday. The little mermaid could not take her eyes off the beautiful prince. Suddenly heavy clouds darkened the sky and a dreadful storm sent the great ship flying amongst the sea in rage. The ship broke and the prince sank into the waves. The little mermaid knew he could not live in water so she dove into the water and saved him.

In the morning, the little mermaid found a bay and swam the prince there. She then swam farther from the shore and watched to see what would happen. A young girl who happened to be walking by found the prince and he soon woke up and smiled at the young girl. The prince however, did not see the little mermaid.

When the little mermaid went back to her sea kingdom she could not forget about the prince. She found out from a friend where the prince's palace was and from then onwards she would often swim near the shore of his palace and watch the young prince.

The little mermaid grew more and more fond of the world above and she asked her grandmother if humans die like mermaids. Her grandmother told her that humans die much earlier than mermaids but they had an immortal soul which lives forever whereas mermaids just turn into foam and become nothing. The little mermaid felt sad that mermaids could not have an immortal soul and she wished so hard that she could have one.

Unable to stand her desire any longer, the little mermaid visited the sea witch. The sea witch promised to give her a pair of legs so that she can live with the humans. The sea witch said that every time the little mermaid walked with her new pair of legs, it will feel like knives piercing through her body. The sea witch also warned that for the little mermaid to obtain an immortal soul, she must gain the love of the prince. If the prince does not fall in love with her then she will turn into foam on the day of his wedding to another. In return for the sea witch's magic, the sea witch took the little mermaid's voice.

The little mermaid swam to shore and drank the magic potion. She felt a sharp pain and fainted. When she woke up she saw that she had a pair of pretty legs and just before her was the prince. The prince asked her where she was from but she could not reply. The prince thought she was very beautiful and took her into his palace where she was dressed in a page dress. The prince said that the little mermaid should remain with him always and she could sleep outside his door on a velvet cushion.

The little mermaid followed the prince almost everywhere, she rode with him on horseback and accompanied him into the sweet-scented woods.

One day the Prince was to marry a young princess of a neighboring kingdom. The prince told the little mermaid that they must travel by sea to visit this princess. He said that he would never love the princess. He explained that the only girl he could possibly love would be the girl he saw when he woke up after the ship accident. He believed it was that girl who saved him. This made the little mermaid sad because the prince did not know that his true savior was her.

The next morning, they arrived at the new kingdom. The princess appeared and the little mermaid saw that she was very beautiful. The prince cried: "It was you, the one saved my life when I lay dead on the beach!" and he folded his blushing bride in his arms.

The church bells rang, and the festive music played as the bride and bridegroom went onboard the ship. The little mermaid knew this would be last night she will spend as a human before she turns into nothing but foam on the sea. She will never gain an immortal soul. During the celebrations after the wedding the little mermaid danced very gracefully. She smiled and laughed with the others for she knew this was the last night she would spend in the human world.

At midnight, she wandered to the edge of the vessel and saw her sisters waving her at mournfully. They had cut off their hair and given it to the sea with in exchange for the little mermaid to have a chance to live. They gave the little mermaid a knife and said that if she plunged the knife into the prince's heart before sunrise then she can turn back into a mermaid and live the rest of her life bountifully.

The little mermaid took the knife and she wandered into the prince's tent. She could not bear to kill the prince so instead she tossed the knife away and as she saw the first rays of sunrise, she threw herself into the ocean. Instead of feeling her body turn into foam, she felt herself rising higher and higher into the sky. She heard ethereal voices around her.

“We are the daughters among the air although we do not possess an immortal soul we fly to countries and spread health and happiness, once we have done as much good as we can for three hundred years we receive an immortal soul, you have been so kind and tried with your whole heart by your good deeds and will now join us in our journey”

The little mermaid was happy beyond tears and she lifted her glorified eyes towards the sun. She saw the prince and his beautiful bride look sorrowfully at the sea, as if they knew she had thrown herself into the waves.

The little mermaid mounted with the other children of the air and floated to a rosy cloud, beginning her journey towards an immortal soul.

Chapter 2 Peter Pan

Wendy, John, and Michael Darling lived in London. One night, Wendy woke to find a strange boy sitting on the floor who was crying.

“My name is Wendy,” she said. “Who are you? Why are you crying?”

“I’m Peter Pan,” the boy replied. “I’m crying because my shadow won’t stick to me.”

“Don’t cry,” Wendy said. “We can fix that.” And she sewed Peter’s shadow to the tips of his shoes. Peter was delighted.

