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The Fairy Tales Of Hans Christian Andersen

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**Synopsis**

The cornerstone of modern fantasy | An exciting new compilation of Hans Christian Andersen’s world-famous fairy tales. The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen presents the most famous Andersen stories, including classics such as "The Little Mermaid," "The Ugly Duckling," and "The Princess and the Pea," in a highly esteemed 1942 translation by Jean Hersholt. This lovingly designed book contains a sparkling and unexpected selection of beautiful artwork from the 1840s to the 1980s by such artist greats as Kay Nielsen, the beloved Arthur Rackham, the eccentric Tom Seidmann-Freud (niece of Sigmund Freud), and the groundbreaking film animator Lotte Reiniger, as well as exciting, newly discovered talents. The collection also features historic and contemporary silhouettes, which enrich the presentation of Andersen’s tales in a unique format, pairing one tale with one artist, and make this a fresh addition to children’s libraries as well as to adult art-book collections. In addition to the tales and illustrations, the compilation also contains a presentation of Andersen’s legacy, brief historical introductions to each fairy tale, and extended artists’ biographies in the appendix. Meant for the whole family, this precious edition shares the eternal magic of Andersen’s tales, celebrating his tender, heartfelt stories that have entered both our collective imagination and the literary canon. Brings together the most famous Hans Christian Andersen tales in a one-of-a-kind design. Includes illustrations by famous artists from Austria, Britain, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Sweden, the Ukraine, and the United States. Features the highly esteemed translation by Jean Hersholt, accessible to readers of all ages. Contains dozens of all-new silhouettes specially commissioned for the book. The following 23 fairy tales are featured in the book: The Princess and the Pea, The Nightingale, The Swineherd, The Old Man Is Always Right, The Little Mermaid, The Emperor’s New Clothes, The Darning Needle, Twelve by Mail, The Brave Tin Soldier, The Snow Queen, The Flea and the Professor, Thumbelina, The Sweethearts, Ole Shut-Eye, Five Peas in a Pod, The Ugly Duckling, Little Ida’s Flowers, The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep, The Flying Trunk, The Little Match Girl, The Tinderbox, The Pen and Inkstand, and The Farmyard Cock and the Weathercock.

**Book Information**

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There are lots of compilations of Hans Christian Andersen stories out there. In my opinion, this Taschen compilation is one of the best for kids. I decided to buy this book because I already have the Taschen edition of Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm. This book has lived up to what I've come to expect from Taschen: good translations, fabulous illustrations, good quality paper and (in my opinion), good binding. Also, this is important to note: I am reviewing the HARDCOVER version. I suspect that the paperback version is not the same book. This Taschen edition compiled by Noel Daniels contains the following stories:

- The Old Man is Always Right
- The Darning Needle (illustrated by Maurice Sendak)
- The Princess and the Pea
- The Farmyard Cock and the Weather Cock
- Twelve by Mail Coach
- The Nightingale
- The Little Mermaid
- The Steadfast Tin Soldier
- The Snow Queen
- The Swineheard
- The Emperor's New Clothes
- The Flea and the Professor
- Thumbelina
- Little Ida's Flowers
- The Tinderbox
- The Sweethearts
- Ole' Shut Eye
- Five Peas in a Pod
- The Ugly Duckling
- The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep (illustrated by Kay Nielsen)
- The Flying Trunk
- The Little Match Girl
- The Tinderbox
- The Pen and the Inkstand

*****AN EXCERPT FROM THIS BOOK*****

One thing that I always want to know before I buy a book of fairy tales is how well it is translated. Unfortunately, at the time of my review, you can’t see inside the Taschen edition. Here is an excerpt from the very beginning of the Snow Queen Story:

“Now Then! We will begin. When the story is done, you shall know a great deal more than you do now.”

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