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Three raindrops have an argument on their way out of a cloud ...A silly King goes for a walk with a dog tied to each leg ...An enterprising herring, bored of the North Sea, decides to swim right round the world ...Thirty short stories of magic and adventure penned by Monty Python team member, Terry Jones. Embracing the tradition of the fairy tale, but adding Jones' inimitable comic imagination and originality, each story makes a perfect bedtime read for children - and grown ups! 'Could become a 'modern classic' ...the book is a joy' - Brian Patten, "Spectator".

## Terry Jones' Fairy Tales Details

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## Chris says

Full Review at Booklikes

This collection of stories written by one of the members of Monty Python is very clever, very funny, and very surprising. They were written for his daughter and as the introduction points out, make good aloud reading

Some of the stories end abruptly and the happy ending isn't happy. This is true of the first story, "The Corn Dolly". This isn't to say that they lack warmth and understanding. The story of a man who quests to save his friends is very powerful. The story of the crazy king and his daughter who wishes to get married, moving and funny.

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## Thomas Ray says

Terry Jones has an inventive imagination. These are wonderful fairy tales of a kind you've never heard before.

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## David says

A childhood book. The stories here are inventive and fun, and the illustrations are well done. When I was younger, however, I did find that a few of the tales were a little confusing or not interesting. Others, though, stood out to me as be grand and are highly memorable to this day.

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## Hayley says

I love this book. In year 3/4 our teacher would read to us from it after lunch. The whole class would sit quietly and listen, the sign of a great children's book.

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## Kevin says

A long time Python fan, I was surprised to find this collection of excellent stories. But then again, it should come as no surprise that Jones has made another career for himself as a brilliant, witty fabulist. The satirical edge is here, as is the gentle humanity, the silliness, and the cosmic joke. Michael Foreman's illustrations

match Jones' humorous tone in water colors and pen & inks with a fine balance of cartoonishness and realism. We read this to my son at bed time, and he still laughs about them the following morning.

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### **Bruce Nordstrom says**

First of all, the stories are great. And there are so many great illustrations here, all full page, color, I am tempted to call it a graphic-novel.

Terry Jones takes an old genre- fairy tales- and brings a slightly modern twist to them. All stories are original here, not a retelling of "Sleeping Beauty," or others.

Very fun, and suitable for children. And adults.

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### **Annabelle says**

I loved this!! I only wish there were more :-)

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### **Hel Ellison says**

I loved these fairy tales and the beautiful colourful drawings. The stories are just the right size for bedtime stories and I have started to share them with my children.

The far away castle and the butterfly who could sing are great stories with hidden words of wisdom.

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### **Kevin Fink says**

Got this for my ninth birthday, and I love love loved it as a kid. Terry Jones (of Monty Python) is a wonderful genius. The stories and drawings are kind of terrifying, in a good way though. I've always loved "The Island of Purple Fruit," "The Fly-By-Night," and "The Rainbow Cat."

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### **Louise says**

I was in love with this book as a kid

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### **Kate says**

Terry Jones writes AWESOME fairy tales and fantasy children's books in general.

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**Natasha says**

An excellent collection of stories, as you'd expect from fairy tales (and Terry Jones!) some of the stories are fairly bizarre.

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**Brett Dewey says**

What happens when you've read all the classic fairy tales to your kids? Pick up Terry Jones Fairy Tales... they're in the classic tradition of Goldilocks, Rumpelstiltskin and Jack and the Beanstalk - only you've never heard them before! My son and I enjoyed this book full of fanciful fairy tales with Kings and Princesses and talking raindrops with some lessons learned and a touch of Jones' oddness made them special.

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**Kate says**

I loved this when I was little. The watercolor illustrations are incredible and so are the stories. Our copy is battered, so we may have to rebuy when J is old enough to read it himself.

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**Colleen says**

The stories in this collection are fairly unique, something good and different to read to a child for their nightly stories. Or as I did, for a child to sneak a read under the covers after lights out.

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