“Fly back to Neverland with me and my fairy, Tinker Bell,” Peter begged. “You could be our mother and take care of us.”

“Can you teach me to fly?” Wendy asked. Peter nodded.

“Let’s wake John and Michael,” Wendy said. “You can teach us all to fly and then we

will leave for Neverland!”

The children were soon flying around the room. then – Swoosh! Out the window they all flew.

Wendy, John, and Michael flew behind Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, following the golden arrows that pointed the way to Neverland. Finally, they were flying over the island.

“The lost boys live with me and Tinker Bell. I’m their captain,” Peter said.

“The Indians live over there, and the mermaids live in the lagoon. And there are pirates too, led by Captain Hook.”

“Pirates?” exclaimed Wendy, John, and Michael, all in the same breath. Wendy was frightened, but Michael and John wanted to see the pirates right away.

“Hook’s the meanest pirate ever,” Peter warned. “But he’s afraid of the crocodile. The crocodile bit off Hook’s hand and liked the taste so much that it follows him, hoping for more. Luckily for Hook, the crocodile swallowed a clock. It goes ‘Tick, Mock, and warns Hook when the crocodile is nearby”

“Oh, my” cried Wendy, not sure if she really wanted to stay in Neverland: after all,

Peter led Wendy, John, and Michael to his house under the woods. They entered through a door hidden in an old tree stump. When the lost boys saw Wendy, they shouted, “Hooray! Will you be our mother?”

“I’m only a little girl,” Wendy answered. “I have no experience.” But the lost boys looked so sad that she said, “I’ll do my best.”

That night Wendy tucked the boys into bed and told them the tale of Cinderella.

Life was pleasant in the cozy house under the woods.

Wendy took care of the boys, who explored the island during the day. At night, they gathered for meals, played make- believe games, and listened while Wendy told them stories.

One day, Peter and the children went exploring near the mermaids' lagoon. Suddenly Peter yelled, "Pirates! Take cover." The boys ran away, and Peter and Wendy hid.

Peter and Wendy could see that the pirates had tied up Tiger Lily, the Indian princess. The pirates had left her on a rock in the lagoon.

Peter was afraid that Tiger Lily would drown when the tide came in. He had to save her! In a voice that sounded just like Captain Hook's, he shouted, "Set her free!"

"But, Captain," the pirates yelled, "you ordered us to bring her here!"

"Let her go!" Peter roared, still sounding like Hook. "Aye, aye," the pirates said, and set Tiger Lily free. She swam quickly back to the Indian camp.

When Captain Hook found out what had happened, he knew Peter had tricked his pirates. Hook became furious!

That night, Wendy told the boys a story about three children who left their parents and flew to Neverland. Their mother and father missed them very much. The children loved Neverland, but they never forgot their home.

"Did they ever go back?" the lost boys asked.

"Oh, yes," Wendy replied. "They flew home to their mummy and daddy, and everyone was happy."

The story made Wendy, John, and Michael homesick. They decided to fly home the next morning. "If you come back with us," Wendy told the lost boys, "I'm sure our mother and father would adopt you."

"Hooray!" shouted the boys, jumping with joy.

Wendy asked Peter if he and Tinker Bell would come home with them too. But Peter didn't want to live where grown-ups could tell him what to do.

Peter was sad that his friends were leaving. Still, he wanted the children to arrive home safely, so he asked Tinker Bell to guide them on their trip.

Early the next morning, Tinker Bell and the children left the house under the woods. But Captain Hook's pirates were hiding nearby. They captured all the children, tied them up, and marched them towards the pirate's ship.

Tinker Bell escaped, and hurried back to tell Peter what had happened.

"It's Hook or me this time!" yelled Peter to Tinker Bell as they flew off to save Wendy and the boys.

On the pirate's ship, Captain Hook demanded, "Who wants to become a pirate?" The boys shook their heads.

"Then make them walk the plank!" Hook roared. The boys tried to look brave, but they were afraid.

Suddenly, they heard the "Tick, Tock" of the crocodile. Now it was Captain Hook's turn to be afraid.

But the "Tick, Tock" was only Peter, imitating the crocodile-. He flew onto the deck and shouted, "I've got you now, Hook!" Captain Hook jumped up and swung at Peter with his sword. Peter was quick, and stepped away. He slashed at Hook with his own sword until they came close to the edge of the ship.

Peter lunged with his sword, and Hook fell into the sea, where the crocodile was waiting for him. And that was the end of Captain. I-look!

