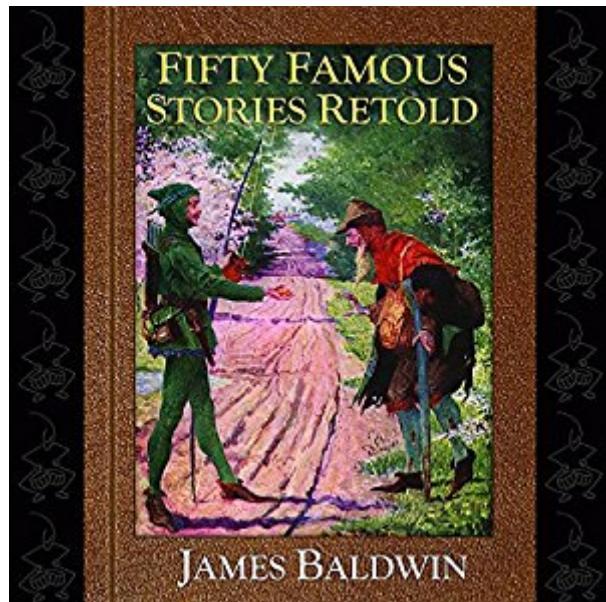


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# Fifty Famous Stories Retold



## **Synopsis**

There are numerous time-honored stories which have become so incorporated into the literature and thought of our race that a knowledge of them is an indispensable part of one's education. These stories are of several different classes. To one class belong the popular fairy tales which have delighted untold generations of children, and will continue to delight them to the end of time. To another class belong the limited number of fables that have come down to us through many channels from hoar antiquity. To a third belong the charming stories of olden times that are derived from the literatures of ancient peoples, such as the Greeks and the Hebrews. A fourth class includes the half-legendary tales of a distinctly later origin, which have for their subjects certain romantic episodes in the lives of well-known heroes and famous men, or in the history of a people. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a great book to read aloud to your children. My girls (age 8 and 6) love this book. They took it with them for their vacation at Grandma's and made Grandma read nearly the whole book in the week they were there. The fifty stories are short 2 or 3 page stories of famous persons, mostly real, a few fiction. This book is a GREAT way to introduce important historical figures and a love of history to your children. This would be a great book for a dad to read to his child that would keep them all (dad included) interested.

This was one of my favorite books as a third grader in the 1950's. I bought the book for my six year old grandson since he loved the stories I had been telling him from my memory of having read them fifty years earlier in the original edition. While it was a dated book even in the 1950's, at least the copy I had was in its original printing, and in hardcover, with simple but memorable line drawn engravings. In attempting to acquire the same book, I opted for this "hardcover" edition. Upon opening the package, I noticed that the book had some blank pages. To my dismay, the original engravings were missing. It seemed perhaps to be a situation in which the text had reverted to public domain material, while the illustrations had not. Possibly the publisher had simply ripped the original text layout free of royalty obligation, blanked out the illustrations, and put it into a low grade hardcover to appear to be the "quality" edition. Additionally, the last minute slapped-on cover art seemed to come from outer space. Disingenuous, and disappointing. Perhaps there is a paperback or some other new edition with the original print layout and illustrations, but too late for us. Luckily, notwithstanding some culturally/religiously presumptuous and dated material, the stories themselves are for the most part excellent and very engaging for a 6 year old to hear.

I have been reading these stories to my preschooler. She has such a adventurous spirit and loves stories of "heroes". This is a perfect collection to inspire true heroism while opening her mind to beautiful stories of Julius Caesar, King Alfred and others. Each story is short, but well told. I am very happy I bought this book.

Fifty Famous Stories is a GREAT book, BUT get a different edition of this book if you want a paper copy. I bought it for a gift and had to return it. This one has the illustrations, but no one took the time to format the book before printing, so a page of text is often split into two pages to fit a full page illustration in between. The captions for the illustrations are often at the top of the next page instead of under the picture. This book is available for free in the public domain. There is no excuse to charge \$11 for a free book that isn't even formatted correctly. That explains why this printing lacks any copyright or publisher info. This is the equivalent of printing an ebook on your home printer. Try the Yesterday's Classics edition instead.

I'm using this book for my 1st grade son as part of our home school program. The stories are short and quick to get through so you can have short lessons. These stories and figures are so often referred to our in literature, sayings and culture that it's a great book for children to read.

This book is interesting to adults and children alike. Some stories are familiar, and some, though old stories, will be new to modern readers. It is an easy read and a nice read-aloud, also.

This book has many short stories that are written in such a way that students in my first grade class like to read this, despite the fact that it has no pictures. The stories help students appreciate and want to learn more about history. It's a very exciting book which keeps childrens attention and helps build reading skills.

Great wholesome short stories that are also educational. A joy to read aloud to my children.

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