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The Classic Tales Of Brer Rabbit



Synopsis

This Courage Classic is reformatted into a smaller trim size and a lower price sure to make them necessities in any library. Beautiful, rich, and vibrant illustrations accompany these classic tales and make them treasures for all to read. Don Daily's exquisitely detailed illustrations make this hardcover series a great value. Retold from Joel Chandler Harris's Uncle Remus: His Songs and Sayings, children of all ages will laugh at the adventures of Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, and Brer Bear.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I love Uncle Remus, and I love the original writing. This book is so abridged that it totally loses the character of the stories. I wanted to give this book away, but didn't want to stick anyone else with it. My 4-year old likes it because it has big color pictures, and my husband likes it because he has trouble reading the original. For an abridged version that's easier to read, I highly recommend The Complete Tales by James Pinkney.

I was so surprised when I received this book to find that it was NOT THE ORIGINAL STORIES I READ AS A CHILD!! Returned it immediately!

I use this book in my first grade class to go along with a Brer Rabbit story in our textbook. The students loved the stories about the many different ways Brer Rabbit tricked his neighbors,

especially the story about the tar baby. It has extraordinary illustrations that would captivate the attention of any child, even ones with short attention spans. I think it is a "must have" addition to a child's or teacher's personal library. What a wonderful classic to share!

After visiting Disney World last year my 4 year old daughter kept after me to retell the story of Brer Rabbit and the tar baby, I was so pleased to find this book with its great illustrations. When we read this book before bed we just can't read one. My daughter likes all the stories not just the Tar Baby and the poster is great too.

My mother was very disappointed with this book. She felt that the stories were poorly rewritten from the original Joel Chandler Harris version. But maybe her memory of the original stories is imperfect.

I loved these stories growing up and missed them when I started reading to my sons. I'm glad they are still around. Lessons are hidden in many of the stories, but not as blatant as many new childrens books seem to be. Great stuff. Came with a poster, too!

If you're thinking of buying this to be AFRICAN lore, don't. This is an adaptation of the Joel Chandler Harris Uncle Remus stories, focusing on those containing the Brer Rabbit character. The stories are delightful, and will be a joy to any (I also heartily recommend buying a complete set for reading aloud), but the tales are drawn directly from the heart and soul of America (there are no raccoons and bears in Africa, anyway...sheesh).

I bought this while in New Orleans to give to my granddaughters. I have been reading each story aloud to them. They love the stories and the illustrations. I am so disappointed that the publisher did not correct the typesetting errors. I had to adjust what I was saying so that the improper syntax and typos would not be heard by my listeners. What a sad impact on a great book. Now I want to purchase another for my sister's children. I plan to include 10 or 20 one-dollar bills as finders rewards for them to identify the mistakes in the book. Hope that is enough. Basically making lemonade out of lemons. This book should be reprinted and offered as free replacement for current owners. Even Uncle Remus would have done that.

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