When Peter was certain that Hook was gone forever, he and Tinker Bell set off for London with Wendy and the boys.

Wendy's parents were happy to see their children again. Mr. and Mrs. Darling hugged Wendy, John, and Michael, and agreed to adopt the lost boys. They asked Peter to stay with them also, but he said, "I'm going to stay in Neverland where I never have to grow up."

"Goodbye then, Peter. We'll miss you," everyone called. Peter Pan and Tinker Bell waved goodbye and flew home to Neverland.

Chapter 3 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Story

Once upon a time in mid-winter, when the snowflakes were falling like feathers from heaven, a beautiful queen sat sewing at her window, which had a frame of black ebony wood. As she sewed, she looked up at the snow and pricked her finger with her needle. Three drops of blood fell into the snow. The red on the white looked so beautiful, that she thought, "If only I had a child as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as this frame." Soon afterward she had a little daughter that was as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as ebony wood, and therefore they called her Little Snow-White.

Now the queen was the most beautiful woman in all the land, and very proud of her beauty. She had a mirror, which she stood in front of every morning, and asked:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who in this land is fairest of all?
And the mirror always said:
You, my queen, are fairest of all.

And then she knew for certain that no one in the world was more beautiful than she.

Now Snow-White grew up, and when she was seven years old, she was so beautiful, that she surpassed even the queen herself. Now when the queen asked her mirror:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who in this land is fairest of all?
The mirror said:
You, my queen, are fair; it is true.
But Little Snow-White is still

A thousand times fairer than you.

When the queen heard, the mirror say this, she became pale with envy, and from that hour on, she hated Snow-White. Whenever she looked at her, she thought that Snow-White was to blame that she was no longer the most beautiful woman in the world. This turned her heart around. Her jealousy gave her no peace. Finally, she summoned a huntsman and said to him, "Take Snow-White out into the woods to a remote spot, and stab her to death. As proof that she is dead bring her lungs and her liver back to me. I shall cook them with salt and eat them."

The huntsman took Snow-White into the woods. When he took out his hunting knife to stab her, she began to cry, and begged fervently that he might spare her life, promising to run away into the woods and never return. The huntsman took pity on her because she was so beautiful, and he thought, "The wild animals will soon devour her anyway. I'm glad that I don't have to kill her." Just then a young boar came running by. He killed it, cut out its lungs and liver, and took them back to the queen as proof of Snow-White's death. She cooked them with salt and ate them, supposing that she had eaten Snow-White's lungs and liver.

Snow-White was now all alone in the great forest. She was terribly afraid, and began to run. She ran over sharp stones and through thorns the entire day. Finally, just as the sun was about to set, she came to a little house. The house belonged to seven dwarfs. They were working in a mine, and not at home. Snow-White went inside and found everything to be small, but neat and orderly. There was a little table with seven little plates, seven little spoons, seven little knives and forks, seven little mugs, and against the wall there were seven little beds, all freshly made.

Snow-White was hungry and thirsty, so she ate a few vegetables and a little bread from each little plate, and from each little glass she drank a drop of wine. Because she was so tired, she wanted to lie down and go to sleep. She tried each of the seven little beds, one after the other, but none felt right until she came to the seventh one, and she lay down in it and fell asleep.

When night came, the seven dwarfs returned home from the work. They lit their seven little candles, and saw that someone had been in their house.

The first one said, "Who has been sitting in my chair?"

The second one, "Who has been eating from my plate?"

The third one, "Who has been eating my bread?"

The fourth one, "Who has been eating my vegetables?"

The fifth one, "Who has been sticking with my fork?"

The sixth one, "Who has been cutting with my knife?"

The seventh one, "Who has been drinking from my mug?"

Then the first one said, "Who stepped on my bed?"

The second one, "And someone has been lying in my bed."

And so forth until the seventh one, and when he looked at his bed, he found Snow-White lying there, fast asleep. The seven dwarfs all came running, and they cried out with amazement. They fetched their seven candles and looked at Snow-White. "Good heaven! Good heaven!" they cried. "She is so beautiful!" They liked her very much. They did not wake her up, but let her lie there in the bed. The seventh dwarf had to sleep with his companions, one hour with each one, and then the night was done.

When Snow-White woke up, they asked her who she was and how she had found her way to their house. She told them how her mother had tried to kill her, how the huntsman had spared her life, how she had run the entire day, finally coming to their house. The dwarfs pitied her and said, "If you will keep house for us, and cook, sew, make beds, wash, and knit, and keep everything clean and orderly, then you can stay here, and you'll have everything that you want. We come home in the evening, and supper must be ready by then, but we spend the days digging for gold in the mine. You will be alone then. Watch out for the queen, and do not let anyone in."

The queen thought that she was again the most beautiful woman in the land, and the next morning she stepped before the mirror and asked:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who in this land is fairest of all?
The mirror answered once again:
You, my queen, are fair; it is true.

But Little Snow-White beyond the seven mountains
Is a thousand times fairer than you.

It startled the queen to hear this, and she knew that she had been deceived, that the huntsman had not killed Snow-White. Because only the seven dwarfs lived in the seven mountains, she knew at once that they must have rescued her. She began to plan immediately how she might kill her, because she would have no peace until the mirror once again said that she was the most beautiful woman in the land. At last she thought of something to do. She disguised herself as an old peddler woman and colored her face, so that no one would recognize her, and went to the dwarf's house. Knocking on the door she called out, "Open up. Open. I'm the old peddler woman with good wares for sale."

Snow-White peered out the window, "What do you have?"

"Bodice laces, dear child," said the old woman, and held one up. It was braided from yellow, red, and blue silk. "Would you like this one?"

"Oh, yes," said Snow-White, thinking, "I can let the old woman come in. She means well." She unbolted the door and bargained for the bodice laces.

"You are not laced up properly," said the old woman. "Come here, I'll do it better." Snow-White stood before her, and she took hold of the laces and pulled them so tight that Snow-White could not breathe, and she fell as if she were dead. Then the old woman was satisfied, and she went away.

Nightfall soon came, and the seven dwarfs returned home. They were horrified to find their dear Snow-White lying on the ground as if she were dead. They lifted her up and saw that she was laced up too tightly. They cut the bodice laces in two, and then she could breathe, and she came back

to life. "It must have been the queen who tried to kill you," they said.
"Take care and do not let anyone in again."

The queen asked her mirror:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,

Who in this land is fairest of all?

The mirror answered once again:

You, my queen, are fair; it is true.

But Little Snow-White with the seven dwarfs

Is a thousand times fairer than you.

She was so horrified that the blood all ran to her heart, because she knew that Snow-White had come back to life. Then for an entire day and a night she planned how she might catch her. She made a poisoned comb, disguised herself differently, and went out again. She knocked on the door, but Snow-White called out, "I am not allowed to let anyone in."

Then she pulled out the comb, and when Snow-White saw how it glistened, and noted that the woman was a stranger, she opened the door, and bought the comb from her. "Come, let me comb your hair," said the peddler woman. She had barely stuck the comb into Snow-White's hair, before the girl fell and was dead. "That will keep you lying there," said the queen. And she went home with a light heart.

The dwarfs came home just in time. They saw what had happened and pulled the poisoned comb from her hair. Snow-White opened her eyes and came back to life. She promised the dwarfs not to let anyone in again.

The queen stepped before her mirror:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,

Who in this land is fairest of all?

The mirror answered:

You, my queen, are fair; it is true.

But Little Snow-White with the seven dwarfs

Is a thousand times fairer than you.

When the queen heard this, she shook and trembled with anger, "Snow-White will die, if it costs me my life!" Then she went into her most secret room — no one else was allowed inside — and she made a poisoned, poisoned apple. From the outside, it was red and beautiful, and anyone who saw it would want it. Then she disguised herself as a peasant woman, went to the dwarfs' house and knocked on the door.

Snow-White peeped out and said, "I'm not allowed to let anyone in. The dwarfs have forbidden it most severely."

"If you don't want to, I can't force you," said the peasant woman. "I am selling these apples, and I will give you one to taste."

"No, I can't accept anything. The dwarfs don't want me to."

"If you are afraid, then I will cut the apple in two and eat half of it. Here, you eat the half with the beautiful red cheek!" Now the apple had been so artfully made that only the red half was poisoned. When Snow-White saw that the peasant woman was eating part of the apple, her desire for it grew stronger, so she finally let the woman hand her the other half through the window. She bit into it, but she barely had the bite in her mouth when she fell to the ground dead.

The queen was happy, went home, and asked her mirror:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,

Who in this land is fairest of all?

And it answered:

You, my queen, are fairest of all.

"Now I'll have some peace," she said, "because once again I'm the most beautiful woman in the land. Snow-White will remain dead this time."

That evening the dwarfs returned home from the mines. Snow-White was lying on the floor, and she was dead. They loosened her laces and looked in

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